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# News Summary

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## TODAY'S HEADLINES

### IRAN -- NICARAGUA

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(Washington Post, Washington Times, Newhouse, Reuter, Scripps Howard, UPI)

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#### MAGNIFICENT, SIMPLY MAGNIFICENT

"Americans can do anything they want. All they gotta do is dream it."

Voyager pilot Dick Rutan's radio message shortly before he and Jeana Yeager landed at Edwards Air Force Base following their round-the-world flight. (UPI, 12/23)

## **IRAN — NICARAGUA**

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### **WASHINGTON RELAXES BUT IRAN DEALING STILL SIMMERS**

President Reagan says no one is more anxious than he to see the Senate Intelligence Committee report on the Iran-contra operation, so he can learn the details of the diversion of funds to the Nicaraguan rebels.

Reagan also offered to make the report public, insofar as it would not harm national security.

Sen. Patrick Leahy said in a television interview: "Right there in the White House they have the most knowledge of what went on."

Sen. Dennis DeConcini said: "Why he would want this committee report to tell him what happened in his own White House is beyond me."

(Edward Shields, Reuter)

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"We don't have any information they don't have, and they could make public anything they want," Sen. Patrick Leahy told the Associated Press.

(Jeremiah O'Leary & Walter Andrews, Washington Times, A3)

### **Congressional Probe**

With the final witness refusing to testify, investigations by both congressional intelligence committees into the Iran-contra affair have ended inconclusively, underscoring the problems in store for newly formed select committees that will launch their own probes in January.

Key questions about when President Reagan authorized the first arms shipments to Iran and what happened to profits from the sales remain unanswered, despite three weeks of hearings that included sworn testimony from the White House Chief of Staff, the Attorney General and secretaries of State and Defense.

Sen. Patrick Leahy in an interview Tuesday expressed frustration typical of many legislators.

In particular, Leahy said he didn't understand Reagan's request that the committee hand over its findings to the White House to be selectively declassified and then made public.

"All indications are that the White House knows a lot more about this than we have learned," Leahy said by telephone from his home in Middlesex, Vt. He said he could not elaborate because it involved "classified material."

(Robert Gettlin, Newhouse)

### **White House, Senate Panel Clash Over Contragate Report, Transcripts**

Committee aides said there is nothing classified in the report being compiled. They said congressional committees normally don't permit a president to see their reports before the reports are publicly released.

As for the possible request for transcripts, committee spokesman David Holliday said a full Senate vote would be needed. "If it's transcripts they want, that's a much more serious matter," he said.

(Lance Gay & Ann McFeatters, Scripps Howard)

Retired General Secord Refuses To Testify Before House Panel  
Reagan Urges Quick Report On Iran Affair By Senate Committee

Richard Secord, a retired Air Force major general and close associate of fired NSC aide Oliver North, invoked his Fifth Amendment right against self-incrimination during a five-minute morning appearance before a closed meeting of the House Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence. A central figure in the sale of arms to Iran and a clandestine network that supplied aid to the Nicaraguan contras, Secord had previously refused to answer questions before the Senate Select Committee on Intelligence.

"To be sure, that report (Senate Intelligence Committee) will not have all the answers, but it will be the most complete statement available, and I call on the committee to release it so the American people can judge for themselves," Reagan said to applause from a group of small business leaders he was addressing.

(Tom Kenworthy & Lou Cannon, Washington Post, A8)

Secord/Capitol Hill

Retired Air Force Maj. Gen. Richard Secord, touted as a pivotal figure in the scandal, slipped past reporters at the Capitol and appeared briefly before the House Intelligence Committee, one of several that have spent more than six weeks investigating the clandestine sale of weapons to Iran and the later revelation that profits from the deals were passed to the Nicaraguan rebels.

Rep. George Brown said he got to the session five minutes late and found Secord's appearance was over. He said he was told there has been "no surprises."

(Judi Hasson, UPI)

A HOSTAGE TRADE POINT OF '85 MEMO, U.S. OFFICIAL SAYS  
Reagan Was Said To Be Ready To Explain  
Arms Sales As An Opening To Tehran

In a memorandum written at the beginning of the U.S. arms sales to Iran, the director of the CIA explicitly described the program as trade of arms for hostages, according to a high ranking government official who has seen the document.

In addition, the official said, the memo written by William Casey said that if the matter became public, President Reagan was prepared to portray the secret operation as a political opening to Tehran.

(Stephen Engelberg, New York Times, A1)

## 2 SUPPORTERS FEAR CRISIS WILL WEAKEN REAGAN DOCTRINE

Two neo-conservative champions of Ronald Reagan's assertiveness in foreign policy have turned against the President over Iran.

Calling Mr. Reagan's Iran operation "the perfect policy failure," Norman Podhoretz, editor-in-chief of Commentary magazine, does not accept what other critics call the policy's one sensible aim: the cultivation of moderate elements in Tehran.

Irving Kristol, publisher of The National Interest magazine, says the Iran operation reveals "the basic flaw in the Reagan presidency."

Mr. Podhoretz and Mr. Kristol say they fear that the furor surrounding the diversion of secret Iranian arms sales proceeds to the Nicaraguan resistance will undermine Mr. Reagan's efforts to curtail communism around the world.

(Ralph Hallow, News Analysis, Washington Times, A1)

## NEW YORK BUSINESSMAN OFFERS CLUES ON IRAN SALES Furmark Says Middleman Became Suspicious

The Iranian middleman who helped broker the secret U.S.-Iran arms deals first voiced suspicions that money has been diverted to aid the contras fighting the Nicaraguan government while meeting with two associates in Paris in September, a New York businessman present at the meeting said in an interview yesterday.

At the meeting -- attended by Iranian arms dealer Manucher Ghorbanifar, Saudi Arabian financier Adnan Khashoggi and New York businessman Roy Furmark -- Ghorbanifar questioned the whereabouts of \$15 million from one of the several arms shipments, according to Furmark.

(Michael Isikoff, Washington Post, A1)

## EX-NSC STAFF HIT TRANSITION Adelman Confronted In Stormy Meeting

Several outgoing members of the NSC staff voiced complaints at a stormy meeting Friday with the transition team working for incoming national security adviser Frank Carlucci.

Sources close to the transition team said Ronald Sable, who had been chief of legislative affairs for NSC, was particularly vociferous in the meeting with the head of Carlucci's transition team, Arms Control and Disarmament Agency Director Kenneth Adelman.

(Don Oberdorfer, Washington Post, A8)

FORMER NSC OFFICIALS NOT DOING  
MUCH AT PENTAGON, SOURCES SAY

Lt. Col. Oliver North and Vice Adm. John Poindexter, who left their White House posts because of the Iranian arms controversy, are devoting little time to military duties even though they have been reassigned to the Pentagon, knowledgeable sources say.

Both men have been drawing on leave time and, even when scheduled for work, have been devoting most of their time to consultations with lawyers, the sources, who asked not be identified, said Tuesday.

(Norman Black, AP)

NORTH TREATED IN '74 FOR EMOTIONAL CRISIS

Lt. Col. Oliver North, the deputy director of the NSC for 5½ years until he was fired by President Reagan in the wake of disclosures of arms sales to Iran and diversion of proceeds to the Nicaraguan resistance, suffered an emotional crisis in 1974 that led to threats of suicide and hospitalization, The Washington Times has learned.

The Miami Herald reported similar findings yesterday, and the Associated Press last night quoted high Administration sources as saying that Col. North was treated for 10 days "for stress" in 1974.

(Hugh Aynesworth, Washington Times, A1)



## **NATIONAL NEWS**

### **CASEY HAS NOT RECOVERED ALL NORMAL BRAIN FUNCTIONS Prospects For Improvement Are Unclear**

CIA Director William Casey has not recovered all normal brain functions following surgery for a tumor last week, knowledgeable sources including White House officials said yesterday.

These sources did not say whether he is expected to improve and did not specify which functions Casey has not recovered. Georgetown University Hospital spokesmen continued to withhold details of Casey's condition. A hospital statement released yesterday said only that he "remains in stable condition as he continues to recover" from last Thursday's operation.

(Susan Okie, Washington Post, A1)

#### **Casey/Health**

The brain tumor removed from CIA Director William Casey in surgery last week was cancerous, doctors confirmed Tuesday, and further treatment will be required to stamp out any other remaining cancer cells.

"Therapy will commence when recovery from surgery permits," said a statement issued by Georgetown University Hospital, but there was no immediate indication what therapy -- radiation or chemotherapy or a combination of the two -- was contemplated.

(Jan Ziegler, UPI)

#### **More Treatment Ahead For Casey**

CIA Director William Casey hasn't recovered from last Thursday's brain surgery enough to begin treatment for cancer, officials at Georgetown University Hospital say.

"Pathology reports confirm that Mr. Casey has a B-cell lymphoma of the large cell type," the new hospital statement said.

(Robert Furlow, AP)

### **FARM SUPPORT OVERHAUL PREDICTED**

#### **'Catastrophic' Health Plan Due In '88 Budget, OMB's Miller Says**

President Reagan's fiscal 1988 budget is "almost certain" to propose a major overhaul of the farm-support system, including a "tight cap" on a farmer's total subsidies and a plan to discourage overproduction by basing subsidies on capacity rather than production, OMB Director James Miller said yesterday.

Miller told reporters that a proposal for "catastrophic" health-insurance protection has not been completed but will be included in the budget or State of the Union messages.

(Spencer Rich, Washington Post, A2)

### President Plans Sharp Cutbacks In Farm Budget

President Reagan's new budget will propose sweeping changes in farm programs designed to save more than \$16 billion over the next five years, Administration officials said today.

James Miller said the proposals were based on the assumption that current farm programs, which cost more than \$25.5 billion in the fiscal year 1986, had become politically unsustainable.

Referring to members of Congress, he said, "A lot more people represent nonfarm districts than farm districts."

(Robert Pear, New York Times, A1)

### WHITE HOUSE PROPOSES \$30 BILLION SOCIAL CUTS, \$21 BILLION DEFENSE HIKE

President Reagan will propose a \$21 billion boost in defense spending and a \$30 billion cut in domestic programs for the coming fiscal year, James Miller said Tuesday.

While there will be "screaming and hollering" over the President's budget cuts, Miller said, Social Security won't be touched and there are no proposals for new "sin" taxes or energy taxes.

(Ann McFeatters, Scripps Howard)

### FY '88 BUDGET TO PROPOSE \$100 MILLION FOR HOMELESS

President Reagan's fiscal 1988 budget will propose a \$100 million program to assist the nation's homeless at the same time it proposes deep spending cuts in other domestic programs, Administration officials said yesterday.

"One of the problems of the homeless is the information base that we have," OMB Director James Miller said. "The other...is that a large number of people who are homeless are people whose minds are incapacitated in some way."

(AP Story, Washington Times, A4)

### IN SILOS, FIRST 10 MX MISSILES ARE DECLARED OPERATIONAL Weapon Called An Advance Over Minuteman

The Air Force has declared its first 10 MX nuclear-tipped missiles operational, marking the first time in 16 years the U.S. has added a new intercontinental ballistic missile to its land-based arsenal, the Defense Department said yesterday.

"The nation's newest ICBM is significantly advanced over the existing Minuteman missile in range, accuracy and payload, and it is the first new ICBM since the Minuteman III in 1970," Robert Sims said.

(AP Story, Washington Post, A3)



## 2 NEW CARRIERS IN PENTAGON'S NEXT BUDGET

The Defense Department, in its budget for fiscal 1988 and 1989, will ask Congress for a \$1.4 billion down payment on two Nimitz-class nuclear-powered aircraft carriers, Defense Secretary Weinberger announced yesterday.

If Congress approves the request despite flattened defense budgets for the foreseeable future, the ships would cost a total of \$6.9 billion, according to Pentagon projections. The first would be ready in 1995 and the second in 1998. (George Wilson, Washington Post, A4)

## REAGAN PICKS ABDNOR TO HEAD SBA Defeated Republican Senator Opposed Closing Down Agency

President Reagan announced yesterday that he will nominate defeated Sen. James Abdnor to be administrator of the Small Business Administration.

In a speech at a meeting where he received a report from the White House Conference on Small Business, Reagan said Abdnor "knows small business and knows the nation's capital."

(AP Story, Washington Post, A13)

## NO DECISION ON REPLACEMENT FOR SPEAKES

Larry Speakes said Tuesday he has discussed with Donald Regan the "pros and cons" of possible candidates to replace him, but no decision has been made.

"The thought was to get someone in place around the first of the year," Speakes said, so his successor could get a head start learning the dimensions of the job. (Helen Thomas, UPI)

## VOYAGER FLIES AROUND THE WORLD IN 9 DAYS

Rutan, Yeager Become First To Circle  
Globe Without Stopping or Refueling

EDWARDS AIR FORCE BASE, Calif. -- Chasing dawn across the California desert, the experimental aircraft Voyager floated to Earth this morning, landing in aviation's record book.

After nine days and 25,012 miles, Dick Rutan and Jeana Yeager touched down at 8:05 a.m. PST, becoming the first pilots to circle the globe without stopping or refueling.

(Michael Specter, Washington Post, A1)

Crew Of Voyager Land In Triumph After 9 Days Aloft

EDWARDS AIR FORCE BASE, Calif. -- Pilot Dick Rutan and co-pilot Jeana Yeager guided their fragile aircraft Voyager to a triumphant return here yesterday and a place in aviation history after nine bruising, perilous days in the first non-stop flight around the world without refueling.

"Magnificent -- absolutely magnificent," President Reagan exclaimed while watching the landing on television at the White House. "Jeana Yeager and Richard Rutan's courage, determination and refusal to give up have thrilled and impressed us all." (Washington Times, A1)

DEAR SANTA... 'YOUR PAL, CAP'

Defense Secretary Caspar Weinberger's average workday almost always includes a highly classified briefing on the latest in military operations and intelligence developments around the world.

They are somber affairs, normally, but aides say the defense secretary was startled Tuesday when his briefers from the Joint Chiefs of Staff suddenly flashed a slide of a "letter" to Santa Claus signed: "Your pal, Cap."

"Santa laughed when he read your request for a favorable news story in The Washington Post. Even he can't get good coverage in The Washington Post." (AP)

## **INTERNATIONAL NEWS**

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### **MANAGUA SEES U.S. POLICY AS MUDDLED New Prisoner Called 'Unbalanced'**

MANAGUA -- Sam Hall, by contrast, symbolizes what is viewed here as the muddled state of the U.S.' once forceful policy against the leftist Sandinista government, after nearly three months of Iran-contra crisis in Washington.

Hall's brief statement yesterday to reporters, in which he said he came to Nicaragua on a reconnaissance mission following orders from three co-conspirators code-named "Tinkers," "Evers" and "Chance," was just confused enough to make most American reporters doubt its accuracy.

(Julia Preston, News Analysis, Washington Post, A10)

### **S. AFRICA BLOCKS CONGRESSMEN Pretoria, Citing Sanctions, Denies Visas For U.S. Lawmakers**

JOHANNESBURG -- In the sharpest display yet of its anger over the U.S. imposition of economic sanctions this year, the South African government refused today to permit two groups of American congressmen to visit the country next month.

"To think that we must welcome here a number of legislators who have just passed legislation punishing South Africa in the most vindictive way and to allow them to...investigate and evaluate the effect of the punishment they meted out to us -- that is a bit far-fetched," Roelof Botha told the state radio. (Michael Parks, Washington Post, A10)

### **South Africa Pulls Welcome Mat From Under U.S. Officials**

CAPE TOWN -- The South African government has written off the U.S. as an ally and has let it be known that "enemy" congressmen and Administration officials no longer are welcome in the country.

Government sources say Secretary Shultz canceled a planned visit to South Africa after Pretoria informed the State Department and the White House that it "would not be timely in the present state of relations."

(Peter Youngusband, Washington Times, A1)

### **U.S. OFFERS DEBT-RELIEF PLAN TO EGYPT \$3 Billion In Interest On Military Sales Loans Could Be Postponed**

President Reagan has sent Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak a letter detailing a military debt-relief plan that would allow Egypt to postpone paying as much as \$3 billion in interest until the year 2009, Egyptian Embassy officials said yesterday.

State Department spokesman Phyllis Oakley said yesterday that Reagan had informed Egypt of the U.S. proposal. She said the department is awaiting a reply before making details public.

(David Ottaway, Washington Post, A16)

## ***NETWORK NEWS SUMMARY***

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(Tuesday Evening, December 23, 1986)

### **VOYAGER**

NBC's Tom Brokaw: It was a triumph, a triumph of design, determination and a dream, the dream of conquering one of aviation's greatest challenges: to fly non-stop around the world on a single load of fuel. Today that dream came true. Dick Rutan and Jeana Yeager touched down at Edwards Air Force Base in California in the Voyager....

President Reagan watched the landing of the Voyager on a small television in his office. He described the flight as, "Magnificent. Absolutely magnificent." The President called the crew a living example of American pioneerism. Monday in California he will award Rutan and Yeager the Presidential Citizen's Medal. And TASS also had high praise for the crew of Voyager. In a rare tribute to an American enterprise, TASS compared Rutan and Yeager to Charles Lindbergh and also to an early Soviet aviation pioneer. (NBC-Lead)

ABC's Peter Jennings: ...President Reagan spent part of the morning watching the Voyager return. He said of the crew they are a living example of American pioneerism at its best, and he will honor them personally in California next week.

(TV Coverage: Still photo of the President watching on television.)

(ABC-Lead)

CBS's Dan Rather: Forget just for a time the bleak prospect of the Iran-contra scandal unraveling in Washington. This is a day for America to celebrate and remember. This is the day Voyager flew into the brilliant light of history....

(CBS-Lead)

### **IRAN-NICARAGUA**

Brokaw: President Reagan said once more today that he, like the American people, is in the dark about the Iran-contra affair. He again asked Congress to release what it has learned and he called once more on Adm. Poindexter and Col. North to talk. However, Democrats were saying that the President himself can do more.

NBC's Andrea Mitchell: The President is asking the Senate Intelligence Committee to tell him what his Administration did because he says he still doesn't know the facts.

(TV Coverage: President and aides walking to OEOB.)

Mr. Reagan promised to de-classify and make public the record of the secret Senate hearings, or at least the sections the White House says won't hurt national security.

(President in OEOB: "That report will not have all the answers, but it will be the most complete statement available.")

And he dismissed suggestions that he knows more than he's saying.

(President: "And I really mean all of these indications that maybe I know more than I'm talking about, I'm trying to find out, too, what happened. Until Adm. Poindexter and Col. North make public disclosure of the facts, the American people will not know the full story of what happened in the Iran arms sales matter.")

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Mitchell continues: But leading Democrats called the President's appeal a public relations gimmick. They are also concerned that Mr. Reagan would release only the testimony that makes him look good. From his home in Vermont, Committee Vice Chairman Leahy told NBC News, "Right there in the White House they have the most knowledge of what went on." Other Democrats agreed.

(Sen. DeConcini: "Why he would want this committee's report to tell him what happened in his own White House is beyond me.")

(Sen. Riegle: "He has actually a better ability to get the information than anybody else, and all he needs to do is ask.")

Meanwhile, another witness, retired Air Force General Seacord, took the Fifth Amendment, refusing to tell the House Intelligence Committee what he knows. Senate sources say Seacord helped arrange financing for the arms sold to Iran and was a major player in the private network supporting the contras. And the Tower Commission investigating the Iran-contra connection issued a standing invitation to Poindexter and North today, suggesting they could talk to the presidential panel informally, without giving up their legal rights. But Poindexter and North have given no sign that they are willing to talk to anybody except their lawyers.

NBC's James Polk reports on the possible CIA role in the Iran-contra affair. The story from sources tonight is that the CIA did raise warning signals about money for the contras as early as October, that Casey passed on the information to somebody else in authority -- no one will say who or how high -- and in the end nothing was done.

(NBC-2)

Jennings: ...Many members of Congress have been pushing the President to get the truth out of his former aides who have taken the Fifth Amendment. Now the President is pushing Congress.

ABC's Sheilah Kast: Speaking to a group of small business leaders, President Reagan showed frustration as he insisted he still doesn't know whether laws were broken in the Iran-contra affair.

(TV Coverage: President applauded by businessmen in OEOB. President: "And I really mean all of these indications that maybe I know more than I'm talking about, I'm trying to find out too what happened.")

Until his former aides North and Poindexter go public, the President said, the American people won't know the full story. But he put the burden on the Senate Intelligence Committee to divulge what its members learned in their closed hearing.

(President: "I urge them to make that report available to me for declassification as promptly as possible. To be sure, that report will not have all the answers, but it will be the most complete statement available.")

One member of the committee said most of what would be in a declassified report is already public, and blamed the President's staff for his lack of information.

(Sen. Hatch: "It's a pathetic commentary that the administrative leadership at the White House didn't immediately jump on this and get the facts.")

Kast continues: The committee's ranking Democrat, Patrick Leahy, pointed out the President ordered his staff not to tell the intelligence committees about his Iran order. Leahy said now he's asked the Intelligence Committee to tell him what his Administration was doing during the time they were ordered not to tell the Intelligence Committee what they were doing. Most of the witnesses before the Senate committee were the President's men -- his Secretary of State, his Attorney General, his Chief of Staff. Even if the President is helped by the facts the committee has gathered, he's hurt by having to go outside to get them. (ABC-3)

Rather: While taking no new action himself, President Reagan again asked Congress for what he called full disclosure of what witnesses have been telling the Congress about the weapons for the Ayatollah, cash and gunrunning deception run out of the White House basement. The President did this as the latest witness summoned to Congress today took the Fifth and stonewalled again.

CBS's Terry Smith: In another public call for the full facts on the Iran-contra connection, President Reagan urged the Senate Intelligence Committee to turn over the results of its secret hearings. (TV Coverage: President being applauded by businessmen in OEOB.) Mr. Reagan said he would de-classify the material and make it public. (President: "To be sure, that report will not have all the answers, but it will be the most complete statement available. And I call on the committee to release it so the American people can judge for themselves.")

Mr. Reagan made a similar request to the committee in writing a week ago and at least one Democratic member seemed skeptical about the President's approach.

(Sen. DeConcini: "Why he would want this committee's report to tell him what happened in his own White House is beyond me.")

But the President insisted he still doesn't know the whole story.

(President: "All of these indications that maybe I know more than I'm talking about, I'm trying to find out, too, what happened. Until Adm. Poindexter and Col. North make public disclosure of the facts, the American people will not know the full story of what happened in the Iran arms sales matter or the alleged diversion of funds to the contras.")

Another key player in the drama, Gen. Seacord, today joined Poindexter and North in taking the Fifth Amendment on Capitol Hill. It was the last hearing on the issue before the departing 99th Congress, and one of the shortest.

(Rep. McCurdy: "Gen. Seacord and others have refused to testify, so it was a pretty open and shut.")

In another development, doctors confirmed that the brain tumor removed from CIA Director Casey was cancerous. Casey has not recovered sufficiently from last week's surgery to begin cancer treatments. Officially, the White House says there are no plans to replace Casey, but privately officials concede he is unlikely to return to work. Possible successors include former Deputy Director Bobby Inman, current Acting Director Robert Gates, and Gen. William Odom, head of the National Security Agency. No appointments are likely until after the holidays, but White House officials concede the agency is going to need strong leadership next year. It's likely to be a tense period of investigations, congressional scrutiny and probable new restraints on covert activity.

Rather reports correspondent Rita Braver has been told the delay ordered by Attorney General Meese in the investigation of secret arms shipments to Nicaraguan rebels actually was 20 days. The Justice Department now says its original report of a 10-day delay was a "mistake" and that the delay probably lasted 20 days for what are now called bureaucratic reasons. (CBS-5)

#### CASEY

Brokaw reports doctors at Georgetown University Hospital confirmed that the brain tumor removed from CIA Director Casey was cancerous. They said further treatment will begin when Casey recovers from surgery. He remains in stable condition. (NBC-3)

#### NORTH

Brokaw reports Pentagon sources confirmed a Miami Herald report that Lt. Col. North was hospitalized in 1974 for emotional distress. One source said North spent 10 days in Bethesda Naval Hospital being treated for nightmares and insomnia after suffering flashbacks from his combat service in Vietnam. Another Pentagon official said, however, that North was treated for depression caused by marital problems at the time. The official said that at no time was North declared unfit for duty. What is unclear is whether North disclosed that problem, as apparently required, when he was nominated in 1981 for his post on the NSC. (ABC-4, CBS-6, NBC-4)

#### LEBANON/HOSTAGES

Jennings reports a group in Beirut that has been holding four hostages -- two French and two American -- says it will release one of its French captives in the next 48 hours. The group says it will release the man as a Christmas gesture. (ABC-5)

#### SAKHAROV

Brokaw reports more than 200 journalists were waiting for Andrei Sakharov when he arrived in Moscow. And in yet another sign of a thaw in Soviet censorship, officials permitted their most famous dissident to hold a free-wheeling news conference. Sakharov wasted no time in protesting once again.

NBC's Sandy Gilmour reports from Moscow. Sakharov said efforts in the West were responsible for his release. Soviet officials were busy defining human rights in their own terms, denying international pressure freed Sakharov.

(Soviet official: "...This is a result of our internal processes of democratization.")

Sakharov was no less critical today of the Soviet invasion of Afghanistan. Sakharov expressed deep concern for political prisoners, including Jews who have protested trying to get exit visas. A Soviet official said Western countries violate human rights by allowing hunger, promoting war and jailing their own dissenters.

(NBC-5)



ABC's Walter Rogers reports from Moscow. Totally unrepentent, the Soviet Union's most prominent dissident resumed his human rights crusade, calling for freedom for everyone. Sakharov said he was surprised Soviet leader Gorbachev telephoned him, adding he still does not know why Gorbachev released him. Publicly, the Soviets are taking a tolerant view of Sakharov's outspokenness, finding nothing wrong with his remarks on Afghanistan. Moscow's dissident community was happy for Sakharov, but not very hopeful for themselves. It's still not clear why Sakharov was released. It may just be Soviet image-polishing. Or it could be that Sakharov's views on human rights and Afghanistan, which got him into trouble seven years ago, may not be privately shared by the new men in power in the Kremlin. (ABC-2)

CBS's Wyatt Andrews reports from Moscow. Sakharov's friends and relatives say it is true to his character that Sakharov would leave seven years of exile unchastened and unrepentent about his sharp tongue and commitment to his cause and now in effect announcing that he is about to test just how tolerant Soviet authorities have become. It's clear the Soviets themselves want to use Sakharov's return to symbolize emerging freedom inside the Soviet Union and to deflect human rights criticism from abroad. His return from exile was reported in most official media last weekend. The irony is that man whom Gorbachev released to show that things aren't so bad walked into freedom today with an indictment of how bad he things things are. (CBS-3)

#### ORLOV

Rather: Yuri Orlov is also getting back to work, in the U.S. It was announced in Ithaca, New York that Orlov will be doing nuclear research at Cornell University. (CBS-4)

#### MX

Rather reports the United States' first MX missile group is now fully operational. The Defense Department said 10 of the missiles are now on full alert under the Wyoming plains. (CBS-2)

#### BUDGET

Rather reports aides to President Reagan are busy spreading the word that the President's new budget will for the first time during the Reagan years specifically try to address the problem of homeless people and call for a \$100 million package of aid for them. In other respects, the President's new budget still calls for a record \$52 billion in spending cuts, including many domestic programs. (CBS-7)

#### AUDI 5000S

Brokaw reports the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration urged the voluntary recall of a quarter-million Audi 5000S cars and asked the car's importer to correct what is apparently a problem in their engine idle control, a problem that has been linked to hundreds of accidents and at least six deaths. (ABC-10, CBS-11, NBC-5)

## EDITORIALS/COLUMNISTS

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### IRAN-NICARAGUA

'Most Fun Since Watergate' -- "While in no way excusing the Administration's very serious blunder in dealing with Iran, we are constrained to agree with at least part of Mr. Buchanan's thesis. The national press is in danger of turning a good story into an orgy.... Many newspapers, including the Washington Post, oppose immunity. There are principled reasons for doing so. The public may be tempted to conclude, however, that when the media have a good story going, they may simply hate to see it end." (Detroit News, 12/23)

Iran Scandal Impedes Arms Control -- "Nothing is going to happen on arms control or anything else as long as the White House is preoccupied with congressional investigations, newspaper disclosures, internal dissent and the other inevitable by-products of this affair. That's why liberal politicians should want Reagan soon to put this mess behind him, and why they should help do that job." (Milwaukee Journal, 12/19)

Mr. Regan Testifies -- "As a member of the executive branch, Mr. Regan didn't have to subject himself to Congress, but he volunteered to testify fully and in public. The Senate Intelligence Committee chose to hear him ...behind closed doors. Afterward, Mr. Regan said: 'I didn't duck any questions. I didn't take the 5th Amendment and I didn't invoke executive privilege. I testified that I did not know of any diversion of funds from the proceeds of the sales of arms to Iran to the Contras. I don't know of any such thing, and I don't believe the President of the United States knew any such thing.' ...No senator contradicted Mr. Regan's statement. So what now? Some people still yell, 'Kick Regan out.' Such are the 'seekers of justice' in this situation."

(Chattanooga News-Free Press, 12/17)

### NICARAGUA/HASENFUS & HALL

A Signal from Managua -- "Mr. Ortega said the pardon was made to show Americans that 'Nicaragua desires peace.' The Sandinistas should do more than that to show that they are peaceable. They should actively support a revival of the Contadora peace initiative, whose goal is removal of superpower influence from Central America, and they should restore to their own people the civil liberties that they suspended ostensibly because of the contra war. Such indications of peaceful intent, on top of the Hasenfus pardon, would bolster American critics of a misguided Reagan Administration policy...." (Hartford Courant, 12/19)

His Release is Welcome, But It's a Black Eye for the U.S. -- "What the President can and should do...is discontinue the policy of propping up the contras that is the root cause of such embarrassments to the United States as the Hasenfus affair and the Iran-contra scandal."

(Detroit Free Press, 12/19)

EDITORIALS/COLUMNISTS (continued)

Freedom for Hasenfus -- "President Daniel Ortega says Hasenfus' release is intended as a message of peace to the United States. It is clearly a positive step, but if the Sandinistas want to ease tensions between Managua and Washington, there are far more significant actions they can take. One is to contribute effectively within the Contadora framework toward a just political solution for the problems of Central America."

(Buffalo News, 12/19)

President Must Discourage Dabblers in Foreign Policy -- "The main thing the President should do now is something he should have done long ago: make clear that American foreign policy is to be conducted by the American government, not by free-lancers, that the Sam Halls of the world -- whatever their motives -- merely complicate that policy. Such a move would not dissuade all future Sam Halls. But it would minimize the harm they cause."

(Dayton Daily News, 12/27)

SAKHAROV RELEASE

The Terrible Silence -- "Mr. Gorbachev should not be able to purchase the silence of the West with the release of the Sakharovs. There are too many others who must now be named in the West.... We must continue to name names, and to remember."

(Detroit News, 12/23)

Sakharov Release a Small Step -- "The release of Sakharov and Bonner from internal exile suggests the Soviet system is aware, and somewhat painfully, of the concern in other countries about its human-rights abuses. So far, General Secretary Gorbachev has responded with clemencies chosen to give the Soviet Union maximum public-relations payoff, without any broad easing toward dissenters and would-be emigrants. The governments that welcome this latest such gesture should let him know at the same time that they expect far more."

(Atlanta Constitution, 12/22)

Sakharov Freer, Not Freed -- "There remain at least a hundred other Helsinki Watch members imprisoned somewhere along the gulag chain, not to mention thousands and thousands of less celebrated political prisoners stashed away under the less than loving care of ordinary criminal prisoners and brutal guards.... Nonetheless, any communist move with any slight vestige of humanitarianism in it must be applauded. The hope remains that -- under its new management -- the Soviet Union may find the practice of human decency contagious and habit-forming."

(Sarasota Herald-Tribune, 12/20)

ARMS CONTROL

Symbol of a Shambles -- "The big question, unfortunately, is whether a beleaguered Reagan, preoccupied with the scandal over arms sales to Iran, will be any more disposed toward compromise on SDI than he has been for the last three years. If he is not, negotiations on the broader issues in arms control will remain deadlocked. Then the missed opportunity for a nuclear-test ban will loom even larger as a symbol for a frustrated world."

(Los Angeles Times, 12/22)

## **FOREIGN MEDIA REACTION**

### **SAKHAROV RELEASE**

"Many people expect that, in spite of the opposition of conservative elements, the Gorbachev team will continue its policy of conciliation, notably in the cultural domain." (Le Matin, France)

"How can we explain Gorbachev's clemency? Suffice it to mention one initial explanation: the USSR is interested in appropriating the pacifist cause. Sakharov is not only a prominent physicist, but also a Nobel peace prize winner, and has expressed opposition to SDI.... He can now become a symbol of peace..." (Il Tempo, Italy)

"[The release] has awakened hope that the Kremlin under Mr. Gorbachev may at last be taking a second look at the consequences arising from such actions. At the same time the Soviets must act quickly and release other dissidents...if only to prove mainly to the West that Sakharov's release was not just an isolated affair. Signs of merely relaxing the hold on dissidents are not enough. They are welcome but require much more follow-up for serious credibility." (Times, Malta)

"This is the latest in a series of high-profile releases by Gorbachev to counter criticism of his country's human rights record.... The timing of his adroit gesture is undoubtedly linked to the latest Soviet proposal at the Helsinki review meeting in Vienna.... Gorbachev has made one small move designed to have maximum propaganda impact in this Christmas season of peace and love. He still has a long way to go, but that should not dampen our satisfaction at this slight evidence that his 'new face' will pay more attention to human rights -- as well as to public relations." (Ottawa Citizen, Canada)

"The Gorbachev regime is expected to ask Dr. Sakharov to cooperate in opposing America's SDI plan and its continuation of nuclear tests. The reason for seeking Sakharov's cooperation is his reputation in the Western world. This will gain international credibility if he makes statements criticizing SDI and nuclear tests." (Sankei, Japan)

"A timely candle of hope has been lit in the Soviet Union.... Such a step, and similar recent measures regarding other leading dissidents, can only be applauded.... Two key factors have probably determined the timing of this decision. The first is the hiatus which has developed in U.S. politics.... The second is the need to speed up the whole process of Soviet economic reform. With the credibility of President Reagan under doubt, and with months of Congressional inquiries ahead, now is the perfect time for the Soviet Union to try and improve its image." (Australian Financial Review, Australia)

"It is regrettable that Sakharov has been authorized to return to Moscow merely for 'humanitarian reasons' because of his health, because what should be an acknowledgment of an injustice, the confinement of a person for an 'ideological crime' without a trial, passes off as generosity." (O Globo, Brazil)



# News Summary

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## TODAY'S HEADLINES

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(Washington Post, Washington Times, Newhouse, Reuter, Scripps Howard, UPI)

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(Washington Post, AP, UPI)

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(Washington Post, Washington Times)

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CASEY -- Doctors confirmed that the brain tumor removed from the CIA director was cancerous.

#### MAGNIFICENT, SIMPLY MAGNIFICENT

"Americans can do anything they want. All they gotta do is dream it."

Voyager pilot Dick Rutan's radio message shortly before he and Jeana Yeager landed at Edwards Air Force Base following their round-the-world flight. (UPI, 12/23)

## **IRAN — NICARAGUA**

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### **WASHINGTON RELAXES BUT IRAN DEALING STILL SIMMERS**

President Reagan says no one is more anxious than he to see the Senate Intelligence Committee report on the Iran-contra operation, so he can learn the details of the diversion of funds to the Nicaraguan rebels.

Reagan also offered to make the report public, insofar as it would not harm national security.

Sen. Patrick Leahy said in a television interview: "Right there in the White House they have the most knowledge of what went on."

Sen. Dennis DeConcini said: "Why he would want this committee report to tell him what happened in his own White House is beyond me."

(Edward Shields, Reuter)

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"We don't have any information they don't have, and they could make public anything they want," Sen. Patrick Leahy told the Associated Press.

(Jeremiah O'Leary & Walter Andrews, Washington Times, A3)

### **Congressional Probe**

With the final witness refusing to testify, investigations by both congressional intelligence committees into the Iran-contra affair have ended inconclusively, underscoring the problems in store for newly formed select committees that will launch their own probes in January.

Key questions about when President Reagan authorized the first arms shipments to Iran and what happened to profits from the sales remain unanswered, despite three weeks of hearings that included sworn testimony from the White House Chief of Staff, the Attorney General and secretaries of State and Defense.

Sen. Patrick Leahy in an interview Tuesday expressed frustration typical of many legislators.

In particular, Leahy said he didn't understand Reagan's request that the committee hand over its findings to the White House to be selectively declassified and then made public.

"All indications are that the White House knows a lot more about this than we have learned," Leahy said by telephone from his home in Middlesex, Vt. He said he could not elaborate because it involved "classified material."

(Robert Gettlin, Newhouse)

### **White House, Senate Panel Clash Over Contragate Report, Transcripts**

Committee aides said there is nothing classified in the report being compiled. They said congressional committees normally don't permit a president to see their reports before the reports are publicly released.

As for the possible request for transcripts, committee spokesman David Holliday said a full Senate vote would be needed. "If it's transcripts they want, that's a much more serious matter," he said.

(Lance Gay & Ann McFeatters, Scripps Howard)



Retired General Secord Refuses To Testify Before House Panel  
Reagan Urges Quick Report On Iran Affair By Senate Committee

Richard Secord, a retired Air Force major general and close associate of fired NSC aide Oliver North, invoked his Fifth Amendment right against self-incrimination during a five-minute morning appearance before a closed meeting of the House Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence. A central figure in the sale of arms to Iran and a clandestine network that supplied aid to the Nicaraguan contras, Secord had previously refused to answer questions before the Senate Select Committee on Intelligence.

"To be sure, that report (Senate Intelligence Committee) will not have all the answers, but it will be the most complete statement available, and I call on the committee to release it so the American people can judge for themselves," Reagan said to applause from a group of small business leaders he was addressing.

(Tom Kenworthy & Lou Cannon, Washington Post, A8)

Secord/Capitol Hill

Retired Air Force Maj. Gen. Richard Secord, touted as a pivotal figure in the scandal, slipped past reporters at the Capitol and appeared briefly before the House Intelligence Committee, one of several that have spent more than six weeks investigating the clandestine sale of weapons to Iran and the later revelation that profits from the deals were passed to the Nicaraguan rebels.

Rep. George Brown said he got to the session five minutes late and found Secord's appearance was over. He said he was told there has been "no surprises."

(Judi Hasson, UPI)

A HOSTAGE TRADE POINT OF '85 MEMO, U.S. OFFICIAL SAYS  
Reagan Was Said To Be Ready To Explain  
Arms Sales As An Opening To Tehran

In a memorandum written at the beginning of the U.S. arms sales to Iran, the director of the CIA explicitly described the program as trade of arms for hostages, according to a high ranking government official who has seen the document.

In addition, the official said, the memo written by William Casey said that if the matter became public, President Reagan was prepared to portray the secret operation as a political opening to Tehran.

(Stephen Engelberg, New York Times, A1)



## 2 SUPPORTERS FEAR CRISIS WILL WEAKEN REAGAN DOCTRINE

Two neo-conservative champions of Ronald Reagan's assertiveness in foreign policy have turned against the President over Iran.

Calling Mr. Reagan's Iran operation "the perfect policy failure," Norman Podhoretz, editor-in-chief of Commentary magazine, does not accept what other critics call the policy's one sensible aim: the cultivation of moderate elements in Tehran.

Irving Kristol, publisher of The National Interest magazine, says the Iran operation reveals "the basic flaw in the Reagan presidency."

Mr. Podhoretz and Mr. Kristol say they fear that the furor surrounding the diversion of secret Iranian arms sales proceeds to the Nicaraguan resistance will undermine Mr. Reagan's efforts to curtail communism around the world.

(Ralph Hallow, News Analysis, Washington Times, A1)

## NEW YORK BUSINESSMAN OFFERS CLUES ON IRAN SALES

Furmark Says Middleman Became Suspicious

The Iranian middleman who helped broker the secret U.S.-Iran arms deals first voiced suspicions that money has been diverted to aid the contras fighting the Nicaraguan government while meeting with two associates in Paris in September, a New York businessman present at the meeting said in an interview yesterday.

At the meeting -- attended by Iranian arms dealer Manucher Ghorbanifar, Saudi Arabian financier Adnan Khashoggi and New York businessman Roy Furmark -- Ghorbanifar questioned the whereabouts of \$15 million from one of the several arms shipments, according to Furmark.

(Michael Isikoff, Washington Post, A1)

## EX-NSC STAFF HIT TRANSITION

Adelman Confronted In Stormy Meeting

Several outgoing members of the NSC staff voiced complaints at a stormy meeting Friday with the transition team working for incoming national security adviser Frank Carlucci.

Sources close to the transition team said Ronald Sable, who had been chief of legislative affairs for NSC, was particularly vociferous in the meeting with the head of Carlucci's transition team, Arms Control and Disarmament Agency Director Kenneth Adelman.

(Don Oberdorfer, Washington Post, A8)

FORMER NSC OFFICIALS NOT DOING  
MUCH AT PENTAGON, SOURCES SAY

Lt. Col. Oliver North and Vice Adm. John Poindexter, who left their White House posts because of the Iranian arms controversy, are devoting little time to military duties even though they have been reassigned to the Pentagon, knowledgeable sources say.

Both men have been drawing on leave time and, even when scheduled for work, have been devoting most of their time to consultations with lawyers, the sources, who asked not be identified, said Tuesday.

(Norman Black, AP)

NORTH TREATED IN '74 FOR EMOTIONAL CRISIS

Lt. Col. Oliver North, the deputy director of the NSC for 5½ years until he was fired by President Reagan in the wake of disclosures of arms sales to Iran and diversion of proceeds to the Nicaraguan resistance, suffered an emotional crisis in 1974 that led to threats of suicide and hospitalization, The Washington Times has learned.

The Miami Herald reported similar findings yesterday, and the Associated Press last night quoted high Administration sources as saying that Col. North was treated for 10 days "for stress" in 1974.

(Hugh Aynesworth, Washington Times, A1)

## ***NATIONAL NEWS***

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### **CASEY HAS NOT RECOVERED ALL NORMAL BRAIN FUNCTIONS Prospects For Improvement Are Unclear**

CIA Director William Casey has not recovered all normal brain functions following surgery for a tumor last week, knowledgeable sources including White House officials said yesterday.

These sources did not say whether he is expected to improve and did not specify which functions Casey has not recovered. Georgetown University Hospital spokesmen continued to withhold details of Casey's condition. A hospital statement released yesterday said only that he "remains in stable condition as he continues to recover" from last Thursday's operation. (Susan Okie, Washington Post, A1)

#### Casey/Health

The brain tumor removed from CIA Director William Casey in surgery last week was cancerous, doctors confirmed Tuesday, and further treatment will be required to stamp out any other remaining cancer cells.

"Therapy will commence when recovery from surgery permits," said a statement issued by Georgetown University Hospital, but there was no immediate indication what therapy -- radiation or chemotherapy or a combination of the two -- was contemplated. (Jan Ziegler, UPI)

#### More Treatment Ahead For Casey

CIA Director William Casey hasn't recovered from last Thursday's brain surgery enough to begin treatment for cancer, officials at Georgetown University Hospital say.

"Pathology reports confirm that Mr. Casey has a B-cell lymphoma of the large cell type," the new hospital statement said.

(Robert Furlow, AP)

### **FARM SUPPORT OVERHAUL PREDICTED 'Catastrophic' Health Plan Due In '88 Budget, OMB's Miller Says**

President Reagan's fiscal 1988 budget is "almost certain" to propose a major overhaul of the farm-support system, including a "tight cap" on a farmer's total subsidies and a plan to discourage overproduction by basing subsidies on capacity rather than production, OMB Director James Miller said yesterday.

Miller told reporters that a proposal for "catastrophic" health-insurance protection has not been completed but will be included in the budget or State of the Union messages.

(Spencer Rich, Washington Post, A2)

### President Plans Sharp Cutbacks In Farm Budget

President Reagan's new budget will propose sweeping changes in farm programs designed to save more than \$16 billion over the next five years, Administration officials said today.

James Miller said the proposals were based on the assumption that current farm programs, which cost more than \$25.5 billion in the fiscal year 1986, had become politically unsustainable.

Referring to members of Congress, he said, "A lot more people represent nonfarm districts than farm districts."

(Robert Pear, New York Times, A1)

### WHITE HOUSE PROPOSES \$30 BILLION SOCIAL CUTS, \$21 BILLION DEFENSE HIKE

President Reagan will propose a \$21 billion boost in defense spending and a \$30 billion cut in domestic programs for the coming fiscal year, James Miller said Tuesday.

While there will be "screaming and hollering" over the President's budget cuts, Miller said, Social Security won't be touched and there are no proposals for new "sin" taxes or energy taxes.

(Ann McFeatters, Scripps Howard)

### FY '88 BUDGET TO PROPOSE \$100 MILLION FOR HOMELESS

President Reagan's fiscal 1988 budget will propose a \$100 million program to assist the nation's homeless at the same time it proposes deep spending cuts in other domestic programs, Administration officials said yesterday.

"One of the problems of the homeless is the information base that we have," OMB Director James Miller said. "The other...is that a large number of people who are homeless are people whose minds are incapacitated in some way."

(AP Story, Washington Times, A4)

### IN SILOS, FIRST 10 MX MISSILES ARE DECLARED OPERATIONAL Weapon Called An Advance Over Minuteman

The Air Force has declared its first 10 MX nuclear-tipped missiles operational, marking the first time in 16 years the U.S. has added a new intercontinental ballistic missile to its land-based arsenal, the Defense Department said yesterday.

"The nation's newest ICBM is significantly advanced over the existing Minuteman missile in range, accuracy and payload, and it is the first new ICBM since the Minuteman III in 1970," Robert Sims said.

(AP Story, Washington Post, A3)

## 2 NEW CARRIERS IN PENTAGON'S NEXT BUDGET

The Defense Department, in its budget for fiscal 1988 and 1989, will ask Congress for a \$1.4 billion down payment on two Nimitz-class nuclear-powered aircraft carriers, Defense Secretary Weinberger announced yesterday.

If Congress approves the request despite flattened defense budgets for the foreseeable future, the ships would cost a total of \$6.9 billion, according to Pentagon projections. The first would be ready in 1995 and the second in 1998. (George Wilson, Washington Post, A4)

## REAGAN PICKS ABDNOR TO HEAD SBA Defeated Republican Senator Opposed Closing Down Agency

President Reagan announced yesterday that he will nominate defeated Sen. James Abdnor to be administrator of the Small Business Administration.

In a speech at a meeting where he received a report from the White House Conference on Small Business, Reagan said Abdnor "knows small business and knows the nation's capital."

(AP Story, Washington Post, A13)

## NO DECISION ON REPLACEMENT FOR SPEAKES

Larry Speakes said Tuesday he has discussed with Donald Regan the "pros and cons" of possible candidates to replace him, but no decision has been made.

"The thought was to get someone in place around the first of the year," Speakes said, so his successor could get a head start learning the dimensions of the job. (Helen Thomas, UPI)

## VOYAGER FLIES AROUND THE WORLD IN 9 DAYS

Rutan, Yeager Become First To Circle  
Globe Without Stopping or Refueling

EDWARDS AIR FORCE BASE, Calif. -- Chasing dawn across the California desert, the experimental aircraft Voyager floated to Earth this morning, landing in aviation's record book.

After nine days and 25,012 miles, Dick Rutan and Jeana Yeager touched down at 8:05 a.m. PST, becoming the first pilots to circle the globe without stopping or refueling.

(Michael Specter, Washington Post, A1)

Crew Of Voyager Land In Triumph After 9 Days Aloft

EDWARDS AIR FORCE BASE, Calif. -- Pilot Dick Rutan and co-pilot Jeana Yeager guided their fragile aircraft Voyager to a triumphant return here yesterday and a place in aviation history after nine bruising, perilous days in the first non-stop flight around the world without refueling.

"Magnificent -- absolutely magnificent," President Reagan exclaimed while watching the landing on television at the White House. "Jeana Yeager and Richard Rutan's courage, determination and refusal to give up have thrilled and impressed us all." (Washington Times, A1)

DEAR SANTA... 'YOUR PAL, CAP'

Defense Secretary Caspar Weinberger's average workday almost always includes a highly classified briefing on the latest in military operations and intelligence developments around the world.

They are somber affairs, normally, but aides say the defense secretary was startled Tuesday when his briefers from the Joint Chiefs of Staff suddenly flashed a slide of a "letter" to Santa Claus signed: "Your pal, Cap."

"Santa laughed when he read your request for a favorable news story in The Washington Post. Even he can't get good coverage in The Washington Post." (AP)

## **INTERNATIONAL NEWS**

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### **MANAGUA SEES U.S. POLICY AS MUDDLED New Prisoner Called 'Unbalanced'**

MANAGUA -- Sam Hall, by contrast, symbolizes what is viewed here as the muddled state of the U.S.' once forceful policy against the leftist Sandinista government, after nearly three months of Iran-contra crisis in Washington.

Hall's brief statement yesterday to reporters, in which he said he came to Nicaragua on a reconnaissance mission following orders from three co-conspirators code-named "Tinkers," "Evers" and "Chance," was just confused enough to make most American reporters doubt its accuracy.

(Julia Preston, News Analysis, Washington Post, A10)

### **S. AFRICA BLOCKS CONGRESSMEN Pretoria, Citing Sanctions, Denies Visas For U.S. Lawmakers**

JOHANNESBURG -- In the sharpest display yet of its anger over the U.S. imposition of economic sanctions this year, the South African government refused today to permit two groups of American congressmen to visit the country next month.

"To think that we must welcome here a number of legislators who have just passed legislation punishing South Africa in the most vindictive way and to allow them to...investigate and evaluate the effect of the punishment they meted out to us -- that is a bit far-fetched," Roelof Botha told the state radio.

(Michael Parks, Washington Post, A10)

### **South Africa Pulls Welcome Mat From Under U.S. Officials**

CAPE TOWN -- The South African government has written off the U.S. as an ally and has let it be known that "enemy" congressmen and Administration officials no longer are welcome in the country.

Government sources say Secretary Shultz canceled a planned visit to South Africa after Pretoria informed the State Department and the White House that it "would not be timely in the present state of relations."

(Peter Younghusband, Washington Times, A1)

### **U.S. OFFERS DEBT-RELIEF PLAN TO EGYPT \$3 Billion In Interest On Military Sales Loans Could Be Postponed**

President Reagan has sent Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak a letter detailing a military debt-relief plan that would allow Egypt to postpone paying as much as \$3 billion in interest until the year 2009, Egyptian Embassy officials said yesterday.

State Department spokesman Phyllis Oakley said yesterday that Reagan had informed Egypt of the U.S. proposal. She said the department is awaiting a reply before making details public.

(David Ottaway, Washington Post, A16)



## **NETWORK NEWS SUMMARY**

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(Tuesday Evening, December 23, 1986)

### **VOYAGER**

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President Reagan watched the landing of the Voyager on a small television in his office. He described the flight as, "Magnificent. Absolutely magnificent." The President called the crew a living example of American pioneerism. Monday in California he will award Rutan and Yeager the Presidential Citizen's Medal. And TASS also had high praise for the crew of Voyager. In a rare tribute to an American enterprise, TASS compared Rutan and Yeager to Charles Lindbergh and also to an early Soviet aviation pioneer. (NBC-Lead)

ABC's Peter Jennings: ...President Reagan spent part of the morning watching the Voyager return. He said of the crew they are a living example of American pioneerism at its best, and he will honor them personally in California next week.

(TV Coverage: Still photo of the President watching on television.)  
(ABC-Lead)

CBS's Dan Rather: Forget just for a time the bleak prospect of the Iran-contra scandal unraveling in Washington. This is a day for America to celebrate and remember. This is the day Voyager flew into the brilliant light of history....  
(CBS-Lead)

### **IRAN-NICARAGUA**

Brokaw: President Reagan said once more today that he, like the American people, is in the dark about the Iran-contra affair. He again asked Congress to release what it has learned and he called once more on Adm. Poindexter and Col. North to talk. However, Democrats were saying that the President himself can do more.

NBC's Andrea Mitchell: The President is asking the Senate Intelligence Committee to tell him what his Administration did because he says he still doesn't know the facts.

(TV Coverage: President and aides walking to OEOB.)

Mr. Reagan promised to de-classify and make public the record of the secret Senate hearings, or at least the sections the White House says won't hurt national security.

(President in OEOB: "That report will not have all the answers, but it will be the most complete statement available.")

And he dismissed suggestions that he knows more than he's saying.

(President: "And I really mean all of these indications that maybe I know more than I'm talking about, I'm trying to find out, too, what happened. Until Adm. Poindexter and Col. North make public disclosure of the facts, the American people will not know the full story of what happened in the Iran arms sales matter.")

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Mitchell continues: But leading Democrats called the President's appeal a public relations gimmick. They are also concerned that Mr. Reagan would release only the testimony that makes him look good. From his home in Vermont, Committee Vice Chairman Leahy told NBC News, "Right there in the White House they have the most knowledge of what went on." Other Democrats agreed.

(Sen. DeConcini: "Why he would want this committee's report to tell him what happened in his own White House is beyond me.")

(Sen. Riegle: "He has actually a better ability to get the information than anybody else, and all he needs to do is ask.")

Meanwhile, another witness, retired Air Force General Seacord, took the Fifth Amendment, refusing to tell the House Intelligence Committee what he knows. Senate sources say Seacord helped arrange financing for the arms sold to Iran and was a major player in the private network supporting the contras. And the Tower Commission investigating the Iran-contra connection issued a standing invitation to Poindexter and North today, suggesting they could talk to the presidential panel informally, without giving up their legal rights. But Poindexter and North have given no sign that they are willing to talk to anybody except their lawyers.

NBC's James Polk reports on the possible CIA role in the Iran-contra affair. The story from sources tonight is that the CIA did raise warning signals about money for the contras as early as October, that Casey passed on the information to somebody else in authority -- no one will say who or how high -- and in the end nothing was done.

(NBC-2)

Jennings: ...Many members of Congress have been pushing the President to get the truth out of his former aides who have taken the Fifth Amendment. Now the President is pushing Congress.

ABC's Sheilah Kast: Speaking to a group of small business leaders, President Reagan showed frustration as he insisted he still doesn't know whether laws were broken in the Iran-contra affair.

(TV Coverage: President applauded by businessmen in OEOB. President: "And I really mean all of these indications that maybe I know more than I'm talking about, I'm trying to find out too what happened.")

Until his former aides North and Poindexter go public, the President said, the American people won't know the full story. But he put the burden on the Senate Intelligence Committee to divulge what its members learned in their closed hearing.

(President: "I urge them to make that report available to me for declassification as promptly as possible. To be sure, that report will not have all the answers, but it will be the most complete statement available.")

One member of the committee said most of what would be in a declassified report is already public, and blamed the President's staff for his lack of information.

(Sen. Hatch: "It's a pathetic commentary that the administrative leadership at the White House didn't immediately jump on this and get the facts.")

Kast continues: The committee's ranking Democrat, Patrick Leahy, pointed out the President ordered his staff not to tell the intelligence committees about his Iran order. Leahy said now he's asked the Intelligence Committee to tell him what his Administration was doing during the time they were ordered not to tell the Intelligence Committee what they were doing. Most of the witnesses before the Senate committee were the President's men -- his Secretary of State, his Attorney General, his Chief of Staff. Even if the President is helped by the facts the committee has gathered, he's hurt by having to go outside to get them. (ABC-3)

Rather: While taking no new action himself, President Reagan again asked Congress for what he called full disclosure of what witnesses have been telling the Congress about the weapons for the Ayatollah, cash and gunrunning deception run out of the White House basement. The President did this as the latest witness summoned to Congress today took the Fifth and stonewalled again.

CBS's Terry Smith: In another public call for the full facts on the Iran-contra connection, President Reagan urged the Senate Intelligence Committee to turn over the results of its secret hearings. (TV Coverage: President being applauded by businessmen in OEOB.) Mr. Reagan said he would de-classify the material and make it public. (President: "To be sure, that report will not have all the answers, but it will be the most complete statement available. And I call on the committee to release it so the American people can judge for themselves.")

Mr. Reagan made a similar request to the committee in writing a week ago and at least one Democratic member seemed skeptical about the President's approach.

(Sen. DeConcini: "Why he would want this committee's report to tell him what happened in his own White House is beyond me.")

But the President insisted he still doesn't know the whole story.

(President: "All of these indications that maybe I know more than I'm talking about, I'm trying to find out, too, what happened. Until Adm. Poindexter and Col. North make public disclosure of the facts, the American people will not know the full story of what happened in the Iran arms sales matter or the alleged diversion of funds to the contras.")

Another key player in the drama, Gen. Seacord, today joined Poindexter and North in taking the Fifth Amendment on Capitol Hill. It was the last hearing on the issue before the departing 99th Congress, and one of the shortest.

(Rep. McCurdy: "Gen. Seacord and others have refused to testify, so it was a pretty open and shut.")

In another development, doctors confirmed that the brain tumor removed from CIA Director Casey was cancerous. Casey has not recovered sufficiently from last week's surgery to begin cancer treatments. Officially, the White House says there are no plans to replace Casey, but privately officials concede he is unlikely to return to work. Possible successors include former Deputy Director Bobby Inman, current Acting Director Robert Gates, and Gen. William Odom, head of the National Security Agency. No appointments are likely until after the holidays, but White House officials concede the agency is going to need strong leadership next year. It's likely to be a tense period of investigations, congressional scrutiny and probable new restraints on covert activity.

Rather reports correspondent Rita Braver has been told the delay ordered by Attorney General Meese in the investigation of secret arms shipments to Nicaraguan rebels actually was 20 days. The Justice Department now says its original report of a 10-day delay was a "mistake" and that the delay probably lasted 20 days for what are now called bureaucratic reasons. (CBS-5)

#### CASEY

Brokaw reports doctors at Georgetown University Hospital confirmed that the brain tumor removed from CIA Director Casey was cancerous. They said further treatment will begin when Casey recovers from surgery. He remains in stable condition. (NBC-3)

#### NORTH

Brokaw reports Pentagon sources confirmed a Miami Herald report that Lt. Col. North was hospitalized in 1974 for emotional distress. One source said North spent 10 days in Bethesda Naval Hospital being treated for nightmares and insomnia after suffering flashbacks from his combat service in Vietnam. Another Pentagon official said, however, that North was treated for depression caused by marital problems at the time. The official said that at no time was North declared unfit for duty. What is unclear is whether North disclosed that problem, as apparently required, when he was nominated in 1981 for his post on the NSC. (ABC-4, CBS-6, NBC-4)

#### LEBANON/HOSTAGES

Jennings reports a group in Beirut that has been holding four hostages -- two French and two American -- says it will release one of its French captives in the next 48 hours. The group says it will release the man as a Christmas gesture. (ABC-5)

#### SAKHAROV

Brokaw reports more than 200 journalists were waiting for Andrei Sakharov when he arrived in Moscow. And in yet another sign of a thaw in Soviet censorship, officials permitted their most famous dissident to hold a free-wheeling news conference. Sakharov wasted no time in protesting once again.

NBC's Sandy Gilmour reports from Moscow. Sakharov said efforts in the West were responsible for his release. Soviet officials were busy defining human rights in their own terms, denying international pressure freed Sakharov.

(Soviet official: "...This is a result of our internal processes of democratization.")

Sakharov was no less critical today of the Soviet invasion of Afghanistan. Sakharov expressed deep concern for political prisoners, including Jews who have protested trying to get exit visas. A Soviet official said Western countries violate human rights by allowing hunger, promoting war and jailing their own dissenters.

(NBC-5)

ABC's Walter Rogers reports from Moscow. Totally unrepentent, the Soviet Union's most prominent dissident resumed his human rights crusade, calling for freedom for everyone. Sakharov said he was surprised Soviet leader Gorbachev telephoned him, adding he still does not know why Gorbachev released him. Publicly, the Soviets are taking a tolerant view of Sakharov's outspokenness, finding nothing wrong with his remarks on Afghanistan. Moscow's dissident community was happy for Sakharov, but not very hopeful for themselves. It's still not clear why Sakharov was released. It may just be Soviet image-polishing. Or it could be that Sakharov's views on human rights and Afghanistan, which got him into trouble seven years ago, may not be privately shared by the new men in power in the Kremlin. (ABC-2)

CBS's Wyatt Andrews reports from Moscow. Sakharov's friends and relatives say it is true to his character that Sakharov would leave seven years of exile unchastened and unrepentent about his sharp tongue and commitment to his cause and now in effect announcing that he is about to test just how tolerant Soviet authorities have become. It's clear the Soviets themselves want to use Sakharov's return to symbolize emerging freedom inside the Soviet Union and to deflect human rights criticism from abroad. His return from exile was reported in most official media last weekend. The irony is that man whom Gorbachev released to show that things aren't so bad walked into freedom today with an indictment of how bad he things things are. (CBS-3)

#### ORLOV

Rather: Yuri Orlov is also getting back to work, in the U.S. It was announced in Ithaca, New York that Orlov will be doing nuclear research at Cornell University. (CBS-4)

#### MX

Rather reports the United States' first MX missile group is now fully operational. The Defense Department said 10 of the missiles are now on full alert under the Wyoming plains. (CBS-2)

#### BUDGET

Rather reports aides to President Reagan are busy spreading the word that the President's new budget will for the first time during the Reagan years specifically try to address the problem of homeless people and call for a \$100 million package of aid for them. In other respects, the President's new budget still calls for a record \$52 billion in spending cuts, including many domestic programs. (CBS-7)

#### AUDI 5000S

Brokaw reports the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration urged the voluntary recall of a quarter-million Audi 5000S cars and asked the car's importer to correct what is apparently a problem in their engine idle control, a problem that has been linked to hundreds of accidents and at least six deaths. (ABC-10, CBS-11, NBC-5)

## **EDITORIALS/COLUMNISTS**

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### **IRAN-NICARAGUA**

'Most Fun Since Watergate' -- "While in no way excusing the Administration's very serious blunder in dealing with Iran, we are constrained to agree with at least part of Mr. Buchanan's thesis. The national press is in danger of turning a good story into an orgy.... Many newspapers, including the Washington Post, oppose immunity. There are principled reasons for doing so. The public may be tempted to conclude, however, that when the media have a good story going, they may simply hate to see it end."  
(Detroit News, 12/23)

Iran Scandal Impedes Arms Control -- "Nothing is going to happen on arms control or anything else as long as the White House is preoccupied with congressional investigations, newspaper disclosures, internal dissent and the other inevitable by-products of this affair. That's why liberal politicians should want Reagan soon to put this mess behind him, and why they should help do that job."  
(Milwaukee Journal, 12/19)

Mr. Regan Testifies -- "As a member of the executive branch, Mr. Regan didn't have to subject himself to Congress, but he volunteered to testify fully and in public. The Senate Intelligence Committee chose to hear him ...behind closed doors. Afterward, Mr. Regan said: 'I didn't duck any questions. I didn't take the 5th Amendment and I didn't invoke executive privilege. I testified that I did not know of any diversion of funds from the proceeds of the sales of arms to Iran to the Contras. I don't know of any such thing, and I don't believe the President of the United States knew any such thing.' ...No senator contradicted Mr. Regan's statement. So what now? Some people still yell, 'Kick Regan out.' Such are the 'seekers of justice' in this situation."

(Chattanooga News-Free Press, 12/17)

### **NICARAGUA/HASENFUS & HALL**

A Signal from Managua -- "Mr. Ortega said the pardon was made to show Americans that 'Nicaragua desires peace.' The Sandinistas should do more than that to show that they are peaceable. They should actively support a revival of the Contadora peace initiative, whose goal is removal of superpower influence from Central America, and they should restore to their own people the civil liberties that they suspended ostensibly because of the contra war. Such indications of peaceful intent, on top of the Hasenfus pardon, would bolster American critics of a misguided Reagan Administration policy...."  
(Hartford Courant, 12/19)

His Release is Welcome, But It's a Black Eye for the U.S. -- "What the President can and should do...is discontinue the policy of propping up the contras that is the root cause of such embarrassments to the United States as the Hasenfus affair and the Iran-contra scandal."

(Detroit Free Press, 12/19)

EDITORIALS/COLUMNISTS (continued)

Freedom for Hasenfus -- "President Daniel Ortega says Hasenfus' release is intended as a message of peace to the United States. It is clearly a positive step, but if the Sandinistas want to ease tensions between Managua and Washington, there are far more significant actions they can take. One is to contribute effectively within the Contadora framework toward a just political solution for the problems of Central America."

(Buffalo News, 12/19)

President Must Discourage Dabblers in Foreign Policy -- "The main thing the President should do now is something he should have done long ago: make clear that American foreign policy is to be conducted by the American government, not by free-lancers, that the Sam Halls of the world -- whatever their motives -- merely complicate that policy. Such a move would not dissuade all future Sam Halls. But it would minimize the harm they cause."

(Dayton Daily News, 12/27)

SAKHAROV RELEASE

The Terrible Silence -- "Mr. Gorbachev should not be able to purchase the silence of the West with the release of the Sakharovs. There are too many others who must now be named in the West.... We must continue to name names, and to remember."

(Detroit News, 12/23)

Sakharov Release a Small Step -- "The release of Sakharov and Bonner from internal exile suggests the Soviet system is aware, and somewhat painfully, of the concern in other countries about its human-rights abuses. So far, General Secretary Gorbachev has responded with clemencies chosen to give the Soviet Union maximum public-relations payoff, without any broad easing toward dissenters and would-be emigrants. The governments that welcome this latest such gesture should let him know at the same time that they expect far more."

(Atlanta Constitution, 12/22)

Sakharov Freer, Not Freed -- "There remain at least a hundred other Helsinki Watch members imprisoned somewhere along the gulag chain, not to mention thousands and thousands of less celebrated political prisoners stashed away under the less than loving care of ordinary criminal prisoners and brutal guards.... Nonetheless, any communist move with any slight vestige of humanitarianism in it must be applauded. The hope remains that -- under its new management -- the Soviet Union may find the practice of human decency contagious and habit-forming."

(Sarasota Herald-Tribune, 12/20)

ARMS CONTROL

Symbol of a Shambles -- "The big question, unfortunately, is whether a beleaguered Reagan, preoccupied with the scandal over arms sales to Iran, will be any more disposed toward compromise on SDI than he has been for the last three years. If he is not, negotiations on the broader issues in arms control will remain deadlocked. Then the missed opportunity for a nuclear-test ban will loom even larger as a symbol for a frustrated world."

(Los Angeles Times, 12/22)



## **FOREIGN MEDIA REACTION**

### **SAKHAROV RELEASE**

"Many people expect that, in spite of the opposition of conservative elements, the Gorbachev team will continue its policy of conciliation, notably in the cultural domain." (Le Matin, France)

"How can we explain Gorbachev's clemency? Suffice it to mention one initial explanation: the USSR is interested in appropriating the pacifist cause. Sakharov is not only a prominent physicist, but also a Nobel peace prize winner, and has expressed opposition to SDI.... He can now become a symbol of peace..." (Il Tempo, Italy)

"[The release] has awakened hope that the Kremlin under Mr. Gorbachev may at last be taking a second look at the consequences arising from such actions. At the same time the Soviets must act quickly and release other dissidents...if only to prove mainly to the West that Sakharov's release was not just an isolated affair. Signs of merely relaxing the hold on dissidents are not enough. They are welcome but require much more follow-up for serious credibility." (Times, Malta)

"This is the latest in a series of high-profile releases by Gorbachev to counter criticism of his country's human rights record.... The timing of his adroit gesture is undoubtedly linked to the latest Soviet proposal at the Helsinki review meeting in Vienna.... Gorbachev has made one small move designed to have maximum propaganda impact in this Christmas season of peace and love. He still has a long way to go, but that should not dampen our satisfaction at this slight evidence that his 'new face' will pay more attention to human rights -- as well as to public relations." (Ottawa Citizen, Canada)

"The Gorbachev regime is expected to ask Dr. Sakharov to cooperate in opposing America's SDI plan and its continuation of nuclear tests. The reason for seeking Sakharov's cooperation is his reputation in the Western world. This will gain international credibility if he makes statements criticizing SDI and nuclear tests." (Sankei, Japan)

"A timely candle of hope has been lit in the Soviet Union.... Such a step, and similar recent measures regarding other leading dissidents, can only be applauded.... Two key factors have probably determined the timing of this decision. The first is the hiatus which has developed in U.S. politics.... The second is the need to speed up the whole process of Soviet economic reform. With the credibility of President Reagan under doubt, and with months of Congressional inquiries ahead, now is the perfect time for the Soviet Union to try and improve its image." (Australian Financial Review, Australia)

"It is regrettable that Sakharov has been authorized to return to Moscow merely for 'humanitarian reasons' because of his health, because what should be an acknowledgment of an injustice, the confinement of a person for an 'ideological crime' without a trial, passes off as generosity." (O Globo, Brazil)



# News Summary

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## TODAY'S HEADLINES

### IRAN -- NICARAGUA

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(Washington Post, Washington Times, Newhouse, Reuter, Scripps Howard, UPI)

### NATIONAL NEWS

More Treatment Ahead For Casey -- CIA Director William Casey hasn't recovered from last Thursday's brain surgery enough to begin treatment for cancer, officials at Georgetown University Hospital say.

(Washington Post, AP, UPI)

### INTERNATIONAL NEWS

South Africa Pulls Welcome Mat From Under U.S. Officials -- The South African government has written off the U.S. as an ally and has let it be known that "enemy" congressmen and Administration officials no longer are welcome in the country.

(Washington Post, Washington Times)

### NETWORK NEWS (Tuesday Evening)

VOYAGER -- The aircraft conquered one of aviation's greatest challenges: to fly non-stop around the world on a single load of fuel.

IRAN-NICARAGUA -- President Reagan has asked Congress to release what it has learned on the Iran-contra affair.

CASEY -- Doctors confirmed that the brain tumor removed from the CIA director was cancerous.

#### MAGNIFICENT, SIMPLY MAGNIFICENT

"Americans can do anything they want. All they gotta do is dream it."

Voyager pilot Dick Rutan's radio message shortly before he and Jeana Yeager landed at Edwards Air Force Base following their round-the-world flight. (UPI, 12/23)

## **IRAN — NICARAGUA**

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### **WASHINGTON RELAXES BUT IRAN DEALING STILL SIMMERS**

President Reagan says no one is more anxious than he to see the Senate Intelligence Committee report on the Iran-contra operation, so he can learn the details of the diversion of funds to the Nicaraguan rebels.

Reagan also offered to make the report public, insofar as it would not harm national security.

Sen. Patrick Leahy said in a television interview: "Right there in the White House they have the most knowledge of what went on."

Sen. Dennis DeConcini said: "Why he would want this committee report to tell him what happened in his own White House is beyond me."

(Edward Shields, Reuter)

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"We don't have any information they don't have, and they could make public anything they want," Sen. Patrick Leahy told the Associated Press.

(Jeremiah O'Leary & Walter Andrews, Washington Times, A3)

### **Congressional Probe**

With the final witness refusing to testify, investigations by both congressional intelligence committees into the Iran-contra affair have ended inconclusively, underscoring the problems in store for newly formed select committees that will launch their own probes in January.

Key questions about when President Reagan authorized the first arms shipments to Iran and what happened to profits from the sales remain unanswered, despite three weeks of hearings that included sworn testimony from the White House Chief of Staff, the Attorney General and secretaries of State and Defense.

Sen. Patrick Leahy in an interview Tuesday expressed frustration typical of many legislators.

In particular, Leahy said he didn't understand Reagan's request that the committee hand over its findings to the White House to be selectively declassified and then made public.

"All indications are that the White House knows a lot more about this than we have learned," Leahy said by telephone from his home in Middlesex, Vt. He said he could not elaborate because it involved "classified material."

(Robert Gettlin, Newhouse)

### **White House, Senate Panel Clash Over Contragate Report, Transcripts**

Committee aides said there is nothing classified in the report being compiled. They said congressional committees normally don't permit a president to see their reports before the reports are publicly released.

As for the possible request for transcripts, committee spokesman David Holliday said a full Senate vote would be needed. "If it's transcripts they want, that's a much more serious matter," he said.

(Lance Gay & Ann McFeatters, Scripps Howard)

Retired General Secord Refuses To Testify Before House Panel  
Reagan Urges Quick Report On Iran Affair By Senate Committee

Richard Secord, a retired Air Force major general and close associate of fired NSC aide Oliver North, invoked his Fifth Amendment right against self-incrimination during a five-minute morning appearance before a closed meeting of the House Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence. A central figure in the sale of arms to Iran and a clandestine network that supplied aid to the Nicaraguan contras, Secord had previously refused to answer questions before the Senate Select Committee on Intelligence.

"To be sure, that report (Senate Intelligence Committee) will not have all the answers, but it will be the most complete statement available, and I call on the committee to release it so the American people can judge for themselves," Reagan said to applause from a group of small business leaders he was addressing.

(Tom Kenworthy & Lou Cannon, Washington Post, A8)

Secord/Capitol Hill

Retired Air Force Maj. Gen. Richard Secord, touted as a pivotal figure in the scandal, slipped past reporters at the Capitol and appeared briefly before the House Intelligence Committee, one of several that have spent more than six weeks investigating the clandestine sale of weapons to Iran and the later revelation that profits from the deals were passed to the Nicaraguan rebels.

Rep. George Brown said he got to the session five minutes late and found Secord's appearance was over. He said he was told there has been "no surprises."

(Judi Hasson, UPI)

A HOSTAGE TRADE POINT OF '85 MEMO, U.S. OFFICIAL SAYS  
Reagan Was Said To Be Ready To Explain  
Arms Sales As An Opening To Tehran

In a memorandum written at the beginning of the U.S. arms sales to Iran, the director of the CIA explicitly described the program as trade of arms for hostages, according to a high ranking government official who has seen the document.

In addition, the official said, the memo written by William Casey said that if the matter became public, President Reagan was prepared to portray the secret operation as a political opening to Tehran.

(Stephen Engelberg, New York Times, A1)

## 2 SUPPORTERS FEAR CRISIS WILL WEAKEN REAGAN DOCTRINE

Two neo-conservative champions of Ronald Reagan's assertiveness in foreign policy have turned against the President over Iran.

Calling Mr. Reagan's Iran operation "the perfect policy failure," Norman Podhoretz, editor-in-chief of Commentary magazine, does not accept what other critics call the policy's one sensible aim: the cultivation of moderate elements in Tehran.

Irving Kristol, publisher of The National Interest magazine, says the Iran operation reveals "the basic flaw in the Reagan presidency."

Mr. Podhoretz and Mr. Kristol say they fear that the furor surrounding the diversion of secret Iranian arms sales proceeds to the Nicaraguan resistance will undermine Mr. Reagan's efforts to curtail communism around the world.

(Ralph Hallow, News Analysis, Washington Times, A1)

## NEW YORK BUSINESSMAN OFFERS CLUES ON IRAN SALES

Furmark Says Middleman Became Suspicious

The Iranian middleman who helped broker the secret U.S.-Iran arms deals first voiced suspicions that money has been diverted to aid the contras fighting the Nicaraguan government while meeting with two associates in Paris in September, a New York businessman present at the meeting said in an interview yesterday.

At the meeting -- attended by Iranian arms dealer Manucher Ghorbanifar, Saudi Arabian financier Adnan Khashoggi and New York businessman Roy Furmark -- Ghorbanifar questioned the whereabouts of \$15 million from one of the several arms shipments, according to Furmark.

(Michael Isikoff, Washington Post, A1)

## EX-NSC STAFF HIT TRANSITION

Adelman Confronted In Stormy Meeting

Several outgoing members of the NSC staff voiced complaints at a stormy meeting Friday with the transition team working for incoming national security adviser Frank Carlucci.

Sources close to the transition team said Ronald Sable, who had been chief of legislative affairs for NSC, was particularly vociferous in the meeting with the head of Carlucci's transition team, Arms Control and Disarmament Agency Director Kenneth Adelman.

(Don Oberdorfer, Washington Post, A8)

FORMER NSC OFFICIALS NOT DOING  
MUCH AT PENTAGON, SOURCES SAY

Lt. Col. Oliver North and Vice Adm. John Poindexter, who left their White House posts because of the Iranian arms controversy, are devoting little time to military duties even though they have been reassigned to the Pentagon, knowledgeable sources say.

Both men have been drawing on leave time and, even when scheduled for work, have been devoting most of their time to consultations with lawyers, the sources, who asked not be identified, said Tuesday.

(Norman Black, AP)

NORTH TREATED IN '74 FOR EMOTIONAL CRISIS

Lt. Col. Oliver North, the deputy director of the NSC for 5½ years until he was fired by President Reagan in the wake of disclosures of arms sales to Iran and diversion of proceeds to the Nicaraguan resistance, suffered an emotional crisis in 1974 that led to threats of suicide and hospitalization, The Washington Times has learned.

The Miami Herald reported similar findings yesterday, and the Associated Press last night quoted high Administration sources as saying that Col. North was treated for 10 days "for stress" in 1974.

(Hugh Aynesworth, Washington Times, A1)



## **NATIONAL NEWS**

### **CASEY HAS NOT RECOVERED ALL NORMAL BRAIN FUNCTIONS Prospects For Improvement Are Unclear**

CIA Director William Casey has not recovered all normal brain functions following surgery for a tumor last week, knowledgeable sources including White House officials said yesterday.

These sources did not say whether he is expected to improve and did not specify which functions Casey has not recovered. Georgetown University Hospital spokesmen continued to withhold details of Casey's condition. A hospital statement released yesterday said only that he "remains in stable condition as he continues to recover" from last Thursday's operation.

(Susan Okie, Washington Post, A1)

#### **Casey/Health**

The brain tumor removed from CIA Director William Casey in surgery last week was cancerous, doctors confirmed Tuesday, and further treatment will be required to stamp out any other remaining cancer cells.

"Therapy will commence when recovery from surgery permits," said a statement issued by Georgetown University Hospital, but there was no immediate indication what therapy -- radiation or chemotherapy or a combination of the two -- was contemplated.

(Jan Ziegler, UPI)

#### **More Treatment Ahead For Casey**

CIA Director William Casey hasn't recovered from last Thursday's brain surgery enough to begin treatment for cancer, officials at Georgetown University Hospital say.

"Pathology reports confirm that Mr. Casey has a B-cell lymphoma of the large cell type," the new hospital statement said.

(Robert Furlow, AP)

### **FARM SUPPORT OVERHAUL PREDICTED**

#### **'Catastrophic' Health Plan Due In '88 Budget, OMB's Miller Says**

President Reagan's fiscal 1988 budget is "almost certain" to propose a major overhaul of the farm-support system, including a "tight cap" on a farmer's total subsidies and a plan to discourage overproduction by basing subsidies on capacity rather than production, OMB Director James Miller said yesterday.

Miller told reporters that a proposal for "catastrophic" health-insurance protection has not been completed but will be included in the budget or State of the Union messages.

(Spencer Rich, Washington Post, A2)

### President Plans Sharp Cutbacks In Farm Budget

President Reagan's new budget will propose sweeping changes in farm programs designed to save more than \$16 billion over the next five years, Administration officials said today.

James Miller said the proposals were based on the assumption that current farm programs, which cost more than \$25.5 billion in the fiscal year 1986, had become politically unsustainable.

Referring to members of Congress, he said, "A lot more people represent nonfarm districts than farm districts."

(Robert Pear, New York Times, A1)

### WHITE HOUSE PROPOSES \$30 BILLION SOCIAL CUTS, \$21 BILLION DEFENSE HIKE

President Reagan will propose a \$21 billion boost in defense spending and a \$30 billion cut in domestic programs for the coming fiscal year, James Miller said Tuesday.

While there will be "screaming and hollering" over the President's budget cuts, Miller said, Social Security won't be touched and there are no proposals for new "sin" taxes or energy taxes.

(Ann McFeatters, Scripps Howard)

### FY '88 BUDGET TO PROPOSE \$100 MILLION FOR HOMELESS

President Reagan's fiscal 1988 budget will propose a \$100 million program to assist the nation's homeless at the same time it proposes deep spending cuts in other domestic programs, Administration officials said yesterday.

"One of the problems of the homeless is the information base that we have," OMB Director James Miller said. "The other...is that a large number of people who are homeless are people whose minds are incapacitated in some way."

(AP Story, Washington Times, A4)

### IN SILOS, FIRST 10 MX MISSILES ARE DECLARED OPERATIONAL Weapon Called An Advance Over Minuteman

The Air Force has declared its first 10 MX nuclear-tipped missiles operational, marking the first time in 16 years the U.S. has added a new intercontinental ballistic missile to its land-based arsenal, the Defense Department said yesterday.

"The nation's newest ICBM is significantly advanced over the existing Minuteman missile in range, accuracy and payload, and it is the first new ICBM since the Minuteman III in 1970," Robert Sims said.

(AP Story, Washington Post, A3)



## 2 NEW CARRIERS IN PENTAGON'S NEXT BUDGET

The Defense Department, in its budget for fiscal 1988 and 1989, will ask Congress for a \$1.4 billion down payment on two Nimitz-class nuclear-powered aircraft carriers, Defense Secretary Weinberger announced yesterday.

If Congress approves the request despite flattened defense budgets for the foreseeable future, the ships would cost a total of \$6.9 billion, according to Pentagon projections. The first would be ready in 1995 and the second in 1998. (George Wilson, Washington Post, A4)

## REAGAN PICKS ABDNOR TO HEAD SBA Defeated Republican Senator Opposed Closing Down Agency

President Reagan announced yesterday that he will nominate defeated Sen. James Abdnor to be administrator of the Small Business Administration.

In a speech at a meeting where he received a report from the White House Conference on Small Business, Reagan said Abdnor "knows small business and knows the nation's capital."

(AP Story, Washington Post, A13)

## NO DECISION ON REPLACEMENT FOR SPEAKES

Larry Speakes said Tuesday he has discussed with Donald Regan the "pros and cons" of possible candidates to replace him, but no decision has been made.

"The thought was to get someone in place around the first of the year," Speakes said, so his successor could get a head start learning the dimensions of the job. (Helen Thomas, UPI)

## VOYAGER FLIES AROUND THE WORLD IN 9 DAYS

Rutan, Yeager Become First To Circle  
Globe Without Stopping or Refueling

EDWARDS AIR FORCE BASE, Calif. -- Chasing dawn across the California desert, the experimental aircraft Voyager floated to Earth this morning, landing in aviation's record book.

After nine days and 25,012 miles, Dick Rutan and Jeana Yeager touched down at 8:05 a.m. PST, becoming the first pilots to circle the globe without stopping or refueling.

(Michael Specter, Washington Post, A1)

Crew Of Voyager Land In Triumph After 9 Days Aloft

EDWARDS AIR FORCE BASE, Calif. -- Pilot Dick Rutan and co-pilot Jeana Yeager guided their fragile aircraft Voyager to a triumphant return here yesterday and a place in aviation history after nine bruising, perilous days in the first non-stop flight around the world without refueling.

"Magnificent -- absolutely magnificent," President Reagan exclaimed while watching the landing on television at the White House. "Jeana Yeager and Richard Rutan's courage, determination and refusal to give up have thrilled and impressed us all." (Washington Times, A1)

DEAR SANTA... 'YOUR PAL, CAP'

Defense Secretary Caspar Weinberger's average workday almost always includes a highly classified briefing on the latest in military operations and intelligence developments around the world.

They are somber affairs, normally, but aides say the defense secretary was startled Tuesday when his briefers from the Joint Chiefs of Staff suddenly flashed a slide of a "letter" to Santa Claus signed: "Your pal, Cap."

"Santa laughed when he read your request for a favorable news story in The Washington Post. Even he can't get good coverage in The Washington Post." (AP)

## **INTERNATIONAL NEWS**

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### **MANAGUA SEES U.S. POLICY AS MUDDLED New Prisoner Called 'Unbalanced'**

MANAGUA -- Sam Hall, by contrast, symbolizes what is viewed here as the muddled state of the U.S.' once forceful policy against the leftist Sandinista government, after nearly three months of Iran-contra crisis in Washington.

Hall's brief statement yesterday to reporters, in which he said he came to Nicaragua on a reconnaissance mission following orders from three co-conspirators code-named "Tinkers," "Evers" and "Chance," was just confused enough to make most American reporters doubt its accuracy.

(Julia Preston, News Analysis, Washington Post, A10)

### **S. AFRICA BLOCKS CONGRESSMEN Pretoria, Citing Sanctions, Denies Visas For U.S. Lawmakers**

JOHANNESBURG -- In the sharpest display yet of its anger over the U.S. imposition of economic sanctions this year, the South African government refused today to permit two groups of American congressmen to visit the country next month.

"To think that we must welcome here a number of legislators who have just passed legislation punishing South Africa in the most vindictive way and to allow them to...investigate and evaluate the effect of the punishment they meted out to us -- that is a bit far-fetched," Roelof Botha told the state radio. (Michael Parks, Washington Post, A10)

### **South Africa Pulls Welcome Mat From Under U.S. Officials**

CAPE TOWN -- The South African government has written off the U.S. as an ally and has let it be known that "enemy" congressmen and Administration officials no longer are welcome in the country.

Government sources say Secretary Shultz canceled a planned visit to South Africa after Pretoria informed the State Department and the White House that it "would not be timely in the present state of relations."

(Peter Youngusband, Washington Times, A1)

### **U.S. OFFERS DEBT-RELIEF PLAN TO EGYPT \$3 Billion In Interest On Military Sales Loans Could Be Postponed**

President Reagan has sent Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak a letter detailing a military debt-relief plan that would allow Egypt to postpone paying as much as \$3 billion in interest until the year 2009, Egyptian Embassy officials said yesterday.

State Department spokesman Phyllis Oakley said yesterday that Reagan had informed Egypt of the U.S. proposal. She said the department is awaiting a reply before making details public.

(David Ottaway, Washington Post, A16)

## NETWORK NEWS SUMMARY

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(Tuesday Evening, December 23, 1986)

### VOYAGER

NBC's Tom Brokaw: It was a triumph, a triumph of design, determination and a dream, the dream of conquering one of aviation's greatest challenges: to fly non-stop around the world on a single load of fuel. Today that dream came true. Dick Rutan and Jeana Yeager touched down at Edwards Air Force Base in California in the Voyager....

President Reagan watched the landing of the Voyager on a small television in his office. He described the flight as, "Magnificent. Absolutely magnificent." The President called the crew a living example of American pioneerism. Monday in California he will award Rutan and Yeager the Presidential Citizen's Medal. And TASS also had high praise for the crew of Voyager. In a rare tribute to an American enterprise, TASS compared Rutan and Yeager to Charles Lindbergh and also to an early Soviet aviation pioneer. (NBC-Lead)

ABC's Peter Jennings: ...President Reagan spent part of the morning watching the Voyager return. He said of the crew they are a living example of American pioneerism at its best, and he will honor them personally in California next week.

(TV Coverage: Still photo of the President watching on television.)

(ABC-Lead)

CBS's Dan Rather: Forget just for a time the bleak prospect of the Iran-contra scandal unraveling in Washington. This is a day for America to celebrate and remember. This is the day Voyager flew into the brilliant light of history....

(CBS-Lead)

### IRAN-NICARAGUA

Brokaw: President Reagan said once more today that he, like the American people, is in the dark about the Iran-contra affair. He again asked Congress to release what it has learned and he called once more on Adm. Poindexter and Col. North to talk. However, Democrats were saying that the President himself can do more.

NBC's Andrea Mitchell: The President is asking the Senate Intelligence Committee to tell him what his Administration did because he says he still doesn't know the facts.

(TV Coverage: President and aides walking to OEOB.)

Mr. Reagan promised to de-classify and make public the record of the secret Senate hearings, or at least the sections the White House says won't hurt national security.

(President in OEOB: "That report will not have all the answers, but it will be the most complete statement available.")

And he dismissed suggestions that he knows more than he's saying.

(President: "And I really mean all of these indications that maybe I know more than I'm talking about, I'm trying to find out, too, what happened. Until Adm. Poindexter and Col. North make public disclosure of the facts, the American people will not know the full story of what happened in the Iran arms sales matter.")

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Mitchell continues: But leading Democrats called the President's appeal a public relations gimmick. They are also concerned that Mr. Reagan would release only the testimony that makes him look good. From his home in Vermont, Committee Vice Chairman Leahy told NBC News, "Right there in the White House they have the most knowledge of what went on." Other Democrats agreed.

(Sen. DeConcini: "Why he would want this committee's report to tell him what happened in his own White House is beyond me.")

(Sen. Riegle: "He has actually a better ability to get the information than anybody else, and all he needs to do is ask.")

Meanwhile, another witness, retired Air Force General Seacord, took the Fifth Amendment, refusing to tell the House Intelligence Committee what he knows. Senate sources say Seacord helped arrange financing for the arms sold to Iran and was a major player in the private network supporting the contras. And the Tower Commission investigating the Iran-contra connection issued a standing invitation to Poindexter and North today, suggesting they could talk to the presidential panel informally, without giving up their legal rights. But Poindexter and North have given no sign that they are willing to talk to anybody except their lawyers.

NBC's James Polk reports on the possible CIA role in the Iran-contra affair. The story from sources tonight is that the CIA did raise warning signals about money for the contras as early as October, that Casey passed on the information to somebody else in authority -- no one will say who or how high -- and in the end nothing was done.

(NBC-2)

Jennings: ...Many members of Congress have been pushing the President to get the truth out of his former aides who have taken the Fifth Amendment. Now the President is pushing Congress.

ABC's Sheilah Kast: Speaking to a group of small business leaders, President Reagan showed frustration as he insisted he still doesn't know whether laws were broken in the Iran-contra affair.

(TV Coverage: President applauded by businessmen in OEOB. President: "And I really mean all of these indications that maybe I know more than I'm talking about, I'm trying to find out too what happened.")

Until his former aides North and Poindexter go public, the President said, the American people won't know the full story. But he put the burden on the Senate Intelligence Committee to divulge what its members learned in their closed hearing.

(President: "I urge them to make that report available to me for declassification as promptly as possible. To be sure, that report will not have all the answers, but it will be the most complete statement available.")

One member of the committee said most of what would be in a declassified report is already public, and blamed the President's staff for his lack of information.

(Sen. Hatch: "It's a pathetic commentary that the administrative leadership at the White House didn't immediately jump on this and get the facts.")

Kast continues: The committee's ranking Democrat, Patrick Leahy, pointed out the President ordered his staff not to tell the intelligence committees about his Iran order. Leahy said now he's asked the Intelligence Committee to tell him what his Administration was doing during the time they were ordered not to tell the Intelligence Committee what they were doing. Most of the witnesses before the Senate committee were the President's men -- his Secretary of State, his Attorney General, his Chief of Staff. Even if the President is helped by the facts the committee has gathered, he's hurt by having to go outside to get them. (ABC-3)

Rather: While taking no new action himself, President Reagan again asked Congress for what he called full disclosure of what witnesses have been telling the Congress about the weapons for the Ayatollah, cash and gunrunning deception run out of the White House basement. The President did this as the latest witness summoned to Congress today took the Fifth and stonewalled again.

CBS's Terry Smith: In another public call for the full facts on the Iran-contra connection, President Reagan urged the Senate Intelligence Committee to turn over the results of its secret hearings. (TV Coverage: President being applauded by businessmen in OEOB.) Mr. Reagan said he would de-classify the material and make it public. (President: "To be sure, that report will not have all the answers, but it will be the most complete statement available. And I call on the committee to release it so the American people can judge for themselves.")

Mr. Reagan made a similar request to the committee in writing a week ago and at least one Democratic member seemed skeptical about the President's approach.

(Sen. DeConcini: "Why he would want this committee's report to tell him what happened in his own White House is beyond me.")

But the President insisted he still doesn't know the whole story.

(President: "All of these indications that maybe I know more than I'm talking about, I'm trying to find out, too, what happened. Until Adm. Poindexter and Col. North make public disclosure of the facts, the American people will not know the full story of what happened in the Iran arms sales matter or the alleged diversion of funds to the contras.")

Another key player in the drama, Gen. Seacord, today joined Poindexter and North in taking the Fifth Amendment on Capitol Hill. It was the last hearing on the issue before the departing 99th Congress, and one of the shortest.

(Rep. McCurdy: "Gen. Seacord and others have refused to testify, so it was a pretty open and shut.")

In another development, doctors confirmed that the brain tumor removed from CIA Director Casey was cancerous. Casey has not recovered sufficiently from last week's surgery to begin cancer treatments. Officially, the White House says there are no plans to replace Casey, but privately officials concede he is unlikely to return to work. Possible successors include former Deputy Director Bobby Inman, current Acting Director Robert Gates, and Gen. William Odom, head of the National Security Agency. No appointments are likely until after the holidays, but White House officials concede the agency is going to need strong leadership next year. It's likely to be a tense period of investigations, congressional scrutiny and probable new restraints on covert activity.

Rather reports correspondent Rita Braver has been told the delay ordered by Attorney General Meese in the investigation of secret arms shipments to Nicaraguan rebels actually was 20 days. The Justice Department now says its original report of a 10-day delay was a "mistake" and that the delay probably lasted 20 days for what are now called bureaucratic reasons. (CBS-5)

#### CASEY

Brokaw reports doctors at Georgetown University Hospital confirmed that the brain tumor removed from CIA Director Casey was cancerous. They said further treatment will begin when Casey recovers from surgery. He remains in stable condition. (NBC-3)

#### NORTH

Brokaw reports Pentagon sources confirmed a Miami Herald report that Lt. Col. North was hospitalized in 1974 for emotional distress. One source said North spent 10 days in Bethesda Naval Hospital being treated for nightmares and insomnia after suffering flashbacks from his combat service in Vietnam. Another Pentagon official said, however, that North was treated for depression caused by marital problems at the time. The official said that at no time was North declared unfit for duty. What is unclear is whether North disclosed that problem, as apparently required, when he was nominated in 1981 for his post on the NSC. (ABC-4, CBS-6, NBC-4)

#### LEBANON/HOSTAGES

Jennings reports a group in Beirut that has been holding four hostages -- two French and two American -- says it will release one of its French captives in the next 48 hours. The group says it will release the man as a Christmas gesture. (ABC-5)

#### SAKHAROV

Brokaw reports more than 200 journalists were waiting for Andrei Sakharov when he arrived in Moscow. And in yet another sign of a thaw in Soviet censorship, officials permitted their most famous dissident to hold a free-wheeling news conference. Sakharov wasted no time in protesting once again.

NBC's Sandy Gilmour reports from Moscow. Sakharov said efforts in the West were responsible for his release. Soviet officials were busy defining human rights in their own terms, denying international pressure freed Sakharov.

(Soviet official: "...This is a result of our internal processes of democratization.")

Sakharov was no less critical today of the Soviet invasion of Afghanistan. Sakharov expressed deep concern for political prisoners, including Jews who have protested trying to get exit visas. A Soviet official said Western countries violate human rights by allowing hunger, promoting war and jailing their own dissenters.

(NBC-5)

ABC's Walter Rogers reports from Moscow. Totally unrepentent, the Soviet Union's most prominent dissident resumed his human rights crusade, calling for freedom for everyone. Sakharov said he was surprised Soviet leader Gorbachev telephoned him, adding he still does not know why Gorbachev released him. Publicly, the Soviets are taking a tolerant view of Sakharov's outspokenness, finding nothing wrong with his remarks on Afghanistan. Moscow's dissident community was happy for Sakharov, but not very hopeful for themselves. It's still not clear why Sakharov was released. It may just be Soviet image-polishing. Or it could be that Sakharov's views on human rights and Afghanistan, which got him into trouble seven years ago, may not be privately shared by the new men in power in the Kremlin. (ABC-2)

CBS's Wyatt Andrews reports from Moscow. Sakharov's friends and relatives say it is true to his character that Sakharov would leave seven years of exile unchastened and unrepentent about his sharp tongue and commitment to his cause and now in effect announcing that he is about to test just how tolerant Soviet authorities have become. It's clear the Soviets themselves want to use Sakharov's return to symbolize emerging freedom inside the Soviet Union and to deflect human rights criticism from abroad. His return from exile was reported in most official media last weekend. The irony is that man whom Gorbachev released to show that things aren't so bad walked into freedom today with an indictment of how bad he things things are. (CBS-3)

#### ORLOV

Rather: Yuri Orlov is also getting back to work, in the U.S. It was announced in Ithaca, New York that Orlov will be doing nuclear research at Cornell University. (CBS-4)

#### MX

Rather reports the United States' first MX missile group is now fully operational. The Defense Department said 10 of the missiles are now on full alert under the Wyoming plains. (CBS-2)

#### BUDGET

Rather reports aides to President Reagan are busy spreading the word that the President's new budget will for the first time during the Reagan years specifically try to address the problem of homeless people and call for a \$100 million package of aid for them. In other respects, the President's new budget still calls for a record \$52 billion in spending cuts, including many domestic programs. (CBS-7)

#### AUDI 5000S

Brokaw reports the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration urged the voluntary recall of a quarter-million Audi 5000S cars and asked the car's importer to correct what is apparently a problem in their engine idle control, a problem that has been linked to hundreds of accidents and at least six deaths. (ABC-10, CBS-11, NBC-5)



## **EDITORIALS/COLUMNISTS**

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### **IRAN-NICARAGUA**

'Most Fun Since Watergate' -- "While in no way excusing the Administration's very serious blunder in dealing with Iran, we are constrained to agree with at least part of Mr. Buchanan's thesis. The national press is in danger of turning a good story into an orgy.... Many newspapers, including the Washington Post, oppose immunity. There are principled reasons for doing so. The public may be tempted to conclude, however, that when the media have a good story going, they may simply hate to see it end." (Detroit News, 12/23)

Iran Scandal Impedes Arms Control -- "Nothing is going to happen on arms control or anything else as long as the White House is preoccupied with congressional investigations, newspaper disclosures, internal dissent and the other inevitable by-products of this affair. That's why liberal politicians should want Reagan soon to put this mess behind him, and why they should help do that job." (Milwaukee Journal, 12/19)

Mr. Regan Testifies -- "As a member of the executive branch, Mr. Regan didn't have to subject himself to Congress, but he volunteered to testify fully and in public. The Senate Intelligence Committee chose to hear him ...behind closed doors. Afterward, Mr. Regan said: 'I didn't duck any questions. I didn't take the 5th Amendment and I didn't invoke executive privilege. I testified that I did not know of any diversion of funds from the proceeds of the sales of arms to Iran to the Contras. I don't know of any such thing, and I don't believe the President of the United States knew any such thing.' ...No senator contradicted Mr. Regan's statement. So what now? Some people still yell, 'Kick Regan out.' Such are the 'seekers of justice' in this situation."

(Chattanooga News-Free Press, 12/17)

### **NICARAGUA/HASENFUS & HALL**

A Signal from Managua -- "Mr. Ortega said the pardon was made to show Americans that 'Nicaragua desires peace.' The Sandinistas should do more than that to show that they are peaceable. They should actively support a revival of the Contadora peace initiative, whose goal is removal of superpower influence from Central America, and they should restore to their own people the civil liberties that they suspended ostensibly because of the contra war. Such indications of peaceful intent, on top of the Hasenfus pardon, would bolster American critics of a misguided Reagan Administration policy...." (Hartford Courant, 12/19)

His Release is Welcome, But It's a Black Eye for the U.S. -- "What the President can and should do...is discontinue the policy of propping up the contras that is the root cause of such embarrassments to the United States as the Hasenfus affair and the Iran-contra scandal."

(Detroit Free Press, 12/19)

EDITORIALS/COLUMNISTS (continued)

Freedom for Hasenfus -- "President Daniel Ortega says Hasenfus' release is intended as a message of peace to the United States. It is clearly a positive step, but if the Sandinistas want to ease tensions between Managua and Washington, there are far more significant actions they can take. One is to contribute effectively within the Contadora framework toward a just political solution for the problems of Central America."  
(Buffalo News, 12/19)

President Must Discourage Dabblers in Foreign Policy -- "The main thing the President should do now is something he should have done long ago: make clear that American foreign policy is to be conducted by the American government, not by free-lancers, that the Sam Halls of the world -- whatever their motives -- merely complicate that policy. Such a move would not dissuade all future Sam Halls. But it would minimize the harm they cause."  
(Dayton Daily News, 12/27)

SAKHAROV RELEASE

The Terrible Silence -- "Mr. Gorbachev should not be able to purchase the silence of the West with the release of the Sakharovs. There are too many others who must now be named in the West.... We must continue to name names, and to remember."  
(Detroit News, 12/23)

Sakharov Release a Small Step -- "The release of Sakharov and Bonner from internal exile suggests the Soviet system is aware, and somewhat painfully, of the concern in other countries about its human-rights abuses. So far, General Secretary Gorbachev has responded with clemencies chosen to give the Soviet Union maximum public-relations payoff, without any broad easing toward dissenters and would-be emigrants. The governments that welcome this latest such gesture should let him know at the same time that they expect far more."  
(Atlanta Constitution, 12/22)

Sakharov Freer, Not Freed -- "There remain at least a hundred other Helsinki Watch members imprisoned somewhere along the gulag chain, not to mention thousands and thousands of less celebrated political prisoners stashed away under the less than loving care of ordinary criminal prisoners and brutal guards.... Nonetheless, any communist move with any slight vestige of humanitarianism in it must be applauded. The hope remains that -- under its new management -- the Soviet Union may find the practice of human decency contagious and habit-forming."  
(Sarasota Herald-Tribune, 12/20)

ARMS CONTROL

Symbol of a Shambles -- "The big question, unfortunately, is whether a beleaguered Reagan, preoccupied with the scandal over arms sales to Iran, will be any more disposed toward compromise on SDI than he has been for the last three years. If he is not, negotiations on the broader issues in arms control will remain deadlocked. Then the missed opportunity for a nuclear-test ban will loom even larger as a symbol for a frustrated world."  
(Los Angeles Times, 12/22)

## **FOREIGN MEDIA REACTION**

### **SAKHAROV RELEASE**

"Many people expect that, in spite of the opposition of conservative elements, the Gorbachev team will continue its policy of conciliation, notably in the cultural domain." (Le Matin, France)

"How can we explain Gorbachev's clemency? Suffice it to mention one initial explanation: the USSR is interested in appropriating the pacifist cause. Sakharov is not only a prominent physicist, but also a Nobel peace prize winner, and has expressed opposition to SDI.... He can now become a symbol of peace..." (Il Tempo, Italy)

"[The release] has awakened hope that the Kremlin under Mr. Gorbachev may at last be taking a second look at the consequences arising from such actions. At the same time the Soviets must act quickly and release other dissidents...if only to prove mainly to the West that Sakharov's release was not just an isolated affair. Signs of merely relaxing the hold on dissidents are not enough. They are welcome but require much more follow-up for serious credibility." (Times, Malta)

"This is the latest in a series of high-profile releases by Gorbachev to counter criticism of his country's human rights record.... The timing of his adroit gesture is undoubtedly linked to the latest Soviet proposal at the Helsinki review meeting in Vienna.... Gorbachev has made one small move designed to have maximum propaganda impact in this Christmas season of peace and love. He still has a long way to go, but that should not dampen our satisfaction at this slight evidence that his 'new face' will pay more attention to human rights -- as well as to public relations." (Ottawa Citizen, Canada)

"The Gorbachev regime is expected to ask Dr. Sakharov to cooperate in opposing America's SDI plan and its continuation of nuclear tests. The reason for seeking Sakharov's cooperation is his reputation in the Western world. This will gain international credibility if he makes statements criticizing SDI and nuclear tests." (Sankei, Japan)

"A timely candle of hope has been lit in the Soviet Union.... Such a step, and similar recent measures regarding other leading dissidents, can only be applauded.... Two key factors have probably determined the timing of this decision. The first is the hiatus which has developed in U.S. politics.... The second is the need to speed up the whole process of Soviet economic reform. With the credibility of President Reagan under doubt, and with months of Congressional inquiries ahead, now is the perfect time for the Soviet Union to try and improve its image." (Australian Financial Review, Australia)

"It is regrettable that Sakharov has been authorized to return to Moscow merely for 'humanitarian reasons' because of his health, because what should be an acknowledgment of an injustice, the confinement of a person for an 'ideological crime' without a trial, passes off as generosity." (O Globo, Brazil)