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MEMORANDUM FOR SECRETARY OF DEFENSE -- ACTION MEMORANDUM

SUBJECT: Congressional Inquiry on Fleet Air Defense

Attached is a proposed response to Senator Bayh's letter to you of November 25, 1975.

This is the third letter Senator Bayh has written on this subject. We have hesitated to undertake a study for an individual member of Congress because we have a very limited staff and could soon become saturated with study requests from such a large body. In this particular case, there is a Navy study in progress which can be used to answer his questions.

However, I feel strongly that we should deal directly with Senator Bayh's staff. Otherwise, we will not be able to assure ourselves that the Senator is getting a correct interpretation of the study. In this regard, we have had several discussions with the GAO staff, but so far they have been all one way. We supply information but they do not give us feedback.

  
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Attachment

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Honorable Donald Rumsfeld  
Secretary of Defense  
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. Secretary:

Over the last several months, I have had the opportunity to correspond with former Secretary of Defense Schlesinger and his assistants regarding the need for a thorough cost effectiveness study of the Navy's fleet air defense forces.

In a letter dated July 15 Deputy Secretary Clements indicated that the scope of studies underway would be reviewed to meet my concerns. He also indicated that GAO staff would be asked for suggestions regarding these studies.

I write now to bring these matters to your attention and re-emphasize the importance I place upon them. It is essential that Congress be provided with an analysis of the integration of point defenses, area defenses, air based and sea based defenses, and warning, communication, and countermeasure systems. As I noted in my last letter to Secretary Schlesinger, we on the Hill need to consider proposed major systems not in isolation, but for their additional contribution to the whole array of mission forces just as the Defense Department does in planning procurement budgets.

I would hope the studies are proceeding, and I again ask that there be coordination with GAO on ground-rules and underlying assumptions.

In order that the study be of maximum benefit to Congress, it would be appreciated if copies could be made available when the Administration presents its Budget request.



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In the meantime, I wonder if you could provide me with a copy of a report I read about in Jack Anderson's column of November 20 entitled "1985 Air Threat to Navy Forces" by the Defense Intelligence Projection and Planning Team. This study would be helpful to me and my staff in obtaining an understanding of the dangers confronting us.

Thank you for your consideration.

Best personal regards.

Sincerely,



Birch Bayh  
United States Senator

