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LEGISLATION AND NATIONAL SECURITY SUBCOMMITTEE
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RAYBURN HOUSE OFFICE BUILDING, ROOM B-373

WASHINGTON, DC 20515

December 3, 1986

Honorable Caspar W. Weinberger
Secretary of Defense
Department of Defense
Washington, D.C. 20301

Dear Mr. Secretary:

The Legislation and National Security Subcommittee is reviewing the sale of military weapons and equipment to Iran. We are particularly interested in the procedures used in conducting these sales as well as whether any U.S. laws were violated.

In carrying out this review it is necessary to have the Defense Department's answer to the attached questions. I would appreciate having your response no later than December 17, 1986. If all the information requested cannot be obtained by this date, please provide what is available.

Sincerely,



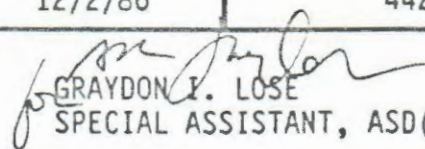
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Attachment

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Questions for the Department of Defense
submitted by the Legislation and National Security Subcommittee
December 3, 1986

1. Please provide a description of all military equipment sold to Iranians since 1981. Please include the date of each sale, the total amount of money paid by Iranians for each sale, the total amount of money received by the U.S. from each sale, the unit prices charged for the TOW and HAWK systems, the method used to determine the value of each piece of equipment, and the cost of the equipment to the U.S. Government when purchased?
2. What inventory control points were involved in these sales?
3. What justifications were used to release TOW antitank missile and HAWK missile spare sets from inventory control points?
4. What accounting treatment was used to deposit receipts to U.S. accounts?
5. What offices within the Defense Department were involved in authorizing the release of military equipment to Iran? Who requested the Defense Department's authorization?
6. Were the appropriations accounts reimbursed for the replacement costs of the equipment sold as required by law?
7. Was the equipment drawn from depot stock or war reserves?
8. What procedure was used to release military equipment (eventually sold to Iran) to Israel?
9. What impact has the transaction had on U.S. military readiness?
10. How were the proceeds resulting from the sale of military equipment to Iran used?
11. What prices (including unit prices) were charged to other purchasers of TOW and HAWK systems during the last 3 years?
12. If the Defense Department contends, as it has been reported in the press, that no one in the Department had knowledge of these sales, please explain how that much equipment could have been moved out of inventory without such knowledge.

Congressional Data Request	DATE 11/26/86	DATE DUE 12/2/86	NUMBER 442/86
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SUBJECT: HAC Defense Subcommittee Hearing			
<p>The House Appropriations Defense Subcommittee has scheduled the following hearing:</p> <p><u>Monday, December 8, 1986 - Iranian Arms Situation</u></p> <p>2 - 4 PM - CIA witnesses</p> <p>4 - 5 PM - DoD witnesses</p> <p>Mr. John Plashal is the staffer handling this hearing. The hearing will be in executive session with access limited to Members and certain staffers. There will be no public announcement.</p> <p>The first session will be limited to the CIA witnesses. DoD witnesses will be heard beginning at 4 PM. Mr. Plashal, acting for the committee chairman, requests that DoD witnesses appear and be able to discuss FMS and legal aspects fo the situation, and also the weapons that were provided.</p> <p>Please suggest witness names by noon, December 2, 1986.</p>			
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November 26, 1986

JOHN J. BRADY, JR.
CHIEF OF STAFF

The Honorable Caspar Weinberger
Secretary
Department of Defense
Washington, D.C. 20301

Dear Mr. Secretary:

We are writing to request your appearance to testify before the Committee on Foreign Affairs on Thursday, December 11, 1986 at 9:30 a.m. in Room 2172 Rayburn. The purpose of the hearing will be to discuss the full range of issues related to U.S. policy toward Iran.

As you may know, the Committee has scheduled a series of hearings on this matter and will have received testimony from the Secretary of State, the Director of Central Intelligence, Admiral John Poindexter, and the Honorable Robert McFarlane.

Specifically, the Committee would be interested in having your testimony focus on the military considerations of the Iran-Iraq war; the impact of the shipment of U.S. spare parts on the current military balance in the region; the specifics of the physical aspects of the arms shipments; the involvement of any third country in those shipments; and your involvement in the policy deliberations relating to the Iran initiative.

Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

With best wishes, we are

Sincerely yours,

William S. Broomfield
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November 28, 1986

Honorable Caspar W. Weinberger
Secretary of Defense
Washington, D. C. 20310-1000

Dear Mr. Secretary:

The House Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence is continuing its investigation into the Iranian/contra arms matter.

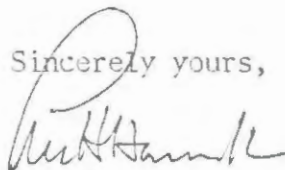
I was pleased to see in the President's press conference on November 19, 1986 that he stated that he had directed that "all information relating to our initiative be provided to the appropriate members of Congress." Committee Members met with Vice Admiral Poindexter at his invitation on November 21, 1986 but were unable to ask him questions due to a lack of time. He volunteered to make himself available for questions at another date.

With that in mind, I request that Lieutenant Colonel North be made available at 2:30 p.m. on December 9, and Vice Admiral Poindexter at 3:30 p.m. on December 10 to meet with the Committee.

I further request that those two gentlemen be instructed to cooperate with Committee staff in preparation for that hearing so that the time of both Members and witnesses will be spent productively.

With best wishes, I am

Sincerely yours,



Lee H. Hamilton
Chairman

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November 28, 1986

Mr. Richard Armitage

Dear Mr. Armitage:

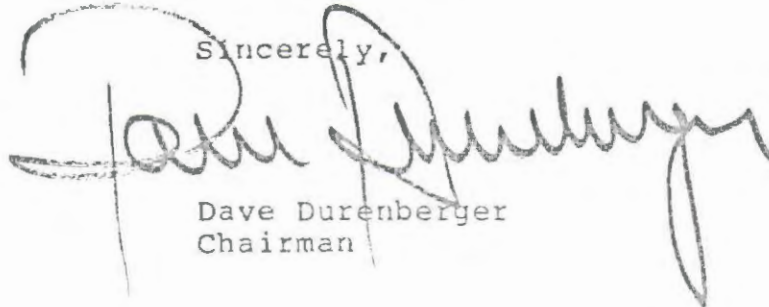
The Senate Select Committee on Intelligence has initiated an investigation to determine the extent of and authorization for U.S. intelligence activities in connection with the sale of arms to Iran and use of the proceeds to support anti-Sandinista forces in Central America.

We hereby request your testimony under oath in this investigation on Thursday, December 4, 11:30am

in Room SH-219 of the Hart Senate Office Building. Enclosed is a copy of the Committee Rules which set forth procedures related to the taking of testimony. Also enclosed is a copy of the Committee's letter to the President requesting Executive branch cooperation.

The Committee looks forward to your testimony with great interest.

Sincerely,



Dave Durenberger
Chairman

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The Honorable Caspar Weinberger
Secretary of Defense
The Pentagon
Washington, D.C. 20301

Dear Cap:

I think Congress needs a fuller accounting of our equipment deal with Iran -- what went to Iran, from what sources, and by what means. Here are the key questions to which I would like responses. I realize that some parts of the questions may better be answered by another agency, but I am assembling them here for clarity.

o Please provide an inventory of everything that was supplied to Iran, whether directly by the United States or through an intermediary, as a result of the Presidential decision. Indicate the dates of deliveries, the mode of transportation, and the approximate value of the deliveries. Indicate the intermediary where applicable.

o Were any other deliveries of equipment to Iran permitted by "looking the other way" when arms smugglers were uncovered? If so, identify the equipment, the date, and the smuggling operation that was permitted to go forward. Were any of the individuals involved subsequently charged with any violations of the Arms Export Control Act or other statutes?

o Did any of the items delivered to Iran contain classified components? If so, identify them.

o What were the sources of the material delivered to Iran? Did any of the material come from operational units or from War Reserve Stocks? What impact, if any, did the deliveries have on American military readiness? How were replacements obtained for the items delivered? Were any contracts issued either a) specifically to obtain equipment for delivery to Iran or b) specifically to obtain replacements for the equipment that was delivered to Iran?

o Iran has indicated that it paid for everything that it received. Is that correct? If so, how were the payments recorded in the DoD accounting system? Who was identified as the purchaser? How was the price calculated and was it identical to prices charged to other foreign buyers?

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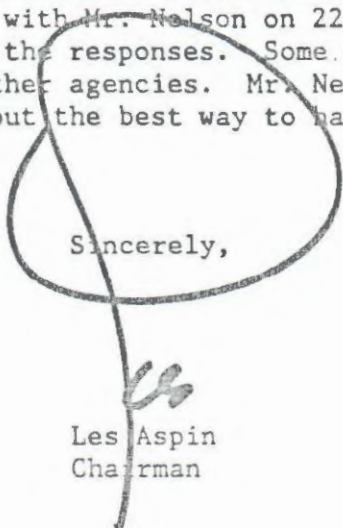
o Who authorized the items of equipment sold directly to Iran or through an intermediary? What special precautions, if any, were taken to prevent knowledge of the deliveries from becoming known to middle and lower level operational staff? What paper trail exists? Who were the highest civilian and military officials of the Department of Defense to be aware of the authorizations? Did they leapfrog the normal chain of command in an effort to limit knowledge of the authorizations? Please supply available documentation.

o Who authorized the physical delivery of the materiel? How was the equipment physically moved from its original site to Iran? How was knowledge of the destination withheld from operational staff? Who were the highest civilian and highest military officials aware of the deliveries? Did they leapfrog the normal chain of command in an effort to limit knowledge of the operation. Please supply available documentation.

This is an intricate set of questions. While some of the questions could be answered quickly, I am well aware that others will involve some research and may not be answerable for weeks. Therefore, I do not want a response to await the final answer to the final question. Rather, I would like the responses to be supplied as they come in.

I have designated Warren Nelson and Bill Fleshman of the committee staff to oversee this project. They will also need to talk to relevant individuals involved in this transfer. Please have your action officer for this inquiry get in touch with Mr. Nelson on 225-2191 to make arrangements for dealing with the responses. Some of the questions may also require responses from other agencies. Mr. Nelson, Mr. Fleshman and your action officer can work out the best way to handle those cross-agency questions.

Sincerely,



Les Aspin
Chairman

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LEGISLATIVE
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OFFICE OF THE ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF DEFENSE
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20301

18 November 1986

MEMORANDUM FOR THE ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF DEFENSE (LA)

SUBJECT: Transfer of Weapons to Iran; Request by House Permanent
Select Committee on Intelligence (HPSCI) for
Information

On 18 November 1986 I met with Tom Latimer and Duane Andrews, Staff Director and PSM of the HPSCI respectively, concerning their Committee's inquiry into the U.S. Government transfer of weapons to Iran. Mr. Armitage, ASD(ISA), is currently scheduled to appear before the Committee on 21 November to brief the members on DoD involvement with the weapons transfer.

Mr. Andrews requested that those staff personnel within DoD who have detailed knowledge of the transfer meet with him on the morning of 19 November to provide advance answers to the following questions.

1. What type weapons were transferred?
2. Numbers of weapons transferred?
3. Where did these weapons come from?
4. When were transfers made?
5. How were they paid for?
6. What records reflect this payment?
7. How were transfers accomplished?
8. Were DoD assets used to transport the weapons?
9. Was Focal Point System used to arrange transfer?
10. Any other related questions designed to determine the extent of DoD involvement.

The answers to these questions are to be incorporated into a staff paper which will be provided to the Committee members before Mr. Armitage appears before the HPSCI.


Joan Bangler