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THE SECRETARY OF DEFENSE

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WASHINGTON, THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA



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MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

SUBJECT: Weekly Report of Defense Activities

Legislative Affairs: After months of hearings, mark-up, and floor debate, the Congress is preparing to give final approval of our FY 1984 Defense Appropriation Bill. A joint House-Senate conference committee completed two days of intensive work on Thursday by cutting \$12 billion in budget authority from your amended request of \$260.8 billion, which will provide only a 3.2 percent increase in real budget authority over FY 1983, the lowest such increase since FY 1980. When combined with the Military Construction Act, already signed into law, the Congress will provide a total of \$255.5 billion for defense in FY 1984, \$5.9 billion below the level set by Congress in its First Concurrent Resolution. A brief comparison follows:

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DoD Budget
Budget Authority
 (\$ Billions)

	<u>FY 1984 Dollar Level</u>	<u>Percent Real Growth Over FY 1983</u>
Amended Request	268.5	8.2%
First Concurrent Resolution	261.5	5.4%
Congressional Approval	255.5	3.0%

The performance of Congress throughout their consideration of the FY 1984 request demonstrates that the procedures established by the Budget Impoundment Control Act of 1974 have completely broken down. The dollar levels established by the conference committee simply do not meet the resource requirements for our security. Therefore, it would be reasonable to consider pursuing an FY 1984 supplemental to restore funding for many necessary programs cut by the Congress.

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Factors contributing to the favorable absenteeism rates include improvements in selecting volunteers for service in the Army (e.g., high school diploma graduates), emphasis on preventing absenteeism through leadership, unit cohesion, and the economy. We believe that continued emphasis on recruitment of quality volunteer soldiers will result in annual absenteeism rates below earlier periods and that they may even decline further.
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Exercise PRESSURE POINT 84: This Joint Chiefs of Staff-sponsored worldwide crisis command post exercise began Wednesday and will run through next Tuesday. A major portion of the exercise concentrates on sustaining a war effort in Korea and developing and approving options regarding events in the Caribbean, Central America, and Africa.

PRESSURE POINT 84 is designed to exercise and evaluate command, control, and communications policies, plans, and procedures in command posts worldwide for conducting multi-theatre land, sea, and air warfare operations and support functions. We expect PRESSURE POINT 84 to reveal shortcomings and procedural difficulties that can then be corrected to improve our ability to respond in the event of a crisis. ~~BT~~

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