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VFW

May 24, 1982

Dear Mr. Ojeda:

This is to express my sincere gratitude for the copy of Pearl Harbor which you presented to Morton Blackwell for me when I met with representatives of the Veterans of Foreign Wars. I am most pleased to have this special tribute to the men and women who gave their lives in the cause of freedom on December 7, 1941; and the fact that the crew of the USS WARD inscribed this volume gives it particular meaning. Please know that I am grateful to the members of the Minnesota Chapters for their kindness in remembering me in this way.

With my best wishes to you and your colleagues in the VFW,

Sincerely,

RONALD REAGAN

Mr. Daniel Ojeda
Public Relations Coordinator
Veterans of Foreign Wars
20 West 12th Street
Saint Paul, Minnesota 55155

RR/CMF/MP/AVH/las --

cc: ~~Morton Blackwell~~

4 June 1982

Dear Commander Fellwock:

This is in reply to your 4 May 1982 letter in which you expressed opposition to the proposed revisions to OMB Circular No. A-76.

The Office of Management and Budget (OMB) has not developed a final position on the proposed revision to the Circular. The draft you refer to in your letter is one of several working drafts developed by an interagency task group which was chaired by the Office of Federal Procurement Policy within OMB. It does not reflect the official position of the Administration. OMB is considering many suggested changes to the Circular, including those in the working draft to which you referred. An official OMB proposed revision to the Circular is scheduled to be published by July in the Federal Register for a sixty-day public comment period. Public hearings will be held toward the end of the sixty-day period.

Let me assure you that the proposed revisions will not require agencies to automatically contract out current or proposed activities. It would not be in the best interests of the government or the taxpayer to automatically contract activities which may be more economically performed in-house. Efficiency in government operations is one of our primary obligations to the American taxpayer, and the cost comparison analysis required by OMB Circular No. A-76 ensures the taxpayer is getting his money's worth.

Your specific concerns about contracting-out are addressed below:

Once a facility loses the personnel and capacity to perform a function, the contractor could demand ever-increasing fees for the same service.

Recent studies by GAO and agency auditors have clearly demonstrated that contractors do not initially buy-in and subsequently raise their price. Further, the use of pre-priced options in the contract and recompetition of the requirement ensures the function remains cost effective and satisfactorily performed under a contract operation.

Agencies would lose direct control of their work force and risk disruption of activities in the event of strikes.

Of major concern to those approaching OMB Circular No. A-76 cost studies for the first time is the ability of the government to protect itself against strikes by contractor employees. Where this is perceived as a potential problem, it is completely appropriate to include a clause within the contract that would require the contractor to develop a strike contingency plan. A strike plan would require the contractor to demonstrate positive management initiatives to mitigate the effects of a strike and to ensure continuity of services.

We believe that strikes, while possible in Federal contracts, do not present a substantive threat. The Office of Federal Procurement Policy has no historical evidence to support the contention that they are a pervasive threat to Government contract operations. We further believe that, as evidenced by the recent strike in connection with the space shuttle launch, prudent management by the contractor can preclude any schedule slippage or loss of essential services. In this case, even though nearly 1,000 personnel in the bargaining unit went on strike, the contractor was able to fulfill its contractual requirements through implementation of a strike contingency plan.

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Under the proposed revision to A-76, the government could eventually be run by big business.

OMB Circular No. A-76 requires that governmental functions be performed by government personnel because such functions require value judgements, and the exercising of governmental authority. These functions will never be performed by contractors as it would be a violation of our fiduciary responsibility to manage the government in the best interests of the public. Further, small businesses are successful in competing either as a prime or sub-contractor for a majority of these functions converted to contractor operation.

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Proper implementation of OMB Circular No. A-76 can ensure a reduction in the cost of government services without reducing the scope or quality of the services. In view of the President's commitment to reducing the cost of government while increasing reliance on the private sector for needed goods and services, we are dedicated to full and complete implementation of OMB Circular No. A-76.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the purpose and intent of A-76 revisions.

With best wishes,

Sincerely,

EDWIN MEESE III
Counsellor to the President

Mr. Arthur J. Fellwock
Commander-in-Chief
Veterans of Foreign Wars of
the United States
V.F.W. Memorial Building
200 Maryland Avenue, N.E.
Washington, D.C. 20002

EM/OMB/ES/pt--
cc: Mr. Meese

cc ~~the~~ w/copy of incoming to Elizabeth Dole / FDR
ATTENTION

VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS
OF THE UNITED STATES

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ARTHUR J. FELLWOCK
COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF

V. F. W. MEMORIAL BUILDING
200 MARYLAND AVENUE, N. E.
WASHINGTON, D. C. 20002

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May 4, 1982

The Honorable Edwin Meese, III
Counselor to the President
The White House
Washington, DC 20500

Dear Mr. Meese:

The purpose of this letter is to register the complete opposition of the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States to the purposed revision of Office of Management and Budget Circular A-76 dealing with the contracting out to the private sector jobs currently held by Federal-civilian employees.

The purported purpose of contracting out Federal-civilian jobs has ostensibly been to save money and the test for feasibility being that the function could be performed by contractors for at least ten percent less than by Federal employees in-house. The purposed revision of OMB Circular A-76 has dropped all pretense of cost effectiveness and blatantly espouses the mass contracting out of jobs now held by Federal-civilian employees. For example: (1) functions with less than 25 employees would be contracted out without any cost comparison study as soon as possible but not later than September 30, 1983; (2) for agencies with functions employing more than 25 personnel, the agency's head could waive cost comparison studies if elsewhere contracting out a similar function proved cost effective; and (3) new activations, such as Veterans Administration health-care facilities, would be contracted out without any cost comparison study unless no satisfactory commercial services were available or the National Defense precluded contracting out in specific instances.

Permit me to enumerate for you some of the very distinct disadvantages to such contracting out: (1) once a facility loses both the personnel and capacity to perform the function in-house itself, the

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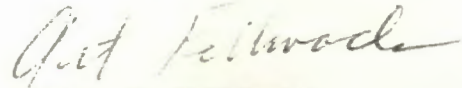
The Honorable Edwin Meese, III
Washington, DC 20500
May 4, 1982

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contractor would be in a position to subsequently demand ever increasing fees for the same service; (2) the agencies would lose direct control of their work force and risk disruption of activities in the event of a strike; (3) the loyalty and dedication of the Federal-civilian employees, who over the years have well served the government and its best interests, would be forever lost; (4) veterans preference in Federal employment would be nearly completely circumvented and there would be fewer and fewer positions within the Federal Government for veterans desiring to use their preference mandated by law; and (5) under the proposed revision it is not inconceivable that a few years hence the Federal Government would be run by big business interests.

I would suggest to you, Mr. Meese, that the purposed revision of OMB Circular A-76 be summarily rejected as being in the best interest of neither the Federal Government nor Federal-civilian employees, but, rather, private contractors seeking personal financial gain.

Sincerely,



ARTHUR J. FELLWOCK
Commander-in-Chief

cc: David A. Stockman, Director, OMB
Donald J. Devine, Director, OPM
Robert P. Nimmo, Administrator of Veterans Affairs

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THE WHITE HOUSE OFFICE

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MAY 7, 1982

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TO: OFFICE OF MANAGEMENT AND BUDGET

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DESCRIPTION OF INCOMING:

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MEDIA: LETTER, DATED MAY 4, 1982

TO: EDWIN MEESE

FROM: MR. ARTHUR J. FELLWOCK
COMMANDER - IN - CHIEF
VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS
V.F.W. MEMORIAL BUILDING
200 MARYLAND AVENUE, NE
WASHINGTON DC 20002

SUBJECT: OPPOSITION TO THE PROPOSED REVISION OF OMB
CIRCULAR A-76

PROMPT ACTION IS ESSENTIAL -- IF REQUIRED ACTION HAS NOT BEEN
TAKEN WITHIN 9 WORKING DAYS OF RECEIPT, PLEASE TELEPHONE THE
UNDERSIGNED AT 456-7486.

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AGENCY LIAISON, ROOM 62, THE WHITE HOUSE

SALLY KELLEY
DIRECTOR OF AGENCY LIAISON
PRESIDENTIAL CORRESPONDENCE

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DRAFT FOR ED MEESE

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Veterans of Foreign Wars
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Sincerely,

cc to Meese

Edwin Meese, III
Counsellor to the President

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VETERANS OF FOREIGN WAERS OF THE UNITED STATES



EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

May 4, 1982

*Send to
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Dollinger.
Ask her to be
sure this
is from
PAC.*

Morton Blackwell, Special Assistant
to the President
Office of Public Liaison
The White House
Washington, D. C. 20500

Dear Mort:

I am certainly sorry I was unable to attend the roast held in your honor on April 29, but I was out of the city.

I am delighted, however, to enclose a check made payable to CRYP in the amount of \$300, Check No. 41556. I feel certain you will be able to place this in the proper hands.

With kind regards and best wishes, I remain

Sincerely your friend,

COOPER T. HOLT
Executive Director

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Enclosure

VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS OF THE UNITED STATES



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THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

February 12, 1982

*Winton - please
send together a
good proposal w/ 1200,
Rollins, N. memo on
signature. Thank
John*

Mrs. Elizabeth Dole
Assistant to the President for
Public Liaison
The White House
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mrs. Dole:

As you know, the annual Washington Conference of the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States will be held at the Sheraton Washington Hotel, March 27-30, 1982, at which time approximately two thousand of our top National and State Officers will be in attendance.


Our National Commander-in-Chief, Arthur J. Fellwock, will arrive in Washington on Thursday, March 25, and will depart Washington on Wednesday, March 31.

The purpose of this letter is to respectfully request an appointment for a courtesy call on the President for Commander Fellwock at which time we would like to obtain a picture for our VFW Magazine that is mailed monthly to our two million members. Commander Fellwock would be available on any of the dates mentioned above; however, our preference would be Thursday, March 25 or Wednesday, March 31.

I am sure you realize that Commander Fellwock could use the occasion to assure the President that our organization will back him all the way on his request to upgrade our national defense. He could also express his appreciation for the President's request concerning the Fiscal Year '83 Veterans Administration budget.

We would certainly be grateful for any consideration given to this request.

Respectfully,


COOPER T. HOLT
Executive Director

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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

TO: *Morton*
FROM: Charlotte Ellis
SUBJECT:

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The attached is for your:

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VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS OF THE UNITED STATES

OFFICE OF COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF

December 16, 1981

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Mrs. Elizabeth H. Dole
Assistant to the President
for Public Liaison
The White House
Washington, D. C. 20500

Dear Mrs. Dole:

As you know, one of the administrative mechanisms brought into being by P.L. 97-37, "Former Prisoner of War Benefits Act of 1981," is a POW Advisory Council to the Veterans' Affairs Administrator.

I am pleased to nominate a truly distinguished American for a position on this Advisory Council:

Lieutenant General John P. Flynn, USAF (Ret.)
2627 Country Hollow
San Antonio, Texas 78209

Jack Flynn, senior U. S. Prisoner of War and, later, Inspector General of the Air Force, has rolled up his sleeves and gone to work with the VFW as Chairman of our Subcommittee on POW/MIA Matters.

I value his advice and counsel as will, I am certain, Bob Nimmo.

Best personal wishes and regards.

Cordially,

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ARTHUR J. FELLWOCK
National Commander-in-Chief



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December 8, 1981

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The President
 The White House
 Washington, D. C. 20500

Dear Mr. President:

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Each year the VFW provides an all-expense paid trip to Washington, D. C. for the State and Overseas Winners of our Voice of Democracy Scholarship Program. This year's group will consist of 52 high school students--the winner for each of our 50 states, the District of Columbia and American Schools Overseas.

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The Voice of Democracy Program is sponsored by the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States and its Ladies Auxiliary. It is conducted annually in our country's secondary schools...all 10th, 11th and 12th graders are eligible to participate. I am enclosing a release on this year's program to give you an idea of its magnitude.

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One of the highlights of the trip to Washington, D. C. is a visit to The White House. I am hopeful we can make arrangements for these fine students to meet with you briefly on one of the following days:

Tuesday, March 30 (between 1:30 and 4:00 p.m.) or
 Wednesday, March 31 (between 9:00 and 11:00 a.m.)

The students will be arriving in Washington, D. C. on Friday, March 26, and returning to their homes on the afternoon of March 31. While they are in our nation's capital they will tour the national monuments, Ford's Theatre, the Naval Academy, the Capitol and other points of interest. Approximately 250,000 students each year compete in the Voice of Democracy Program. From the top 52 state winners, six will receive national scholarships totaling \$32,500.

It would certainly be a tremendous experience for these young Americans if you could spend just a moment or two greeting them.

Your consideration in this matter would be deeply appreciated.

Respectfully,

ARTHUR J. FELLWOCK
National Commander-in-Chief

Enclosures

VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS OF THE UNITED STATES



THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

December 8, 1981

*Kathy,
Please call Cooper
to see if we
can help arrange
a W.H. tour.
It may help
get a pres.
meeting
MR*

Mr. Morton C. Blackwell
Special Assistant to the President
Room 134, Old Executive Office Bldg.
Washington, D. C. 20501

Dear Morton:

Enclosed, per our recent phone conversation, you will find a copy of the letter addressed to the President regarding a visit by our State Voice of Democracy winners who will be visiting our nation's capital as guest of the VFW during our Annual Washington Conference to be held at the Sheraton Washington Hotel, March 27-30, 1982.

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Any assistance you can render in this request will certainly be appreciated.

With warmest personal regards and best wishes, I remain

Sincerely your friend,

COOPER T. HOLT
Executive Director

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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

To: Ms Dole W Date 11/12/81

From: Morton C. Blackwell

Please respond on behalf of
the President

Please prepare draft for
Elizabeth Dole's signature

Please prepare draft for
my signature

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Let's discuss

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, WASHINGTON OFFICE

November 10, 1981

Mr. Morton C. Blackwell
Special Assistant to the President
Room 134
Old Executive Office Building
Washington, D. C. 20501

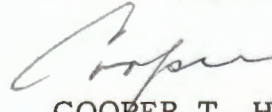
Dear Morton:

Just a note to express my deep appreciation for your most generous letter of October 30 regarding our efforts in behalf of the AWACs sale.

As you know, Morton, you can count on the VFW to continually support those issues which assure a strong national defense. It was indeed a pleasure to be of assistance on this vital issue.

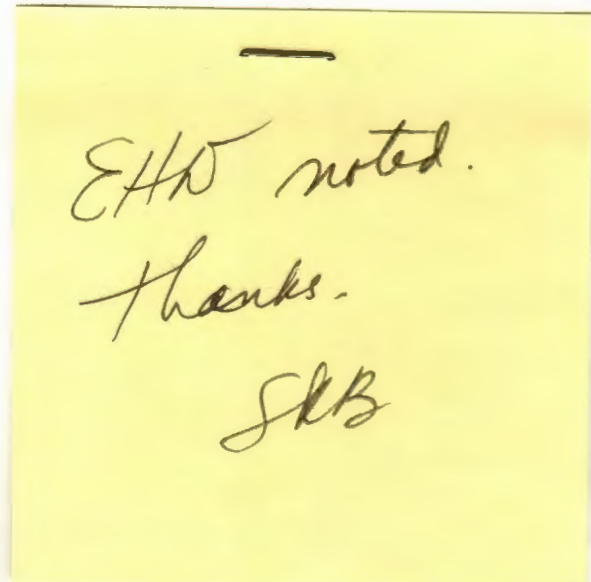
With kind regards and best wishes, I am

Sincerely yours,



COOPER T. HOLT
Executive Director

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Thanks.
JKB



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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

October 30, 1981

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Dear Cooper:

I want to personally add my thanks to those of the President, which I understand are en route to you.

Your efforts in behalf of the AWACS sale were a key element in convincing a majority of the Senate to support this decision of the President.

In addition to an obviously effective lobbying presence, you provided very useful information which helped direct the President's actions as he worked with undecided Senators.

Again, let me thank you for the excellent V.F.W. effort on behalf of the President.

Cordially,



Morton C. Blackwell
Special Assistant to the President

Mr. Cooper Holt
Executive Director
Veterans of Foreign Wars
200 Maryland Avenue N.E.
Washington, D.C. 20002

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

October 27, 1981

Dear Cooper:

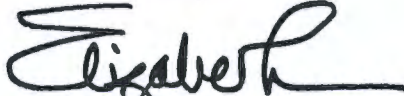
Morton has shown me the V.F.W. News Release of September 23 and October 7 in support of the sale of AWACS to Saudi Arabia.

The President greatly appreciates the strong support he has received from the Veterans of Foreign Wars, both on this matter and our Economic Recovery Package.

I look forward to working with you on other matters of mutual concern and again, our sincere thanks for all you have done.

With warmest regards,

Sincerely,



Elizabeth H. Dole
Assistant to the President
for Public Liaison

Mr. Cooper Holt
Executive Director
Veterans of Foreign Wars
V.F.W. Memorial Building
200 Maryland Avenue, N.E.
Washington, D. C. 20002

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, WASHINGTON OFFICE

September 29, 1981

*Monte -
Please do
TU for 6/27/81
Sally.*

Mrs. Elizabeth Dole
Assistant to the President
for Public Affairs
Old Executive Office Building
Washington, D. C. 20501

Dear Mrs. Dole:

Enclosed for your information is a copy of the VFW News Release regarding the AWACs sale to Saudi Arabia.

No one in the Administration requested this release; however, I am sure they would appreciate any help they can receive "free gratis" at this point. We certainly feel our organization's support is the right position for the security of our nation.

With kind regards and best wishes, I am

Sincerely yours,



COOPER T. HOLT
Executive Director

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Telephone
202-543-2239

NEWS Release

Washington Memorial Building
Veterans of Foreign Wars of the U.S.
200 Maryland Avenue, N.E., Washington, D.C. 20002



"THE VOICE OF TWO AND ONE HALF MILLION MEN AND WOMEN OF THE VFW AND ITS AUXILIARY"

FOR RELEASE:

IMMEDIATELY
(23 SEPTEMBER 1981)

VFW SUPPORTS PRESIDENT REAGAN ON AWACs SALE

WASHINGTON, D. C. -- Arthur J. Fellwock, National Commander of the two million member VFW, today called upon the 97th Congress, "particularly the U. S. Senate," not to block the proposed AWACs package sale to Saudi Arabia.

The Indiana-born VFW leader declared that "Secretary of State Haig placed this issue in wide and persuasive form in his recent statement to the Senate Foreign Relations Committee. I urge each United States Senator to consider very closely the compelling message of the Secretary of State before casting a vote against President Reagan, on whose behalf Haig was speaking."

(Secretary Haig's testimony concluded: "We must not let our friends' worries about one another diminish our commitment to their security or hinder our plans to extend strategic cooperation with them. We are taking steps to assure that Israeli concerns are met, just as we are seeking to assure moderate Arab nations that our developing strategic cooperation with Israel is directed against Soviet intervention and not against the Arabs. Unless we are able to work effectively with all our friends in the region, our security, the security of Israel and peace itself will be endangered.")

The VFW leader concluded by noting that "my statement is not merely the expression of a personal view. It arises from a duly mandated position of the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States which was unanimously adopted at our 82nd National Convention held

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last August in Philadelphia and, more recently affirmed as a priority security goal for 1981-1982.

"In furtherance of this mandate, I enclose herewith a memorandum setting forth, in detail, the rationale for our position."

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(Enclosure)

OFFICE OF COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF

TO: NATIONAL OFFICERS, NATIONAL COUNCIL OF ADMINISTRATION, PAST COMMANDERS-IN-CHIEF, DEPARTMENT COMMANDERS, DEPARTMENT ADJUTANTS, DEPARTMENT PUBLICATIONS, NATIONAL SECURITY COMMITTEE, NATIONAL LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE

FROM: ARTHUR J. FELLWOCK
COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF

DATE: 23 SEPTEMBER 1981

SUBJECT: AWACs: AN OPPORTUNITY CLEVERLY DISGUISED AS A PROBLEM

"It (AWACs) will significantly improve Saudi Arabia's defensive capabilities and contribute significantly to the pursuit of United States strategic goals."

-- James L. Buckley, Under Secretary of State
for Security Assistance

"It (again AWACs) will strip Israel naked before her enemies."

-- Anonymous member of Prime Minister Begin's
party in the United States

1a. By now, every non-institutionalized adult in America must know that, no later than October 30th, the 97th Congress will either vote to deny or to permit the Reagan Administration permission to sell five airborne warning and control aircraft (AWACs) to Saudi Arabia.

b. In fact, the total \$8.5 billion package covers:

- (1) the five (5) E-3A AWACs planes;
- (2) eight (8) KC-707 airborne refuelling tankers;
- (3) 1177 AIM9L "Sidewinder" air-to-air missiles -- the same weapons used by our USN F-14 "Tomcat" pilots to shoot down the two Libyan jets;
- (4) twenty-two (22) ground-based radars; and
- (5) 101 fuel tanks for the 62 F-15 fighters already approved for sale. The "Sidewinders" will go on these U. S.-supplied F-15s.

c. The delivery of the AWACs is scheduled to start during 1985. For the first five years, these planes will be manned by combined U. S.-Saudi crews; then, after 1990, Saudi crews without U. S. participation.



d. The now near-mythical AWACs is, in Air Force parlance, an "E3A SENTRY." This is a souped-up Boeing #707 which carries a crew of 17. Its electronics can detect and track up to 400 separate aircraft at ranges out to 250 miles. Its four engines give a top speed of 530 MPH. The U. S. AWACs can direct friendly aircraft to where the "hostiles" are. The Saudi version will not have this capability. The distinguishing feature of AWACs is its 30-foot rotating radar dome; it looks like an airborne frisbee. It cannot detect movements on the ground -- tanks, troops and the like. AWACs' vulnerability is total to any hostile fighter aircraft. It requires a cordon of protective combat aircraft. Without such a cordon, the AWACs would resemble nothing more than an airborne "PUEBLO." (The "PUEBLO" was the electronic "spy" vessel seized by the North Koreans in 1968.)

e. As part of the proposed deal, the Saudis have agreed to:

- (1) monitoring of AWACs missions by U. S. ground personnel;
- (2) no sharing of acquired intelligence with any other nation (translation: no tips to the Iraqi, Syrian, Jordanian, PLO or other Arab nations or movements);
- (3) use of AWACs only over the eastern provinces of Saudi Arabia near the Persian Gulf and the oil-rich areas near Dhahran and Ras Tanura. (Using AWACs in western Saudi Arabia closer to Israel might see the ridiculous scenario of U. S.-supplied and partially U. S.-manned AWACs, with U. S.-supplied Saudi F-15s fighting their Israeli counter-parts. Think the Israelis wouldn't do this? Please try to remember the deliberate 1967 Israeli sinking of the U. S. monitoring ship "Liberty.") And more on constraints;
- (4) Under Secretary of State Buckley has stated "further limitations on AWACs operations will be revealed only to the Congress on a confidential basis."

2a. AWACs Politics (Domestic Branch)

(1) The key question -- normally not clearly stated -- is: does the Israeli lobby have such clout with the U. S. Congress that, in effect, what Israel wants, Israel gets -- and wider U. S. interests be damned?

Tentative Answer

(2) President Ford, on March 24, 1975, called for a "total re-examination of American policy towards the Middle East" when he suspended further arms shipments to Israel. This statement triggered one of the most memorable lobbying efforts ever seen on Capitol Hill. Seventy-six (76) U. S. Senators told their (and our President), in effect, to knock it off. The "re-examination" was abruptly halted. The Israeli lobby won. Maybe America did; maybe America didn't. (Certainly former Arkansas Senator Bill Fulbright didn't. He called for an "even-handed" U. S. policy towards the Middle East. Nor did ex-Ambassador George Ball, now a distinguished ex-Ambassador who also urged the same course.)

(3) Yet, this very Israeli display of clout in U. S. domestic politics has, on the AWACs issue, alerted ordinary Americans, who generally admire Israel and wish it well, to the intrusive influence of a foreign nation, however hard-pressed, into what should be our business. Additionally, the effective Israeli air raids on Beirut (300-plus dead) and on the Iraqi nuclear reactor at Osirak, both done without consultation with us, have raised the spectre of "Israel -- a loose cannon on the deck."

(4) On October 1st, the Reagan Administration will send its statutory notice to Congress about the impending arms package sale to Saudi Arabia. An adverse majority vote in both the House and the Senate will block the \$8.5 billion sale. If not, the sale goes through on October 30th.

Fearless Forecast

(5) The AWACs package will not pass the House; 253 Representatives have signed a resolution opposing it. BUT,

(6) it has a marginal chance of passing the Senate even though, on June 14th, some 54 Senators formally expressed their "deep concern." More recently, 50 Senators have indicated their opposition even before the Administration makes its case.

An Administration victory in the Senate will require the same intensive effort that the Carter Administration applied to the Panama Canal Treaties.

(b) AWACs Politics (Foreign Policy Branch)

PRO-AWACs

(1) A pro-AWACs decision will, even before the hardware gets there, favorably condition Saudi Arabia to receive and work with an emergency RDF troop movement into the Middle East. Once AWACs is in place, the military advantage to deploying U. S. forces is obvious.

(2) An \$8.5 billion sale will help our balance of payments.

(3) What we are talking about is five airplanes to a friendly country, not lending the nuclear button to strangers.

(4) Thirty-two percent of the world's oil exports originate in Saudi Arabia; a nation of five million people, as large geographically as the United States east of the Mississippi, as defenseless as a pool table. And, the oil fields can be over-watched and given their early-warning protection by air only.

(5) If we turn down the Saudis, to the quiet delight of the Soviets, the Saudis could turn to the British "NIMROD" system (the Brits invented radar) or to the French Mirage 2000/4000 aircraft. And there, incidentally, would go Secretary Al Haig's "strategic consensus" for the Middle East.

(c) ANTI-AWACs

(1) Look what happened to all the sophisticated hardware we gave to Iran. Here we go again.

(Yes, this conceivably could happen.) Or,

(2) the Saudis will use this package against Israel.

(Not while we control the spare parts and the Israelis command the air -- as they do.)

3. Conclusion

On the tough security decisions, stay with the President unless there are self-evident reasons to oppose him. (This is not the Panama Canal or Amnesty. It is a sincere and informed effort to enhance our security.)

Two VFW security mandates from the 82nd National Convention apply:

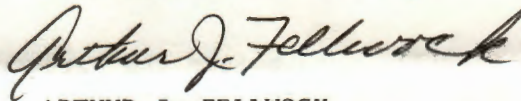
(a) Resolution Number 407, "Defense: The Long Road Back" concludes that "President Reagan, in his necessarily long-term plan to 'rearm America,' enjoy our undivided loyalty and support;" and

(b) Resolution Number 408, "Shoring Up The Middle East" which calls for "full and demonstrated support for Saudi Arabia," and "halting and reversing Soviet penetration of the area by every possible means."

The next six weeks will demonstrate whether or not it is possible to advance a "Made-in-America" policy towards the Middle East.

The AWACs package is in the national interest and should not be blocked.

Cordially in comradeship,



ARTHUR J. FELLWOCK
Commander-in-Chief

from the desk of

Memo

OCT 21 1981

COOPER T. HOLT

October 20, 1981

For your information.

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HONORABLE RAYMOND J. DONOVAN
SECRETARY OF LABOR
U. S. DEPARTMENT OF LABOR
200 CONSTITUTION AVENUE, N.W.
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THE VFW HAS REPEATEDLY EXPRESSED CONCERN TO YOU REGARDING THE
NON-SELECTION OF AN ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF LABOR FOR VETERANS
EMPLOYMENT. ADDITIONALLY, WE HAVE POINTED OUT THAT THERE ARE
PRESENTLY 21 LEGISLATIVELY MANDATED POSITIONS WITHIN THE VETERANS
EMPLOYMENT SERVICE WHICH ARE VACANT. UNLESS IMMEDIATE ACTION IS
TAKEN TO RECTIFY THIS ALARMING SITUATION, THE VETERANS OF FOREIGN
WARS OF THE UNITED STATES WILL HAVE NO RECOURSE BUT TO FILE A CLASS
ACTION SUIT AGAINST THE DEPARTMENT OF LABOR REQUIRING COMPLIANCE
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October 19, 1981

*As we all know, Cooper
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VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS OF THE UNITED STATES

NATIONAL SECURITY AND FOREIGN AFFAIRS

Office of Director

October 19, 1981

Mr. Morton C. Blackwell
Special Assistant to the President
for Public Liaison
The White House
Washington, D. C. 20500

Dear Morton:

Brief update on our AWACs effort stemming from the October 6th meeting in the Family Theater:

Below groups tell me they will support:

1. VFW (of course)
2. American Legion (Finally!)
3. Air Force Association
4. National Association of Uniformed Services
5. Non-Commissioned Officers Association
6. Marine Corps League
7. Marine Corps Reserve Officers' Association
8. Reserve Officers Association
9. Military Order of World Wars
10. AMVETS
11. American Security Council
12. Association of Naval Aviators, Inc.

Possibles:

1. Association of the U. S. Army (now meeting at Sheraton Washington)
2. Legion of Valor (DSC & MOH winners)
(Maj. Jim Doughtie, 421 Bel Pre Road, Rockville, Maryland 20853
Recommend a Blackwell call here.)

The balance of the attendees either turned me down or are still waffling.


Organizations for AWACs will sign a common message to each Senator, message attached, and this common message will be the subject of a "Dear Colleague" by Baker or Tower drawing attention to support for President.



Page 2 -- Mr. Blackwell
October 19, 1981

Please advise Elizabeth Dole of the foregoing and you and Maizelle please stay out of "The Ear."

Most cordially,


Phelps Jones, Director
National Security and Foreign Affairs

PJ/mmt

**TO: EACH MEMBER OF THE UNITED STATES SENATE
97TH CONGRESS**

SUBJECT: THE AWACs SALE

We, the undersigned leaders of non-governmental organizations, urge each United States Senator to cast an affirmative vote when the AWACs "package" sale comes before the full Senate.

We are convinced for differing, yet compelling, reasons that this sale is in the wide national security interests of the United States.

We note that, if the Senate turns down the President's proposal, the Saudis will purchase an airborne radar package elsewhere. We further note that such an "elsewhere" purchase would diminish both our long term security and economic interests. We would be effectively "side-lined," watching events over which we had no control.

Finally, we note the ungrudging bipartisan support for the AWACs sale by all three living ex-Presidents, all six living ex-Secretaries of Defense, all five living ex-Presidential National Security advisors, two former Secretaries of State, and all three living former Chairmen of the Joint Chiefs of Staff.

Few votes you will ever cast as a U. S. Senator will be so irreversibly significant.

We call upon you to cast a vote supporting the President of the United States.

Sincerely,

VFW

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September 11, 1981

TO: VFW MAILING LIST MAINTAINED IN WASHINGTON OFFICE

FROM: COOPER T. HOLT, ACTING DIRECTOR
VFW POLITICAL ACTION COMMITTEE

SUBJECT: 1982 SENATORIAL RACES

While next year's election may be 14 months away, your VFW Political Action Committee can begin now to determine the outcome. You can do this by making a contribution to the VFW-PAC.

Many of our pro-defense/veteran incumbents do not yet have strong opponents. By contributing now, you add to our position of strength and discourage strong opposition. With our friends in strong position, our efforts next year can be directed toward defeating those who have not taken strong positions on national defense or who are not supporting our veterans programs.

You can be sure that all contributions--\$1 to \$1,000--will be put to good use.

Enclosed for your information you will find a state by state run-down of the Senatorial races to be filled during the 1982 Federal Election listing the incumbents, those who have filed to run, and those who are rumored to be running.

Sincerely yours,



COOPER T. HOLT, Acting Director
VFW Political Action Committee

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Enclosures

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STATE BY STATE SENATORIAL RACES
1982 FEDERAL ELECTION

ARIZONA

Senator Dennis DeConcini (D) -- September 7**

GOP CANDIDATES: Filed: Dean Sellers, Rancher

Rumored: State Representative Pete Dunn; Former Congressman John Conlan.

DEMOCRATS: Filed: Senator Dennis DeConcini.

CALIFORNIA

Senator S. I. Hayakawa (R) -- June 8

GOP CANDIDATES: Filed: Senator S. I. Hayakawa; Theodore Bruinsma; Congressman Barry Goldwater, Jr.; Kenneth Maddy; Congressman Pete McCloskey; Arthur Shingleton, Jr.; Congressman Bob Dornan.

Rumored: State Senator Dennis Carpenter; Maureen Reagan; San Diego Mayor Pete Wilson; Congressman John Rousselot; Charlton Heston; John Schmitz.

DEMOCRATS: Filed: Governor Edmund Brown, Jr.; State Senator Paul Carpenter; Assemblyman Leo McCarthy.

Rumored: Gore Vidal; Former Senator John Tunney; Robert Vaughn; Fresno Mayor Daniel Whitehurst; Tom Cardenas.

CONNECTICUT

Senator Lowell Weicker (R) -- September 9

GOP CANDIDATES: Filed: Senator Lowell Weicker; Author Robin Moore; Businessman Brad Peery.

Rumored: Prescott Bush.

DEMOCRATS: Filed: Former CIA Agent John Downey.

Rumored: Congressman Toby Moffett.

DELAWARE

Senator William V. Roth (R) -- September 12

GOP CANDIDATES: Filed: Senator William V. Roth.

DEMOCRATS: Filed: David Levinson.

FLORIDA

Senator Lawton Chiles (D) -- September 7

GOP CANDIDATES: Filed: William Markham.

Rumored: Congressman Bill Young; Frank Borman; Former Congressman Lou Frey; Jack Eckerd; Congressman Skip Bafalis.

DEMOCRATS: Although not yet filed, it is expected Senator Lawton Chiles will seek reelection.

HAWAII

Senator Spark Matsunaga (D) -- September 18

GOP CANDIDATES: Rumored: State House Minority Leader Kina'u Kamali'i; Assistant Minority Leader Fred Rohlfing; Andy Poi Poi.

DEMOCRATS: Filed: Senator Spark Matsunaga;

Rumored: Former Congresswoman Patsy Mink.

INDIANA

Senator Richard Lugar (R) -- May 4

GOP CANDIDATES: Filed: Senator Richard Lugar.

DEMOCRATS: Rumored: Floyd County Prosecutor Steve Bradley; Bloomington Mayor Francis X. McCloskey; State Senator Michael Kenball.

MAINE

Senator George Mitchell (D) -- June 8

GOP CANDIDATES: Filed: Congressman Dave Emery.

DEMOCRATS: Filed: Senator George Mitchell.

Rumored: Former Governor Ken Curtis.

MARYLAND

Senator Paul Sarbanes (D) -- September 14

GOP CANDIDATES: Filed: Roscoe Bartlett; Gerald R. Patnode, Jr.

Rumored: Congresswoman Marjorie Holt; County Executive Larry Hogan; Dallas Merrell.

DEMOCRATS: Filed: Senator Paul Sarbanes.

MASSACHUSETTS

Senator Edward Kennedy (D) -- September 14

GOP CANDIDATES: Filed: Businessman Ray Shamie.

Rumored: 1976 Republican Candidate Michael Robertson; 1978 Republican Candidate Avi Nelson; Mildred Jefferson; Congresswoman Margaret Heckler.

DEMOCRATS: Filed: Senator Edward Kennedy.

MICHIGAN

Senator Donald Riegle (D) -- August 3

GOP CANDIDATES: Filed: Former Congressman Phil Ruppe.

Rumored: Governor William Milliken; Bill Ballenger; Congressman Guy Vander Jagt.

DEMOCRATS: Filed: Senator Donald Riegle; Frank Cossa.

MINNESOTA

Senator David Durenberger (R) -- September 14

GOP CANDIDATES: Filed: Senator David Durenberger.

DEMOCRATS: Filed: Mark B. Dayton.

Rumored: Minneapolis Mayor Donald Fraser; 1978 Democratic Nominee Bob Short.

MISSISSIPPI

Senator John Stennis (D) -- June 1

GOP CANDIDATES: Rumored: Congressman Trent Lott; Leon Bramlett; Gil Carmichael; Charles Pickering.

DEMOCRATS: Senator John Stennis has announced his intention to seek re-election.

MISSOURI

Senator John Danforth (R) -- August 3

GOP CANDIDATES: Filed: Senator John Danforth.

DEMOCRATS: Filed: James Montgomery.

Rumored: Congressman Richard Gephardt.

MONTANA

Senator John Melcher (D) -- June 8

GOP CANDIDATES: Rumored: 1978 Republican Candidate Larry Williams; Congressman Ron Marlenee; Physicist Ken Nordtbedt; State Senator Allen Kilstad; Attorney Jim Phelps.

DEMOCRATS: Filed: Senator John Melcher.

NEBRASKA

Senator Edward Zorinsky (D) -- May 11

GOP CANDIDATES: Filed: General James Keck.

Rumored: Richard Thompson; David Tews.

DEMOCRATS: Filed: Senator Edward Zorinsky; Attorney Daniel Kevin Powers.

NEVADA

Senator Howard Cannon (D) -- September 14

GOP CANDIDATES: Filed: Sam Cavnar.

Rumored: GOP Chairman Frank Farenkopf; State Senator Cliff McCorkle; Jack Kenney; Steve Ritchie; Chief of the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation Bob Broadbent; Banker Kenny Guinn; Rick Fore.

DEMOCRATS: Filed: Senator Howard Cannon.

Rumored: Congressman James Santini.

NEW JERSEY

Senator Harrison Williams (D) -- June 8

GOP CANDIDATES: Filed: Jeffrey Bell; GOP Chairman Dave Norcross.

Rumored: Congressman Matt Rinaldo.

DEMOCRATS: Filed: Senator Harrison Williams; Attorney Howard Rosen; Former Congressman Andy Maguire.

Rumored: Governor Brendan Byrne; Former State Treasurer Richard Leone; Assemblywoman Mildred Garvin.

NEW MEXICO

Senator Harrison Schmitt (R) -- June 1

GOP CANDIDATE: Filed: Senator Harrison Schmitt.

DEMOCRATS: Filed: Former Governor Jerry Apodaca; Attorney General Jeff Bingaman.

Rumored: Bill Richardson.

NEW YORK

Senator Daniel Patrick Moynihan (D) -- September 14

GOP CANDIDATES: Filed: Former Congressman Bruce Caputo.

Rumored: State Senator Joe Bruno.

DEMOCRATS: Filed: Senator Daniel Patrick Moynihan.

Rumored: Former Congresswoman Liz Holtzman.

NORTH DAKOTA

Senator Quentin Burdick (D) -- September 7

GOP CANDIDATES: Rumored: Bud Wessman; State Senator David Nething; State Senator Jan Tennefos; State Representative Earl Strinden.

DEMOCRATS: Filed: Senator Quentin Burdick.

Rumored: Congressman Byron Dorgan.

OHIO Senator Howard Metzenbaum (D) -- June 8
GOP CANDIDATES: Filed: Congressman John Ashbrook.
 Rumored: Governor James Rhodes; City Councilman Walter Beckjord;
 Businessman Peter E. Voss.
DEMOCRATS: Filed Senator Howard Metzenbaum.

PENNSYLVANIA Senator John Heinz (R) -- May 18
GOP CANDIDATES: Filed: Senator John Heinz.
DEMOCRATS: Rumored: Former Congressman Pete Kostmayer.

RHODE ISLAND Senator John Chafee (R) -- September 21
GOP CANDIDATES: Filed: Senator John Chafee.
DEMOCRATS: Rumored: Governor Joseph Garrahy; Former Attorney General
 Julius Michaelson; Attorney General Dennis Roberts.

TENNESSEE Senator James Sasser (D) -- August 5
GOP CANDIDATES: Filed: Congressman Robin Beard.
 Rumored: State Representative David Copeland; State Senator Victor
 Ashe.
DEMOCRATS: Filed: Senator James Sasser; William Bruce.
 Rumored: Congressman Albert Gore.

TEXAS Senator Lloyd Bentsen (D) -- May 1
GOP CANDIDATES: Filed: Don L. Richardson; Congressman Jim Collins (filed
 under exploratory).
 Rumored: Congressman Bill Archer; Secretary of State George Strake;
 State Senator Walter "Mad Dog" Mengden.
DEMOCRATS: Filed: Senator Lloyd Bentsen.
 Rumored: Former Congressman Bob Krueger.

UTAH Senator Orrin Hatch (R) -- September 14
GOP CANDIDATES: Filed: Senator Orrin Hatch.
DEMOCRATS: Rumored: Dan Berman; District Court Judge Stewart Hansen;
 Governor Scott Matheson; Former Congressman Wayne Owens; Robert
 Redford; Salt Lake City Mayor Ted Wilson; Former Governor Cal
 Rampton.

VERMONT Senator Robert Stafford (R) -- September 14
GOP CANDIDATES: Filed: Senator Robert Stafford.
DEMOCRATS: Rumored: Former Governor Thomas Salmon; Secretary of State
 James Guest.

VIRGINIA Senator Harry Byrd (I) -- June 4
GOP CANDIDATES: Rumored: Congressman Paul Trible; Congressman Caldwell
 Butler; Tom Byrd.
DEMOCRATS: Filed: Daniel Park Teter.
INDEPENDENT: Rumored: Senator Harry Byrd.

WASHINGTON

Senator Henry M. Jackson (D) -- September 14

GOP CANDIDATES: Rumored: Former Governor Dan Evans; Congressman Joel Pritchard; 1980 Primary Candidate Lloyd Cooney; State Representative William Polk; Duane Berentson.

DEMOCRATS: Filed: Senator Henry M. Jackson; R. Virgil Donovan.

WEST VIRGINIA

Senator Robert Byrd (D) -- June 1

GOP CANDIDATES: Rumored: Congressman Cleve Benedict.

DEMOCRATS: Filed: Senator Robert Byrd.

Rumored: Attorney H. John Rogers.

WISCONSIN

Senator William Proxmire (D) -- September 14

GOP CANDIDATES: Rumored: 1980 Primary Candidate Terry Kohler; State Senator Scott McCallum; Congressman Steve Gunderson.

DEMOCRATS: Senator Proxmire is expected to seek reelection.

WYOMING

Senator Malcolm Wallop (R) -- September 14

GOP CANDIDATES: Filed: Senator Malcolm Wallop.

DEMOCRATS: Filed: Roger McDaniel; State Party Finance Chairman Bryan Sharrat.

Rumored: Governor Ed Herschler.