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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

December 17, 1976

ADMINISTRATIVELY CONFIDENTIAL

MEMORANDUM FOR: JACK MARSH  
FROM: JAMES E. CONNOR  
SUBJECT: Donald G. Ogilvie memo, 12/15/76  
re A-7 Aircraft

The attached was returned in the President's outbox with the following notation:

- "1) Tower felt good about D.R.'s decision to renew his December 4th action.
- 2) He also gave me story on need for the "big" carrier."

Please follow-up with appropriate action.

cc: Dick Cheney

THE WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON

Jack March

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- 2) He also gave me story on need for the "big" market.



EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

OFFICE OF MANAGEMENT AND BUDGET

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20503

THE PRESIDENT HAS BEEN INFORMED

INFORMATION

December 15, 1976

MEMORANDUM FOR: THE PRESIDENT

FROM: DONALD G. OGILVIE

SUBJECT: A-7 Aircraft

As I reported to you last night, the Secretary of Defense has decided to terminate A-7E procurement upon completion of the FY 77 program.

- ° On December 4, Secretary Rumsfeld eliminated \$172 million in the 1978 Budget which would have been used to procure 27 A-7E aircraft.
- ° At the same time, he approved procurement of 15 A-6 (all weather) attack aircraft at a cost of \$172 million.
- ° If this decision is not changed, the A-7E line will terminate in March 1979 as the last of 30 aircraft funded in the 1977 Budget are completed.
- ° The Navy has appealed Secretary Rumsfeld's decision. I understand that Secretary Rumsfeld may consider adding additional funds to procure a few A-7E aircraft in 1978 at the minimum sustaining rate.
- ° If the proposed sale of one squadron of A-7E aircraft to Pakistan is approved in January, there will be sufficient time to order the aircraft without causing a "gap" in the production line.
- ° The A-7E is made by L.T.V. and produced in Dallas and the A-6 is made by Grumman and produced in Long Island. As you know, the F-16 made by General Dynamics will be produced at Ft. Worth.

I will be happy to provide any additional information.