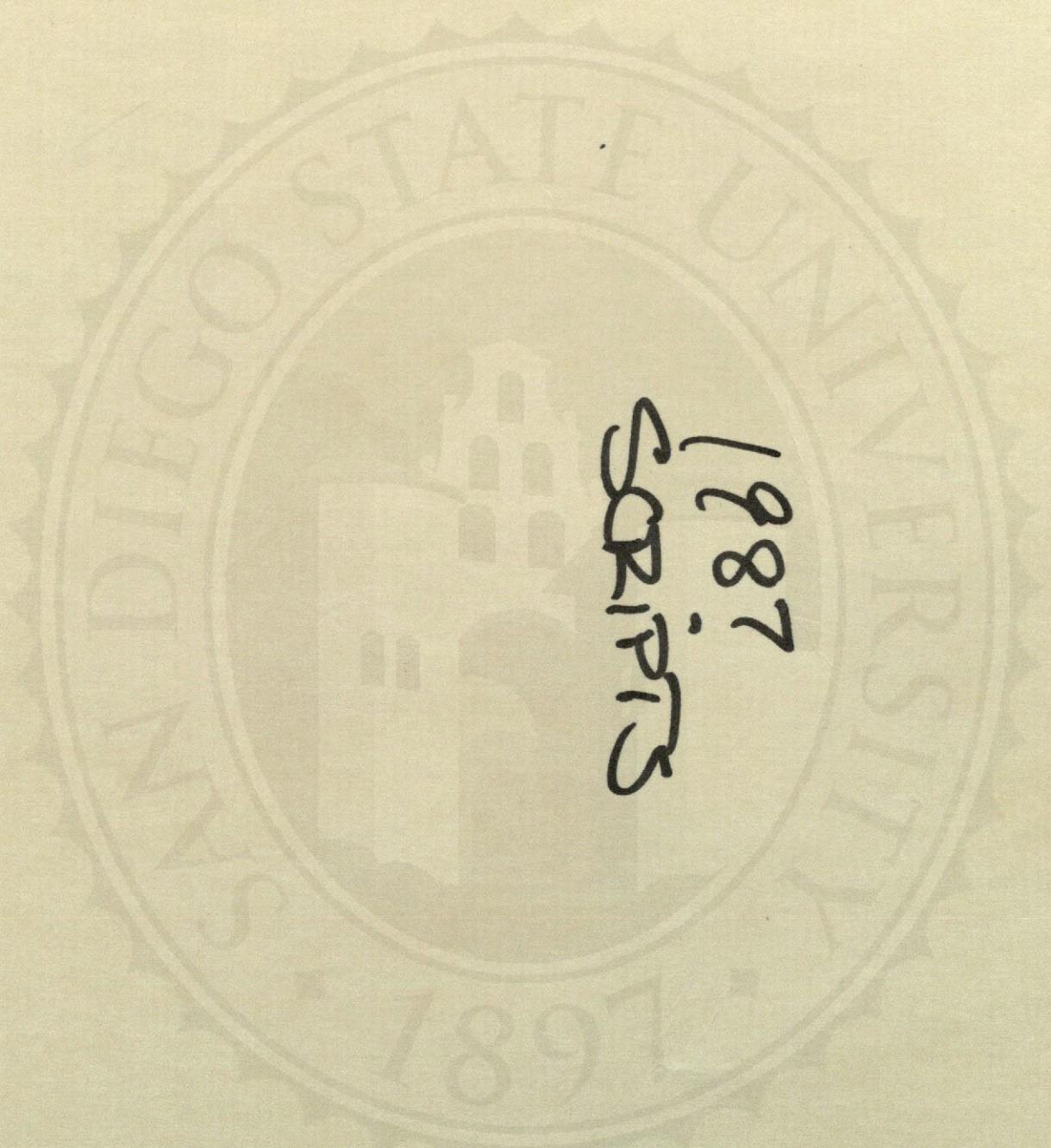


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TOM JARRIEL

Teams of investigators began moving through the rubble of the hotel today even before all of the victims had been found and as the ruins were still smoldering. Their urgency was based on numerous leads that this fire was no accident and that the hotel was ill-prepared for such a tragedy. ABC's **JOHN MARTIN** is in Puerto Rico.

**JOHN MARTIN**

This morning as the sun rose on the damaged hotel, police and fire workers assembled, Puerto Rican nurses vaccinated agents from the FBI and Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms to protect them they said from disease. They are among scores of investigators trying to find out what caused the fire and why it killed so many people.

HOTEL OFFICIAL

All we're saying, when you investigate a fire you have to consider the possibility of criminal act or something.

**JOHN MARTIN**

There are many confusing clues. Guests saw no water sprinklers in the casino, but none are required by law. Still they also heard no alarms, which are required.

WOMAN SURVIVOR

But we didn't hear anything.

**JOHN MARTIN**

You didn't hear any fire alarm at all.

WOMAN

No there was none.

**JOHN MARTIN**

Investigators say a fire ball swept across from the ballroom into the casino and wrapped around an elevator bank and into the lobby. Some survivors claim that casino doors leading to safety were closed by an employee. A worker reportedly said it was done as a matter of policy to contain the fire and to protect casino money. Survivors, however, panicked.

MAN

And one Americano me dice, Oh, my God, they locked the doors on us.

**JOHN MARTIN**

Another guest, said elevators were not shut down as they should have been and apparently delivered passengers from upper floors to their deaths in the inferno of the lobby. But hotel officials said they had not acted negligently and what concerned them was that the fire started only minutes after a union meeting ended in the same room.

HOTEL OFFICIAL

The meeting ended, according to the information I have, approximately 3:30 and the fire in the ballroom started immediately.

**JOHN MARTIN**

The hotel manager's wife said he'd been threatened during a labor dispute. A Detroit couple said it was told there might be trouble at the hotel and the Teamsters ran radio commercials threatening a strike and saying the Dupont Plaza might not be the best place to celebrate New Year's Eve. Today at the union hall, where members of Teamsters 901 talked of their jobs, officials said they had left the hotel before the fire started. They conceded the union had been accused of corruptions and violence in years past, but that it had been cleaned up. They said three union members died in the fire and the union would pay 15,000 dollars to find out who was responsible. So, despite these denials of wrongdoing, the authorities here are faced with two avenues of investigation. One pointing toward possible negligence by the hotel, the other toward possible homicide by somebody connected with the labor union with an unsavory reputation. **JOHN MARTIN**, ABC News, San Juan, Puerto Rico.

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Story Name: SUSPICION THAT LABOR UNION CAUSED DUPONT HOTEL FIRE

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Correspondent: JOHN MARTIN, SAN JUAN, PUERTO RICO

Content:

**JOHN MARTIN**

This is **JOHN MARTIN**. (HOTEL FTG) There are unconfirmed reports here that workers sifting debris have come across indications that incendiary devices may have started the Dupont Plaza fire. But the FBI said today that so far there is no hard evidence of arson. Even so witnesses said they were warned of trouble in advance. This Detroit couple staying at another hotel was told by the desk clerk there not to visit the Dupont Plaza because of labor problems.

**FREDA FENNER**

He said, well, they've had a couple of fires. This union thing there is going to be strike and bombing don't go near the place.

**JOHN MARTIN**

At the same time, the widow of the hotel operations manager, whose body was reportedly identified last night, said she and her husband were warned in recent weeks by notes that he would be killed. She said comments by this union negotiator Jorge Farinacci that the union would not resort to violence were not believable.

**MERCEDES JENOURI**

I don't think it's a coincidence. I heard Mr. Farinacci on the radio today saying that labor unions would never do a thing like that, that's a labor of a madman. I think he's a madman, he told me he was going to do it and he's done it. I believe he's killed my husband.

**JOHN MARTIN**

Mr. Farinacci was not immediately available for comment. Federal records show he is free on a million dollars bail suspected of being a member of a Puerto Rican terrorist group that staged a seven million dollar robbery of the Wells Fargo office in Connecticut in 1983. At union headquarters, however, today he was defended as an able negotiator and an unlikely arsonist.

**RENE RODRIGUEZ / TEAMSTERS**

I know Farinacci and he has a deep regard for the human being, for human life and we believe, I want to make that clear, that this union or no one related to our union has nothing to do at all with what was happening in the Dupont Plaza.

**JOHN MARTIN**

At the same time, there was evidence that a casino security guard acting to contain the fire closed and locked the casino doors trapping numerous victims including himself.

**GLADYS MERRERO / HOTEL RECEPTIONIST**

You know with keys he just locked the doors and everybody was just standing there looking out.

**JOHN MARTIN**

And they couldn't get out of the casino?

**GLADYS MERRERO**

No.

**JOHN MARTIN**

So as the toll continues to mount here, the authorities are still looking at two possible explanations of what happened, one pointing toward negligence, the other toward arson and the strong possibility that both factors may have contributed to the deaths at Dupont Plaza. **JOHN MARTIN**, ABC News, San Juan, Puerto Rico.

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Correspondent: JOHN MARTIN, WASHINGTON, DC USA  
Content: PETER JENNINGS

Another of the men who has been a very close adviser to President Reagan is going to face a special prosecutor. Late today the Justice Department asked that an independent counsel investigate whether Lyn Nofziger, the former White House political adviser, violated federal ethics laws. ABC's **JOHN MARTIN** reports first on why this latest development.

**JOHN MARTIN**

The Justice Department asked for a independent investigation of two lobbying efforts by Nofziger within a year after he left the White House in 1982. (NOFZIGER) In one, only four months after he resigned as special assistant for political affairs, he wrote to White House official James Jenkins asking for help for this company, Wedtech of New York which wanted an Army engine contract.

The company got the contract. (LETTER) In a second letter, Nofziger wrote to then National Security Adviser William Clark in December 1982, only 11 months after he left office. In it he asked Clark's help for the Comet Rice Company, a client which wanted a special waiver of export regulations. The law bans such contacts within a year of leaving government. Nofziger's attorney, however, said he expected his client to be exonerated.

**PAUL PERITO / ATTORNEY**

We believe that after a full, fair and thorough investigation the independent counsel will enter findings that there has been no violation by Mr. Nofziger of the Ethics in Government Act.

**JOHN MARTIN**

So along with Michael Deaver, who is still under investigation and Attorney General Edwin Meese, who was cleared, Lyn Nofziger becomes the third close personal associate of the President to face a special investigation under the Ethics in Government Act.

**JOHN MARTIN**, ABC News, Washington.

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Story Name: FLIGHT CREW CLAIMS TO HAVE SMUGGLED CONTRA WEAPONS FOR DRUGS

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Correspondent: JOHN MARTIN, WASHINGTON, DC USA

Content: PETER JENNINGS

There are reports today, as we said, that flight crews secretly delivering arms to Nicaragua's Contra rebels were also involved in smuggling drugs into this country. As ABC's **JOHN MARTIN** reports there are a lot of questions about who really was involved and why.

**JOHN MARTIN**

Two men in jail in Miami awaiting trial, an air charter company owner and one of his pilots, say some Contras sold drugs for weapons. The pilot, Gary Betsner is a confessed, convicted drug smuggler. In a statement he said he made three drug deliveries for men his boss told him were Contra officers backed by US agents.

**GARY BETSNER**

I do not deny that as a pilot I smuggled my share of illegal substance, but by the same token I also smuggled my share of weapons in exchange for those illegal substances with the full knowledge and assistance of both the DEA and CIA.

**JOHN MARTIN**

The DEA today called Betsner's charge outrageous nonsense. The CIA called it untrue and said had it discovered such smuggling it would have reported it. But a senior government official said that for a time the CIA did not report some drug deals that may have involved Contras and pilots. (MAP) Betsner says that in 1983 he flew weapons from Florida to El Salvador and drugs from Colombia to the Bahamas on the way back. In 1984 he says, he flew twice from Florida to Costa Rica and back each time he says he carried weapons south and drugs north.

**GEORGE MORALES**

We're going to prove that I've been working with them. That I've been helping the Contras.

**JOHN MARTIN**

Accused smuggler George Morales claims some Contra leaders profited from drug transactions but does not say who. Investigators suspect he and Betsner are lying to avoid long prison terms. The DEA meanwhile denies it has evidence of smuggling by Contras or crews. One report says a Contra crewman tried to squelch a DEA investigation by dropping Oliver North's name. But the DEA says it hasn't been investigating Contra smugglers and hasn't been told not to investigate them. One question tonight, of course, is whether Betsner and Morales were Contra pilots who sold drugs for weapons or perhaps ordinary criminals trying to pin their crime on somebody else. **JOHN MARTIN**, ABC News, Washington.

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Story Name: SNOWSTORM HITS EAST COAST, DC PROTEST GOES ON ANYWAY

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Correspondent: JOHN MARTIN, WASHINGTON, DC USA

Content:

**JOHN MARTIN**

This is **JOHN MARTIN**. (STORM) At 6:39 this morning heavy snow was falling against the Capitol dome here in Washington. Even so, the government brought in 300,000 employees. Within a few hours it sent them home. Some people tried to carry on. (PROTEST) About 2,000 opponents of abortion gathered at the White House. President Reagan encouraged them from inside to fight on.

**PRESIDENT REAGAN**

It's evident to me that you're not going to let a little weather stand in the way of this noble cause.

**JOHN MARTIN**

So they marched in the great Washington snowstorm of 1987, the worst since 16 inches fell in 1983. This time, more than 11 inches fell by midday. (JAMS) Cars jammed Constitution Avenue, airports closed, workers scrambled for transportation. But despite all that, many people marveled at the snow.

**WOMAN**

Oh, yes, wonderful, it's great. Beautiful.

**MAN**

She wasn't saying that a few minutes ago.

**JOHN MARTIN**

**JOHN MARTIN**, ABC News, Washington.

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Story Name: CIA CHIEF CASEY RESIGNS, REVIEW OF HIS CAREER

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Content: PETER JENNINGS

As director of the CIA for the better part of six years, William Casey had more of an impact on matters that most Americans are not aware of than almost any other member of the Reagan cabinet. We asked ABC's

JOHN MARTIN to review Casey's time as director.

JOHN MARTIN

(CASEY) Bill Casey reveres bold actions and even his critics said today he had boldly restored the CIA in two critical areas.

SENATOR PATRICK LEAHY

A substantial increase of morale in the CIA and significantly boosted up the budget in areas of intelligence gathering that I felt needed the boosting of it.

JOHN MARTIN

When Casey took command of the CIA in 1981 the agency's covert operation branch had been cut back after scandals uncovered by the Church committee in the 1970s. Now with Casey pushing the agency's budget more than doubled. Former CIA general counsel Stanley Sporkin called Casey the Vince Lombardi of the intelligence world. A good coach who restored team pride. Sporkin, who is now a federal judge, said it was too early to judge the Iran and Contra affairs. Some critics aren't waiting.

CONGRESSMAN LARRY SMITH

But I am frankly very happy that he has resigned. I think it was certainly in the national interest for him to have resigned.

JOHN MARTIN

The critics point back to 1984 and the mining of Nicaraguan harbors, the distribution of a manual for assassinating Nicaraguan officials. (MANUAL) Not forewarned a leading senator erupted in despair.

SENATOR DANIEL MOYNIHAN

(1984 TWWDB FTG) I will resign as vice chairman of the committee.

JOHN MARTIN

Casey was director during an extraordinary series of spy cases some involving the CIA itself. But one important nagging question is whether an attempt to save a CIA officer, hostage William Buckley caused Casey to involve the agency in arms sales to Iran and later illegally use CIA bank accounts to fund the Contras in Nicaragua.

(SOLDIERS) At least one former CIA director refuses to absolve the President for the decisions Casey may have carried out.

WILLIAM COLBY

He's a risk taker, he's a doer. He's not one who sits behind and wants to do as little as possible in order not to get into trouble. And therefore he has walked up to the President said, yes, sir, we will do it.

JOHN MARTIN

But it's the same attitude that leaves even Republicans concerned about the Casey legacy. A CIA once again ready to act but a Congress so disaffected that it may block covert actions that need to be conducted. JOHN MARTIN, ABC News, Washington.

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Story Name: REAGAN'S SOUTH AFRICAN POLICY PANEL SAYS IT'S NOT WORKING

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Content: PETER JENNINGS

From overseas today news reports say that at least 30 people were killed when Afghan rebels fired a rocket at a Soviet plane in eastern Afghanistan. The Soviets confirm it. The attack came shortly after the plane took off from an airport near the Pakistani border. It is not clear whether it was a military or civilian plane or how many people were on board. For much of the time that he has been in office President Reagan has called his administration's policy toward South Africa one of constructive engagement and it has taken a lot of flak from those who think that it doesn't encourage the South Africa to do away with its racial policies. Well, President Reagan appointed a panel to study that policy and a report will be given to the Secretary of State tomorrow. We already know what it says. It says that the President's policy is a failure. Here's ABC's **JOHN MARTIN**.

**JOHN MARTIN**

(SOUTH AFRICAN SCENES) For six years while thousand of South Africans died in racial conflict, the United States has insisted on trying to encourage rather than pressure the government to grant political and racial freedom to 25 million blacks. The policy's architect is Chester Crocker, Assistant Secretary of State. Now a presidential committee has concluded that his plan of constructive engagement has not worked. One committee member former Attorney General Griffin Bell said the President needs to become personally involved in urging allies to take joint action. Another member, Owen Bieber, of the United Auto Workers, calls for even stronger sanctions if Pretoria fails to act. Their committee has called for joint allied economic sanctions if the South Africa government does not quickly end the current state of emergency, release all political prisoners, recognize the banned African National Congress as legitimate. The US did that two weeks ago when Secretary of State Shultz met with ANC chairman Oliver Tambo.

(GRAPHICS) The report also calls for an end to Israeli shipments and sales to South Africa of high technology products from the United States. The report says there is an urgent need to foster negotiations between the South African government and black representatives to shape a non racial democratic political system. Last year, President Reagan vetoed even mild sanctions but Congress overrode the veto. The foreign policy community is watching to see whether the administration will implement these recommendations or file them away in embarrassment for having followed a failed policy for six long years. **JOHN MARTIN**, ABC News, Washington.

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Story Name: MCFARLANE IN GOOD CONDITION AFTER ATTEMPTED SUICIDE

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Content: PETER JENNINGS

It has been very difficult for many people to absorb the news, yesterday it was only a suggestion. Today the police say that Robert McFarlane, the President's former National Security Adviser, did try to take his own life with an overdose of Valium. Mr. McFarlane may be the only person who knows why but almost everyone who has an opinion makes some connection to the Iran affair. We begin our coverage with ABC's **JOHN MARTIN**.

**JOHN MARTIN**

McFarlane remained in Bethesda Naval Hospital today in good condition the hospital said but not well enough to go home. McFarlane reportedly took more than 20 Valium tablets sometime Sunday night or Monday morning. A police detective is quoted as calling it an apparent suicide attempt. A source told ABC News that when ambulance technicians arrived they found McFarlane fully dressed conscious but woozy. The source said Mrs. McFarlane held a note in her hand and appeared to be in a state of shock. (GRAPHICS) A transcript of Mrs. McFarlane's telephone 911 call for help offered this description. Mrs. McFarlane: "He doesn't seem to be able to quite become conscious". Dispatcher: "So you're telling me he is unconscious". Mrs. McFarlane: "Well, he is sort of semi-lucid. He can mumble but he can't quite get it". Today from her husband's office here in Washington, Jonda McFarlane issued a one line statement. "Bud and the children and I appreciate enormously the great love and support that we are getting from friends and strangers alike". At their home, friends say the family has received numerous flowers and messages of encouragement. But the family's silence about the circumstances of the overdose did not answer the question of why the former National Security Adviser may have been attempting suicide. McFarlane was known to be depressed and under extraordinary strain from the controversy created by his role in selling arms to Iran and the resulting storm of public criticism.

**SENATOR WARREN RUDMAN**

Obviously has been very depressed. Has told friends, people I know, that he felt he let the President down.

**JOHN MARTIN**

A former National Security Counsel associate said McFarlane's openness about the Iran operation had taken its toll because others have refused to speak.

**GEOFFREY KEMP / FORMER NSC MEMBER**

Because I think that Bud's been carrying the burden for a lot of people on this for far too long.

**JOHN MARTIN**

Today a public health advocate criticized the prescription of Valium under such circumstances even for lower back pain as reported.

**DR. SIDNEY WOLFE**

Mr. McFarlane as we know him through reading about him is the classic kind of personality who should be kept as far removed as possible from this family of drugs.

**JOHN MARTIN**

Dr. Wolfe said a family of 11 tranquilizers has become a major vehicle by which Americans attempt to commit suicide or signal they are under extraordinary stress. At the White House today the President's spokesman said Mr. Reagan called the McFarlane family to express concern and good wishes. The McFarlane episode has shaken the capital at a time when the scandal over Iran and Nicaragua has still not run its course. So it has left the political community here in a state regret and shock.

**JOHN MARTIN**, ABC News, Washington.

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Story Name: INVESTIGATIONS INTO IBC AND CHANNELL'S CONTRA FUNDRAISING

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Correspondent: JOHN MARTIN, WASHINGTON, DC USA

Content: PETER JENNINGS

Well, we have reported before on this broadcast that a number of the investigations underway have been concentrating their attention on private organizations with which Colonel North was connected and which might have been used to channel money and arms to the Contras in Nicaragua. One of the organizations being scrutinized is International Business Communications or IBC. **JOHN MARTIN** has the result of an ABC News investigation.

**JOHN MARTIN**

These are the offices of International Business Communications, a public affairs and political counseling company in Washington. (GRAPHICS) According to documents and minutes of its meetings obtained by ABC News last year IBC helped carry out a vast national media campaign on behalf of the Nicaraguan rebels. It sent seven Contra speakers to 72 congressional districts spread over 12 states. The speakers pushed the cause of the Contras while Congress was trying to decide whether to resume military aid. (CONTRACT) At the same time, this secret State Department contract called for IBC to advise Central American officials visiting the United States and to assist journalists visiting Central America. Contra sources told ABC News meanwhile that IBC helped pay expenses for this Contra lobbying office in Washington. Although such activities were apparently not illegal, the State Department is investigating the contract. But IBC got a lot of money from another source and investigators want to know whether any of it went to buy arms illegally for the Contras. The Tower Commission is studying IBC's relationship to conservative fundraiser Spitz Channell and the money Channell raised with former National Security Council staff member Oliver North. Some of that money may have been used to pay David Fischer, after he left his job as special assistant to President Reagan and became an IBC consultant. Photocopies of bills and three checks show Fischer was paid 20,000 dollars a month by Channell. Channell is president of the National Endowment for the Preservation of Liberty, a conservative foundation with offices three blocks from the White House. Some reports have alleged that North gave Channell money diverted from the Iran arms sales to help lobby for the Contras. Channell has denied these allegations. (LEDGERS) Ledgers and bank statements obtained by ABC News show that Channell paid IBC five million dollars in 15 months in unusually large amounts. Example, the Endowment records show it paid IBC more than 400,000 dollars in December 1985 and again in January 1986. The records also show payments of a 1,200,000 dollars in March and April 1986 when Congress was considering a series of votes on funding the Contras. Then the foundation gave IBC a single check on May 2nd, 1986 for 1,250,000 dollars. Channell refuses to comment and IBC president Rich Miller declines to explain the payments on the advice of counsel he said. But these records show that Channell paid most of the cost of the pro-Contra campaign to other companies so the mystery is why did IBC receive five million dollars. Investigators for independent counsel Lawrence Walsh are studying these records. They show much of the money paid to IBC came from a Channell account used for something called the Toys Project, a former employee told ABC News she believes the money was raised for military supplies. A Channell associate is quoted as saying, he was told the Toys Project was for Christmas assistance to the Contras and their families. But millions of dollars of expenditures by an organization linked to Colonel North raises another possibility, that Channell and North used IBC as a conduit for military aid to the Contras.

**JOHN MARTIN**, ABC News, Washington.

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Story Name: DEEVER ATTY SAYS INDEPENDENT COUNSEL IS UNCONSTITUTIONAL

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Members of the Tower Commission will appear before reporters tomorrow at 11 AM eastern time and ABC News will have live coverage of their news conference. Michael Deaver, a former presidential aide who has his own problems not connected to the Iran affair was to be indicted today. But in a highly unusual move Deaver's attorney went to court to prevent the indictment by filing a lawsuit against the independent counsel which has been investigating Deaver. It is the same legal maneuver made by Colonel North's lawyers just yesterday. Both are making the argument that the law creating the independent counsel violates the Constitution because the independent counsel appointed by a court is given power normally held only by the executive branch. Here's ABC's **JOHN MARTIN**.

**JOHN MARTIN**

(COURT SKETCHES) Deaver's attorneys went to the federal district court here to try to stop the special prosecutor just as he was about to ask a grand jury to indict the former White House official. Attorney Herbert Miller argued that the special prosecutor's appointment was unconstitutional, that only the President had the power to prosecute through the Justice Department.

Special prosecutor

Whitney North Seymour argued that Deaver had asked for an independent counsel in the first place and now facing indictment he has faced up to the fact that it's not coming out the way he wanted it to. Seymour told the court he had planned to ask a grand jury to indict Deaver on five counts. A source told ABC News the charge would be perjury, four times before a grand jury and once before a House subcommittee. But Judge Thomas Jackson ruled that the challenge to the law was worth hearing and ordered a ten day delay.

**MICHAEL DEEVER**

Any comment to be made on my behalf will be made through my attorneys.

**JOHN MARTIN**

But they were not commenting. Deaver's troubles stem from contacts he made with former White House associates after he left the job nearly two years ago. The 1978 Ethics in Government Act prohibits many such contacts for at least one year. The perjury charges apparently involve questions of whether Deaver concealed such contacts. On Capitol Hill meanwhile there was bipartisan support for Deaver's indictment and the law.

**CONGRESSMAN NORMAN LENT**

I'm here to applaud and to support what Whitney North Seymour has done here in seeking an indictment.

**CONGRESSMAN JOHN DINGELL**

For the court to throw out a statute as important to the order and to the cause of justice in this country as a special prosecutor statute would be a calamity of the greatest order.

**JOHN MARTIN**

The delay is temporary, but Reagan Administration officials are quietly applauding tonight because for the first time several former White House officials under investigation have won a modest victory. **JOHN MARTIN**, ABC News, Washington.

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The presidential review board says it was not able to pin down exactly where and by whom the arms for hostages deal was first conceived. But it is convinced the Israelis were deeply involved. Here's ABC's **JOHN MARTIN**.

**JOHN MARTIN**

(WAR FTG) In the middle of the Iran-Iraq war the United States shipped arms to Iran six times. (COMMISSION) The Tower report said today that after early US approaches to Iran were turned down within the US cabinet in 1984 the Israelis reopened the question in 1985. Foreign Ministry official David Kimche raised the issue.

**BRENT SCOWCROFT**

The Israelis certainly supported if they did not take a lead in the policy.

**JOHN MARTIN**

(GRAPHICS) The idea of trading arms for hostages originated, said the Commission, in a series of meetings between Israeli arms dealers, Saudi businessman Adnan Khashoggi and Iranian merchant Manucher Ghorbanifar. But the first two arms shipments ran into trouble, so Oliver North brought in the CIA and retired General Richard Secord. This network helped deliver four final shipments creating what the Commission said today was 23 million dollars in profits.

**JOHN TOWER**

We had evidence of a Contra diversion. There was no way we could conclude that there had actually been a diversion to the Contras.

**JOHN MARTIN**

Still the Commission has one big clue, an unsigned memo found in Oliver North's safe which reads: "Twelve million dollars in residual funds from the Iran arms sale would be used to purchase supplies for the Nicaraguan resistance". The Commission said it doesn't know what happened to the money but suggests some went into a Swiss bank account called Lake Resources. How did Lake supply the Contras and was that illegal? Even the Commission said today it couldn't tell. **JOHN MARTIN**, ABC News, Washington.

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Story Name: CONTRAS SHOOT DOWN USSR HELICOPTER IN NICARAGUA

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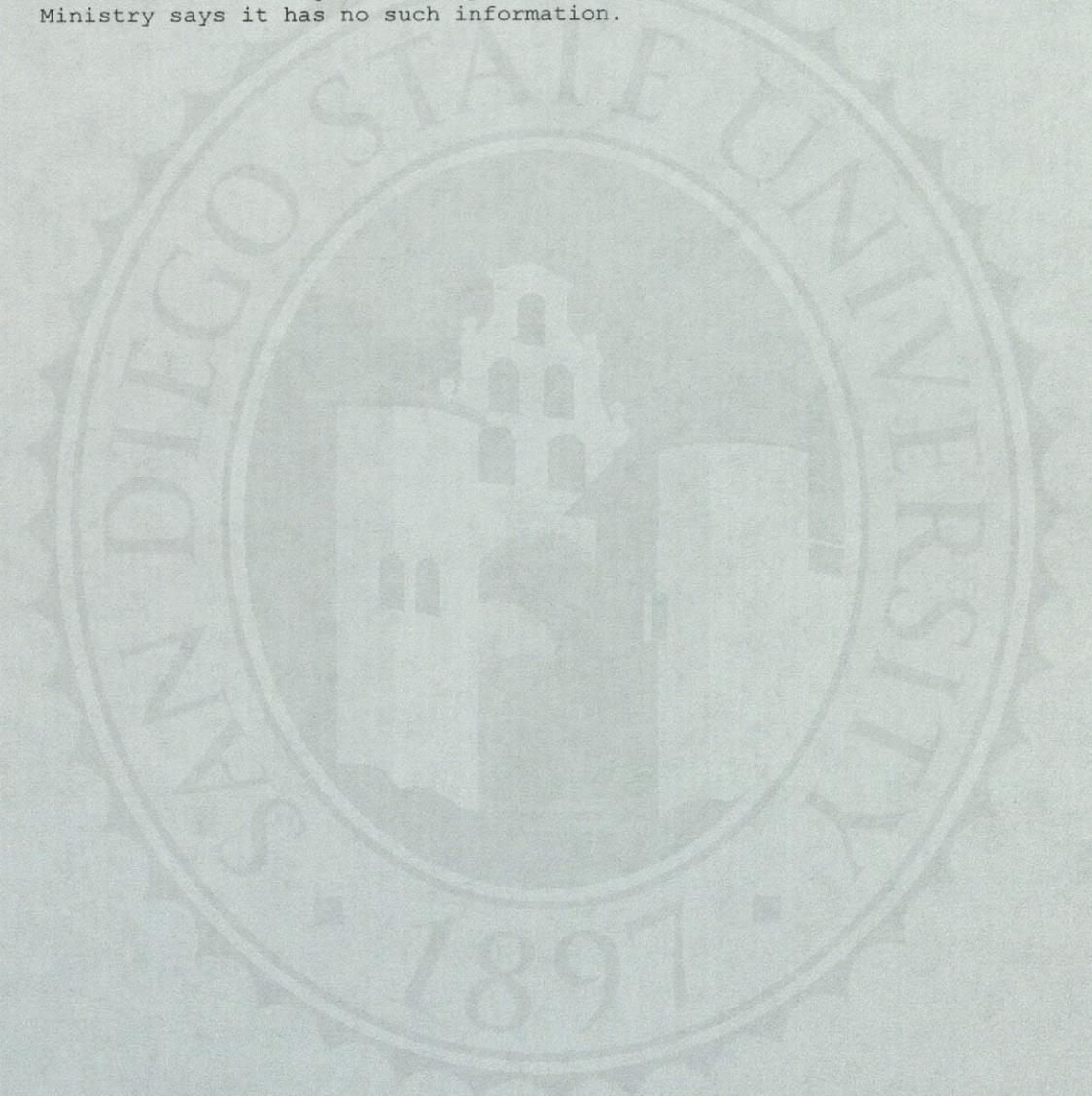
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Anchor: PETER JENNINGS, NEW YORK, NY USA

Content: 7:00 FEED SUPPLEMENT:

PETER JENNINGS

Nicaraguan sources in Miami have told ABC News' **JOHN MARTIN** tonight that Contra troops using a SAM-7 missile have shot down a Soviet-built Sandinista helicopter near the town of Pancalla about 150 miles from Managua, the capital. The Nicaraguan Defense Ministry says it has no such information.



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Story Name: NSA'S SECRET LISTENING DEVICE ON MCFARLANE'S PHONE

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Anchor: PETER JENNINGS, NEW YORK, NY USA

Correspondent: JOHN MARTIN, WASHINGTON, DC USA

Content: PETER JENNINGS

The Iran affair is not completely out of the news tonight. An article published in Progressive magazine, a liberal journal, claims that the National Security Agency used a secret listening device to continue monitoring the home telephone of former National Security Adviser Robert McFarlane after he left the White House. Here's ABC's **JOHN MARTIN**.

**JOHN MARTIN**

(MCFARLANE) The magazine reported that the device was found by private experts in a sewing room in the McFarlane home, a room that contained communications equipment while he was National Security Adviser. Quoting unnamed intelligence sources, the magazine said McFarlane's conversations were still monitored until last January, long after he left the White House. It said, "the conversations still flowed into a National Security monitoring system which permitted high officials to discuss secrets but also be monitored by the NSA". In Washington today, McFarlane had no comment but his wife did say there was so much communications gear in her house it was hard to tell what it was all for. On Capitol Hill, meanwhile, investigative staff said if the tapes exist they will ask the NSA to share the information. (MAP) The phone company disputes some of the details and NSA denies it was monitoring McFarlane's conversations but the story says phone calls from his house in Bethesda were intercepted here in the District of Columbia and sent by microwave to NSA computers in Maryland. The story says AT&T maps of the microwave system show it only went one way, meaning NSA could only have been monitoring. Experts said such a system exists and is legal.

**JAMES BAMFORD / INTELLIGENCE ANALYST**

The federal government has for many years had a policy of monitoring government phones to see if people are revealing classified information over these phones.

**JOHN MARTIN**

So the question tonight is whether there are new revelations on tape, which like the Watergate tapes of a scandal long ago, may hold the answer to the mystery of what happened in the Iran-Contra scandal today. **JOHN MARTIN**, ABC News, Washington.



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Story Name: DEEVER INDICTED BY SPECIAL PROSECUTOR ON PERJURY

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Anchor: TOM JARRIEL, WASHINGTON, DC USA

Correspondent: JOHN MARTIN, WASHINGTON, DC USA

Content: TOM JARRIEL

It's been a busy day here in Washington. The House of Representatives has voted to raise the speed limit on most interstate highways, the Senate has voted not to cut off aid to the Contras, and the two top figures in the Iran arms scandal will be granted immunity by Congress. First of all, the man who once moved with ease at the right hand of President Reagan as a top White House adviser, Michael Deaver, was indicted today on five counts of lying to Congress and a grand jury. The grand jury quickly moved on him with felony indictments after the Supreme Court earlier in the day rejected Deaver's challenge to the role of the special prosecutor. JOHN MARTIN has more.

JOHN MARTIN

Deaver's last hope of preventing an indictment ended at the Supreme Court this morning. (GRAPHICS) Chief Justice William Rehnquist denied a stay with a single paragraph ending, "I am not satisfied that the applicant has met his burden". One burden was to show why he should be permitted to block his investigation before he was accused of committing a crime. The other burden was to show that Congress had clearly not followed the Constitution by passing the special prosecutor's law. After the court acted, special prosecutor Whitney North Seymour convened the grand jury in secret where it indicted Deaver on five counts of perjury and making false declarations. Two counts accused him of lying to a House subcommittee last May, once in denying that he helped the Korean government lobby President Reagan on trade issues. The other by lying about contacts with eight White House officials including National Security officers JOHN Poindexter and Robert McFarlane for six separate clients. Three other counts accused Deaver of lying to the grand jury about meetings he held for TWA with Transportation Secretary Elizabeth Dole. Contacts for the Canadian government on the question of acid rain and contacts with Secretary of State George Shultz and NSC adviser Robert McFarlane for a Wall Street firm seeking tax breaks in Puerto Rico.

MICHAEL DEEVER

I am confident I have not committed perjury and that I will be acquitted after a trial.

JOHN MARTIN

But if he is convicted on all counts, Deaver faces up to 25 years in prison and up to 50,000 dollars in fines. Deaver also insisted that while he did not lie he might inadvertently have not recalled all contacts he made for his clients. The President and his wife tonight issued a statement of support for their friend of 20 years, once their closest political confidante now the first man indicted under this law. JOHN MARTIN, ABC News, Washington.

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Story Name: MCFARLANE REVEALS SAUDIS HELPED CONTRAS

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Anchor: TOM JARRIEL, WASHINGTON, DC USA

Correspondent: JOHN MARTIN, WASHINGTON, DC USA

Content: TOM JARRIEL

It's increasingly clear that other countries loyal to the United States have also been helping the Contras, countries like Saudi Arabia. Here's ABC's **JOHN MARTIN**.

**JOHN MARTIN**

(LS EMBASSY) Despite repeated denials from its embassy here, Saudi Arabian officials have been helping finance the Contras in Nicaragua for some time. (MCFARLANE/LETTER) The latest evidence comes in a secret letter Robert McFarlane sent last month to members of the Senate and House Intelligence Committees. (GRAPHICS) According to a source close to McFarlane, the former National Security Adviser wrote, just before his suicide attempt, that he had not disclosed that the Saudi Ambassador to the US, Prince Bandar, had voluntarily offered a million dollars a month in assistance to the Contras. (BANDAR) Later the sum was raised to two million dollars a month. Such contributions were not illegal at the time. (EMBASSY) The Saudi Embassy today denied that the government played any role in funding the Contras. But this California businessman with Saudi connections, claims he was asked to secretly funnel Saudi payments to the Contras. (PHOTOS) He says he was asked to form a partnership with Richard Secord and Albert Hakim, two associates of Colonel Oliver North.

**SAMUEL BAMIEH**

My understanding later on was that these funds were put in special Swiss accounts to be at the disposal of the US government.

**JOHN MARTIN**

(CONTRAS SUPPLIES) The Saudis were almost certainly involved in another part of the Contra effort as well. (GRAPHICS) An American communications specialist told ABC News the United States prepared last year two collect Contra supply records on computers in Costa Rica then feed them by satellite to a computer in Saudi Arabia. (MAP) The source said the system could track hundreds of thousands of weapons, uniforms, and equipment. Another source said he believed it could also track Saudi funds in the operation. Saudi Arabia has long looked to the CIA and the Pentagon for security and gotten it. So diplomatic and intelligence experts believe this secret financial arrangement was a way to return America's favor. **JOHN MARTIN**, ABC News, Washington.

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Story Name: BASEBALL'S DWIGHT GOODEN HAS COCAINE PROBLEM

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Anchor: PETER JENNINGS, NEW YORK, NY USA

Correspondent: JOHN MARTIN, NEW YORK, NY USA

Content: PETER JENNINGS

He had fame and he had money and he had millions of fans and perhaps the best right arm in all of baseball. Dwight Gooden, star pitcher of the New York Mets, seemed to have it all. Today we learned he also has a very big problem, it is called cocaine. Here's ABC's **JOHN MARTIN**.

**JOHN MARTIN**

(GAME FTG THROUGHOUT) In his rookie year, 1984, they began calling Dwight Gooden Doctor K. He earned more Ks than any rookie ever, he got 276 strike outs, he was Rookie of the Year. The next year Dwight Gooden got better winning 24 games, the most in the Major Leagues. He also won the Cy Young Award for the best pitcher in the National League and he was only 21 years old. But today under threat of suspension by Commission Peter Ueberroth, Gooden agreed to enter a drug rehabilitation program. The New York Mets announced the news.

**FRANK CASHEN / METS GENERAL MANAGER**

It was revealed here this morning in St. Petersburg that Dwight Gooden, who has been our stand up pitcher for the last few years, has voluntarily agreed to enter a medical counseling program to evaluate a possible drug use problem.

**CHARLES EHRLICH / GOODEN ATTY**

What we talking about is cocaine and the drug test was positive. It was urine test positive for cocaine.

**JOHN MARTIN**

(GAME) Gooden's troubles began last year. He still won 17 games but he seemed to lose his touch, his fast ball was off, he lost the only two games he pitched in the World Series. The Mets were winning the World Championship but Dwight Gooden was losing the luster of stardom. (ARTICLES) There were a series of mishaps and embarrassments off the field. (COURT FTG) Last December he went to court after a fight with police in Tampa. He pled no contest to charges of battery and resisting arrest.

**DWIGHT GOODEN**

Well you know, I just want to concentrate on baseball and get things back to normal, you know, live a normal life and to enjoy it again.

**KENNETH HERNANDEZ**

My main concern is just Doc's well being because I care for Doc. Doc is a very fine man.

**JOHN MARTIN**

So five days before the start of a season the baseball world hoped would take away the stain of last year's drug trial in Pittsburgh, the starting pitcher of the World Championship team has left the field before the opening pitch. **JOHN MARTIN**, ABC News, New York.

hours waiting on Atlanta to clear control.

AIRPORT ANNOUNCER

For the information of those passengers departing on Eastern flight 547 nonstop service to Atlanta, the aircraft should arrive a little later than expected.

**JOHN MARTIN**

(JET INTERIORS) We finally took off from New York at 8:11, the plane was due in Atlanta at 8:11.

JET ANNOUNCER

Ladies and gentlemen, welcome to Atlanta. The local time is 9:45.

**JOHN MARTIN**

So we landed an hour and 34 minutes late and Mr. Sheron was finally on his way home. From Atlanta we flew to Miami on a Delta flight selected by the airline. (JETS) Sixteen other Delta flights were taking off about the same time and so Delta 65 to Miami was due to land at 11:55 this morning, it's 11:56 right now and we're still in the air. We arrived 21 minutes late. Mostly due to ordinary traffic said the co-pilot who insisted that in general the system works reasonably well considering its complexity.

CO-PILOT PAUL BARTEL

It's simply not that easy to sit and say we're going to be able to fly six, seven hundred miles at such and such a speed and park you at a gate and land within a minute or two.

**JOHN MARTIN**

But it's not the minutes that bothered travelers it's the hours of delays they've now come to expect.

WOMAN

You have to be very, very patient and not have to be, you can't be in a hurry to get anywhere.

**JOHN MARTIN**

(TAKEOFF) So today, Americans with memories of exciting efficient air travel must wonder if they will ever again heed Frank Sinatra's call with quite the same enthusiasm.

FRANK SINATRA

(SONG) Pack up, let's fly away.

**JOHN MARTIN**

**JOHN MARTIN**, ABC News, New York.

PETER JENNINGS

Looks and sounds familiar doesn't it.

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Story Name: SPECIAL ASSIGN SERIES PART I: UP UP AND DELAY: COMPLAINTS

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Anchor: PETER JENNINGS, NEW YORK, NY USA

Correspondent: JOHN MARTIN, NEW YORK, NY USA

Content: PETER JENNINGS

We are virtually certain that a very large number of Americans will find the title of our series on air travel an accurate description, "Up, Up and Delay". It wasn't very long ago that going by air had a magic all of its own. Throughout this week we're going to share with you some of the horrors of air travel today. First some basic information from the Fact File. (GRAPHICS) There were more than six million commercial flights in the United States last year. They carried 400 million passengers. But something is wrong. The Department of Transportation says consumer complaints against airlines rose 43 percent in the first three months of this year. In March alone there were more than 2,000 complaints, double the number of a year ago. More than a third were about delays and cancellations. Just to get the adrenaline going we thought we'd begin by asking JOHN MARTIN to tell us all what it can really feel like to get from A to B these days.

JOHN MARTIN

(AIRPLANE INTERIOR) It's the great American fantasy, a trip to a faraway place, but for many Americans these days there's no joy left in getting there.

WOMAN

It's the pits. You think it's going to get you there quick but it doesn't.

MAN

It keeps getting worse and worse.

MAN

It's disgusting to fly like this. It don't make no sense. You know you have to wait on line over an hour when you get up here and finally get your ticket your flight is backed up another two hours. No.

JOHN MARTIN

But yes, and all this leads to one word travelers now expect to hear.

MAN

Delays. It's delay after delay. It seems to be the name of the game.

JOHN MARTIN

Four hundred seventeen thousand delays last year along, 25 percent more than the year before. (JETS) And almost everyone we talked to must have been on one of those flights.

WOMAN

It took me an hour and a half to get off the ground one time when I was flying to Montgomery, Alabama. And it didn't take as long to get to Montgomery once we got in the air.

JOHN MARTIN

At Newark, we met this man exasperated trying to put his daughter on a flight to Cincinnati.

MAN

Does operations know where the airplane is? No, operation doesn't know where the airplane is, but what's that out there on the tarmac, oh, that's not the one Mac that's not the airplane that's going. Ten minutes later announcing the departure of flight 4209 for Cincinnati. Run up to the baggage claim, grab the daughter, run back down to the gate again literally throw her on the airplane, have a good time. It's great fun flying, you'll love it.

JOHN MARTIN

To see just how much we'd love it we decided to take some flights.

EASTERN TICKET AGENT

It's late getting in here as far as I know.

JOHN MARTIN

At New York's LaGuardia Airport, our Eastern flight to Atlanta was running almost two hours late. Like many passengers we met, Charles Sheron a businessman, seemed resigned to his fate.

CHARLES SHERON

Anytime you're flying into Atlanta, sometimes you can just sit for

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Story Name: ACCUSED NAZI LINNAS DEPORTED TO USSR

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Anchor: PETER JENNINGS, NEW YORK, NY USA

Correspondent: JOHN MARTIN, NEW YORK, NY USA

Content: PETER JENNINGS

We begin this evening with the power over life and death. For the first time a man who is accused of being a Nazi war criminal is going to be deported by this country tonight against his will to the Soviet Union, where he is already under sentence of death. His name is Karl Linnas and he has been convicted in his absence by the Soviet Union for participating in mass murder. Today the Supreme Court refused to block his deportation. Here's ABC's **JOHN MARTIN**.

**JOHN MARTIN**

Linnas was brought to Kennedy Airport late this afternoon from a detention center where he was waiting when the order came for his deportation. (LINNAS) To reporters he said, "tell the American people that what they are doing is murder and kidnapping". (PHOTO) After 36 years in the United States, eight of them fighting deportation, Karl Linnas was subject to immediate expulsion to the Soviet Union, where a court had convicted him in absentia of running a concentration camp where 12,000 people died. (CAMP FTG)

ELIZABETH HOLTZMAN

Linnas has been found by US courts to have engaged in actual persecution of a monstrous kind. He personally by, according to US courts, shot innocent men, women and children at the edge of a ditch.

**JOHN MARTIN**

A US court ruled in 1981 that Linnas lied about his past to become a US citizen. Former White House official Patrick Buchanan and others argued that the Soviet KGB may have forged evidence against Linnas. Today Linnas' daughter disputed that evidence and called for mercy.

ANU LINNAS

All he did was protect his children, his family, his mother and his father. He did not join forces with the Nazis and kill people.

**JOHN MARTIN**

But Justice Department officials say the FBI authenticated Linnas' concentration camp identity card.

NEAL SHER

(ID CARD) Our federal courts examined these documents, found them to be legitimate and to have carried great weight in establishing that Mr. Linnas was indeed as we said he was the chief of the concentration camp.

EDWIN MEESE / ATTORNEY GENERAL

Our responsibilities under the law are to deport him, this is the order of the court, and we have the obligation to carry that out.

**JOHN MARTIN**

This afternoon Linnas' lawyers asked for an emergency stay from a federal court in Washington, but were turned down. Tonight, they were waiting for a three judge panel to hear their appeal of that decision. Meanwhile, Linnas is expected to be placed aboard a plane momentarily for a flight that's scheduled to leave tonight for the Soviet Union. **JOHN MARTIN**, ABC News, New York.

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Story Name: LIFT SLAB TECHNIQUE IS WIDELY USED IN CONSTRUCTION INDUSTRY

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Correspondent: JOHN MARTIN, WASHINGTON, DC USA

Content: PETER JENNINGS

The collapse in Connecticut obviously leads us to ask about the building technique that was being used. It is used widely, it is called the lift slab process. And here's ABC's **JOHN MARTIN**.

**JOHN MARTIN**

The lift slab process continued at this construction site in Boston today while engineers remained puzzled by the Bridgeport collapse. Lift slab building is sophisticated they say but it is 30 years old and accidents are rare.

**JOHN LOSS**

There's nothing fundamentally wrong with the technique.

**JOHN MARTIN**

Here's what lift slab means. (ANIMATION) Workers pour concrete at ground level creating a stack of slabs. Then they raise the slabs with hydraulic lifts attached to support pillars. To watch for dangerous shifts in weight they use sensors and computers, high tech alarms to avoid excessive stress. In Bridgeport architects think something shifted.

**JOHN RUDDY**

What was observed was the structure leaning and twisting in a failure mode, that has yet to be confirmed.

**JOHN MARTIN**

Some builders find lift slab faster and safer. It avoids dangerous climbing.

**IRVIN CANTOR**

It's ironic to build the slabs on the ground is really the safest place to build them.

**JOHN MARTIN**

But to lift the slabs, crews must adjust very sensitive equipment.

**JOHN LOSS**

And it takes a very highly qualified team to then lift those slabs properly.

**JOHN MARTIN**

(SKETCHES) This is what Bridgeport's L'Ambiance Plaza might have looked like one more structure created by technology and sweat.

(RUBBLE) The cause of the collapse is still uncertain and today one contractor said sifting the rubble for victims rather than reasons was all his workers had time for. **JOHN MARTIN**, ABC News, Washington.

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Story Name: US PUTS WALDHEIM ON IMMIGRATION WATCH LIST, NOT ALLOWED IN U S

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Correspondent: JOHN MARTIN, WASHINGTON, DC USA

Content: PETER JENNINGS

For the first time a head of state has been put on a US Immigration watch list, it's because of his actions during World War II. We begin tonight with a scenario that's never likely to be more than that. Imagine that the President of Austria, Kurt Waldheim, wants to come to the United States for a vacation or a private visit of any kind, he would be turned away at the border because the Justice Department believes that he knew of and aided in the persecution of Jews and other civilians during the war when he was a member of the German Army. Here's ABC's **JOHN MARTIN**.

**JOHN MARTIN**

The Justice Department announced its decision more than a year after its own experts recommended that Waldheim be excluded.

TERRY EASTLAND

The Department of Justice has determined that a prima facie case of excludability exists with respect to Kurt Waldheim as an individual.

**JOHN MARTIN**

Under the law, suspected war criminals can be barred even if they have never been convicted of a crime. Waldheim would be turned away if he attempted to visit the US privately but he can still be admitted as a head of state, according to US officials. They insisted the decision does not involve the two governments.

EDWIN MEESE / ATTORNEY GENERAL

This was a matter where the law does not deal with a person as a president or as a Secretary General in the United Nations, but deals with a person as an individual.

**JOHN MARTIN**

(WALDHEIM) Waldheim denied he was a war criminal but conceded he did not fully reveal his war record. Today he had no comment. But his government said it was rejecting the decision and recalling it's Ambassador for consultations. In Vienna, the Foreign Minister said the American action caused great dismay. Documents in the National Archives show that as an Austrian soldier in the German Army Waldheim transmitted orders from Hitler. (GRAPHICS) That he prepared intelligence reports that led to reprisals and was decorated for his role in an infamous massacre. In New York the World Jewish Congress hailed today's decision.

ELAN STEINBERG

The Attorney General has sent a clear message Nazis are not welcomed in this country. After 40 years justice has finally been rendered in the case of Kurt Waldheim.

RABBI MARVIN HEIR

I think it sends a message loud and clear that Kurt Waldheim's days as President of Austria are numbered.

**JOHN MARTIN**

Some Jewish groups saw today's decision as an embarrassment to the Austrians who might pressure Waldheim to step down. For the United States it's the end of an embarrassment that it took a full year to accept the decision of its own war crimes experts.

**JOHN MARTIN**, ABC News, Washington.

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Story Name: QUESTION OF ETHICS OF REPORTERS DIGGING INTO PERSONAL AFFAIR S

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Anchor: PETER JENNINGS, NEW YORK, NY USA

Correspondent: JOHN MARTIN, WASHINGTON, DC USA

Content: PETER JENNINGS

And what about the role of the press in this. There are certainly people in the country today who will say the press has no business digging so deep into a politician's personal life, others will simply say politicians beware that even the appearance of impropriety will be reported on by someone in this day and age. Here's ABC's

**JOHN MARTIN.**

**JOHN MARTIN**

(HART) Question: Is it ethical for journalists to look into Gary Hart's personal life and even if it is is it really necessary for voters to know.

**HEATH MERIWETHER**

I think that today in 1987 we have a press that legitimately and fairly and responsibly has to look into these issues because they raise fundamental issues about the judgment and integrity of the candidates.

**JOHN MARTIN**

But the news about Gary Hart is the kind of information voters almost never got before the 1970s. (ROOSEVELT)

Franklin Roosevelt's love affair with his wife's social secretary was only whispered during his presidency. (KENNEDY) Reporters knew but did not report a series of dalliances by **JOHN** Kennedy including one involving a woman linked to a Mafia leader. But no more.

**NORMAN ORNSTEIN**

I don't think you can get around and do these kinds of things the way that a President Kennedy might have been able to 20 years ago.

**JOHN MARTIN**

In the news rooms of America today some journalists wondered about the fuss. A reporter's job they said was to get the information for the public. At a convention, editors agreed.

**JOHN QUINN**

This question comes up, the public has a right to know and somebody has to find out.

**JIM LONERGAN**

It was an ethical story and that particular area of privacy was really not up for debate.

**JOHN MARTIN**

But not all journalists agreed. At San Francisco's KQED one reporter called it an invasion of privacy.

**SPENCER MICHELS**

I think the Miami Herald is guilty of kind of sleazy journalism.

**JOHN MARTIN**

What the Hart case reveals is that journalists who once avoided reporting the foibles of politicians have learned they cannot avoid it any longer. **JOHN MARTIN**, ABC News, Washington.

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Story Name: SECORD INSISTS HIS OPERATION NOT FUNDED BY US GOVT

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Correspondent: JOHN MARTIN, WASHINGTON, DC USA

Content: PETER JENNINGS

Think back if you will to the time when the country first heard of the Iran affair. The story was then trading arms for hostages that so preoccupied us only later was the Contra connection made. And based on today's testimony members of Congress are very concerned about the extent of and who ran the military support operation for the Contras when it was forbidden by law for the government to be involved. Here's ABC's **JOHN MARTIN**.

**JOHN MARTIN**

(SECORD) Richard Secord told a story of painfully pulling together a makeshift air lift organization to replace what the CIA withdrew when Congress banned support to the Contras in 1984.

RICHARD SECORD

What was withdrawn really is what I've characterized as the sinews of war, all of them, I mean they were really in desperate straits.

**JOHN MARTIN**

(HASENFUS) By the time his operation was uncovered by the capture of Eugene Hasenfus, Secord said the assets he and his associates had assembled five planes, munitions, spare parts, an operations base, were worth four million dollars. (STRIP) Secord said one of its assets was this Costa Rican air strip set up with help from then American Ambassador Lewis Tambs. In Phoenix today, Tambs insisted he spent no government money and broke no law.

LEWIS TAMBS

As far as I'm concerned my office and myself were doing what we believed to be orders from legitimate authority.

**JOHN MARTIN**

Tambs has said his orders came from Oliver North, Elliott Abrams of the State Department, and a CIA official. Secord said that network ultimately seemed in good enough condition to turn over to the CIA. He approached then CIA Director William Casey he said and talked of this if such operations became legal again.

RICHARD SECORD

Mr. Director, if and when you get your hunting license back, whatever assets we're creating right now is yours, just walk in and it's yours. That I assure you.

**JOHN MARTIN**

General Secord insisted his network was not funded by the United States government but the committee and a grand jury are still looking at evidence to see wh the law. **JOHN MARTIN**, ABC News, Washington.

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Story Name: CASEY DIES FROM PNEUMONIA

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Correspondent: JOHN MARTIN, WASHINGTON, DC USA

Content: PETER JENNINGS

Despite what already appears to be thorough hearings, it is now a real possibility that some details of the Iran-Contra affair will never be revealed. The former CIA Director William Casey had a very significant role in helping to supply the Contras and this morning Mr. Casey died of pneumonia some months after the surgery to remove a cancerous brain tumor. Casey had a long career in government. Here's ABC's **JOHN MARTIN**.

**JOHN MARTIN**

(CASEY) William Casey died in the middle of the biggest battle of his long career in public life, the Iran-Contra investigation. This morning the investigating committee's chairman said farewell.

SENATOR DANIEL INOUE

Whatever may be the final judgment of his role in this event, it should not obscure Mr. Casey's distinguish record of commitment to this country.

**JOHN MARTIN**

(REAGAN) In York, Pennsylvania the President saluted him for his personal sacrifice.

PRESIDENT REAGAN

We've lost a very devoted friend and a great public servant.

**JOHN MARTIN**

(PHOTOS) Casey's first taste of government came in war running secret missions against the Nazis in World War II. (OLD FTG) Later he became a tax lawyer and wrote five books and ran the Securities and Exchange Commission, was President of the Export-Import Bank, a presidential consultant on intelligence and arms control.

WILLIAM CASEY

I feel very strongly that this country is in trouble that it needs to be turned around.

**JOHN MARTIN**

(REAGAN-CASEY) To help do that, Casey took over the CIA after managing President Reagan's campaign in 1980. He revived the agency from surveillance scandal and cutbacks in the '70s and raised its budgets. But his critics blamed him for embroiling the US in covert warfare against Nicaragua. (CONTRAS) Sometimes pushing to the edge of legality and perhaps beyond.

SENATOR PATRICK LEAHY

Bill Casey never liked the law, he tried to find everyway to get around the law and at the same time build up a strong CIA.

**JOHN MARTIN**

But Casey excluded key members of Congress from vital information. In public he defended himself this way.

WILLIAM CASEY

(1983) One of the great paradox of this business is that successes have to go unheralded. You can't talk about them.

**JOHN MARTIN**

In the end Casey was stricken by failing health and known for impatience at rules blocking what he believed needed to be done.

WILLIAM COLBY

You don't win them all by any means, but I think on a balance he did a very fine job as director.

**JOHN MARTIN**

But he also suffered embarrassments. (PHOTOS) A CIA defector, a CIA spy's suicide, a KGB agent who redefected. (BOOK) The Sandinista assassination manual, the Iran arms deal. Finally its suspicions aroused, Congress began trying to find out just how deeply he was involved. What will go unanswered from Casey is his direct role, if any, in supplying the Contras and selling arms to Iran.

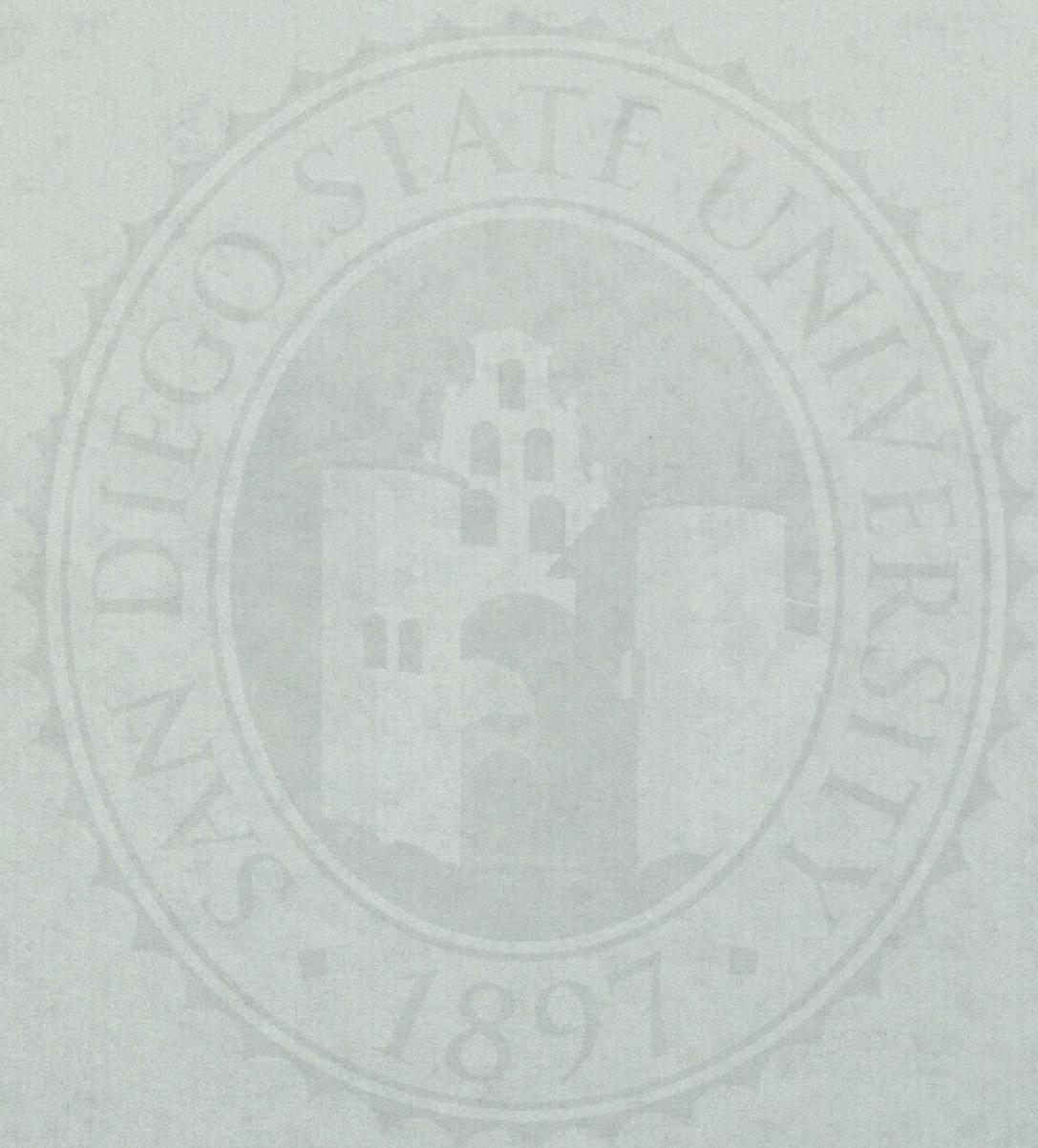
SENATOR PATRICK LEAHY

Some of what he knew he took to the grave with him.

**JOHN MARTIN**

So, ironically, William Casey leaves behind an extraordinary career

punctuated in its final moments by an enormous question mark.  
**JOHN MARTIN**, ABC News, Washington.



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Story Name: POITICAL FALLOUT OF HART WITHDRAWAL

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Correspondent: JOHN MARTIN, WASHINGTON, DC USA

Content: PETER JENNINGS

It is usually the case in politics that bad news for one candidate is good news for another. Even before we had clear word that Hart was about to drop out of the race, there were other people like Hal Bruno, who follow politics full time and they were fairly convinced it was over. Here's ABC's **JOHN MARTIN**.

**JOHN MARTIN**

(HART) Gary Hart's formal campaign is only three weeks old but professional politicians and analysts were saying today it was very near collapse. In Washington, a respected retired politician.

**TIP O'NEILL**

There's no question that he shot himself in the foot.

**JOHN MARTIN**

And created a sense of doom. (GRAPHICS) A telephone poll of democratic state chairmen by ABC News shows 22 of 33 contacted believe the damage is fatal or near fatal to his candidacy. So the evidence of damage is nationwide. In Washington, a political analyst.

**WILLIAM SCHNEIDER**

He's in something like a free fall right now and what's remarkable about this is very few people who are not directly on his staff are taking up for him, are defending him and are saying we're going to stay the course.

**JOHN MARTIN**

In Los Angeles, the California state chairman criticized Hart's early return to Colorado.

**PETER KELLY**

At a time like this when you're facing adversity the way that you deal with it is you keep doing what you were supposed to be doing. And I think that leaving the campaign trail just fuels the, fuels the controversy.

**JOHN MARTIN**

Among office holders and rival candidates, the judgment was still more measured today.

**NY GOVERNOR MARIO CUOMO**

I hope he finds the opportunity to stay in the race and make it as successfully as possible.

**GOVERNOR MICHAEL DUKAKIS**

I'm not going to comment on the situation in respect to Senator Hart. I'm going to run a very positive campaign. I respect, the other people who are running.

**BRUCE BABBITT**

My own personal instinct would be that there's every reason for him to stay in this campaign.

**JOHN MARTIN**

(WH) But so great was the sense of disaster that a senior White House official said, "I don't expect Hart to be back in the race. It's not so much the Donna Rice incident, it's that it reminds people that he lies about his age, his name, about this". Campaign insiders report that Hart's own staff is furious at him for what they regard as his betrayal. Day to day fundraising has apparently ended and a campaign that began with great expectations has now apparently reach the point of collapse. **JOHN MARTIN**, ABC News, Washington.

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Story Name: WHO WILL BE THE FRONTRUNNERS FOR DEMOCRATIC NOMINATION

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Correspondent: JOHN MARTIN, WASHINGTON, DC USA

Content: PETER JENNINGS

Mr. Hart was far and away the frontrunner. Now that he's gone the race for the democratic nomination is wide open and still fairly crowded. Here ABC's **JOHN MARTIN**.

**JOHN MARTIN**

(CONVENTION FTG) If somebody called them all to the front of the convention hall today, here's who would parade past the podium. (PHOTOS) Jesse Jackson, the activist who has run before. Bruce Babbitt of Arizona, the former governor and attorney general. Joseph Biden, Senator from Delaware announcing next month. Richard Gephardt, Missouri Congressman and tax reformer. Tennessee Senator Albert Gore, announcing in late spring. Illinois Senator Paul Simon, editor and publisher turned legislator. And Massachusetts Governor Michael Dukakis, leading in New Hampshire now that Hart is gone.

**MICHAEL DUKAKIS**

It's going to be a long race. I would guess at this point the frontrunner is undecided with a capital U.

**RICHARD GEPHARDT**

There's a lot of dust that has to settle and we'll just have to see where we are, I really don't know what will happen.

**JOHN WHITE**

All the giants have been killed off of the democratic party. These are the new young talented leaders of the democratic party coming up.

**JOHN MARTIN**

Already to Hart supporters and workers there was the first appeal for help.

**SENATOR PAUL SIMON**

My hope is that many of the people who shared the dreams and hopes of Gary Hart who were in his campaign will now be coming aboard with the Simon campaign.

**SENATOR JOSEPH BIDEN**

I don't think any one person is an automatic inheritor of anybody's support, we all have to prove ourselves.

**JOHN MARTIN**

Others are still weighing decisions to climb aboard as candidates themselves. Georgia Senator Sam Nunn is reported among them and still others may be drawn in by pressure.

**GEOFFREY GARIN**

If no one really takes off and emerges from this field, there's that chance and in fact if no one emerges I'm sure there will be many party leaders at Mario Cuomo's door and Bill Bradley's door on bended knee begging them to get in.

**GOVERNOR MARIO CUOMO**

They call you up and say, "Mario, you got to do it". No. Click. That's it. (LAUGHTER)

**JOHN MARTIN**

Finally there were bits of advice. How to take advantage of Hart's demise?

**ROBERT SQUIER**

Go immediately to Iowa, New Hampshire seems to me as a much less important state now. Dukakis, they're going to give Dukakis New Hampshire, Iowa's going to be the place where we're going to get the frontrunner.

**JOHN MARTIN**

But already there is the desire not to be the target of the pack.

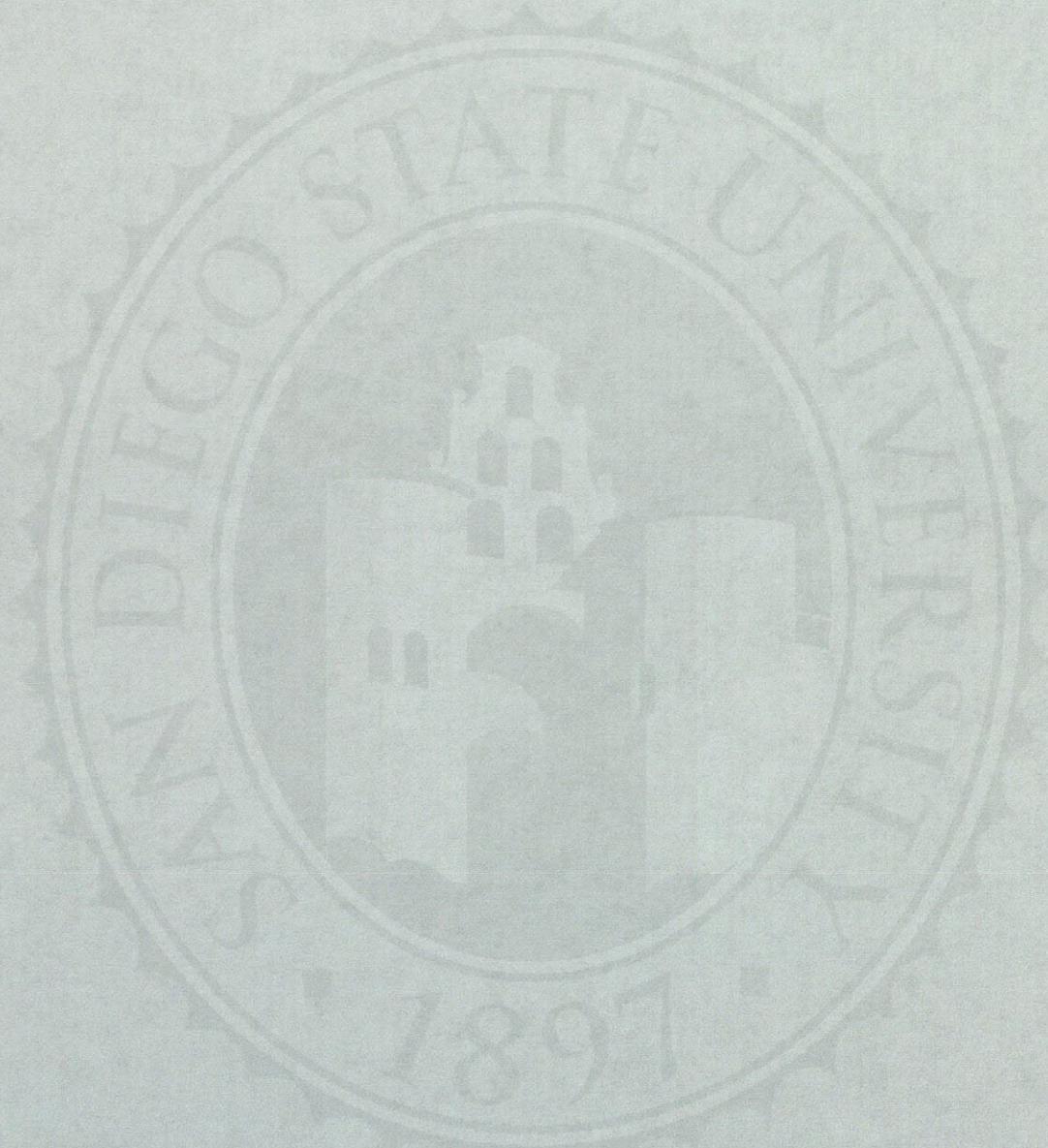
**JESSE JACKSON**

Well I'm not the frontrunner, it's a bit early to determine who's running front.

**JOHN MARTIN**

More than a third of all the delegates will have been chosen barely nine months from today so the party has less time to make more choices than ever before in modern American political history. That's why unless a clear favorite emerges, Democrats may choose

their candidate during the convention for the first time in 36 years. **JOHN MARTIN**, ABC News, Washington.



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Story Name: DONOVAN AND ASSOCIATES FOUND NOT GUILTY OF FRAUD OR LARCENY

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Anchor: PETER JENNINGS, NEW YORK, NY USA

Correspondent: JOHN MARTIN, BRONX, NY USA

Content: PETER JENNINGS

It is on Memorial Day that we remember those who died for this nation and we shall this evening. It is also a day that the former Secretary of Labor Ray Donovan will never forget. Mr. Donovan and seven of his associates and their two companies were found innocent today of trying to defraud the city of New York. Mr. Donovan was the first sitting cabinet member ever indicted and just the charges drove him from office. Here's ABC's **JOHN MARTIN**.

**JOHN MARTIN**

The verdict was the same for all eight defendants and two companies, not guilty of fraud or grand larceny. As the jury emerged from the courtroom, the defendants cheered them and defendant Donovan called the verdict vindication after what he said was two and a half years of economic jail.

**RAYMOND DONOVAN**

We were not guilty. The question is should this indictment have ever been brought. And as I said to the assistant prosecutor on the way out, which office do I go to to get my reputation back.

**JOHN MARTIN**

The charges did not involve Donovan's role as Secretary of Labor, but events before he became Secretary. (NY SKYLINE) The trial took nearly nine months. (TUNNEL) Prosecutors said that in building this giant subway tunnel in New York City in 1979, Donovan's construction firm Schiavone, used a sham arrangement to win the contract. The New York Transit Authority required a minority firm to share the work. (GALIBER/MASSELLI) But in court, prosecutor Stephen Bookin charged that the minority company was controlled by Schiavone through two figure heads, a black state Senator, Joseph Galiber and a reputed Mafia associate, William Masselli. Bookin charged that the two men helped Donovan and his company siphon off 7.4 million dollars. The prosecution said the money went for equipment Donovan's firm leased to the minority company since it had no equipment of its own. To show fraud, prosecutors played an FBI tape recording of William Masselli talking with an associate in a Bronx warehouse. Masselli seemed to describe a conspiracy between his company and the Schiavone firm.

**WILLIAM MASSELLI**

(VIDEO) I have a relationship with Schiavone second to none. They want to do everything with us, with me.

**JOHN MARTIN**

But Donovan and the others, claim this was boasting by Masselli of a legitimate business relationship rather than evidence of fraud. The defense insisted there was no crime, that the minority firm hired its own employees and did the work. Near the end, the trial almost collapsed in confusion. (JUROR) A juror became distraught. The judge replaced her with an alternate juror and refused to grant a mistrial to defendants who objected. The jury went back to work. After his acquittal today, Donovan said the experience was so traumatic he would never again return to public life. And he asked this question--

**RAYMOND DONOVAN**

And will the public remember what this jury said today or will they say, Ray Donovan was the only sitting cabinet officer to have ever been indicted.

**JOHN MARTIN**

Even though he had already been cleared by a special federal prosecutor, this trial had become a test of the ethical standards of the Reagan Administration and in this particular case, Ray Donovan and the administration passed the test. **JOHN MARTIN**, ABC News, the Bronx, New York.

**PETER JENNINGS**

President Reagan issued this comment on the Donovan verdict this afternoon. "I have always known Ray Donovan is a man of integrity and I have never lost confidence in him".

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Story Name: MEESE COMMENT; WEDTECH'S ILLEGAL MOVES TO GET GOVT CONTRACTS

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Anchor: TED KOPPEL, WASHINGTON, DC USA

Correspondent: JOHN MARTIN, NEW YORK, NY USA

Content: TED KOPPEL

There are new reports today that investigators can prove Attorney General Edwin Meese personally stepped in to help the Wedtech corporation get a 32 million dollar government contract five years ago. Some of that proof is said to be in Meese's office diary, but this afternoon, the Attorney General laughed off that report.

EDWIN MEESE

I don't keep diaries. (LAUGHTER)

TED KOPPEL

Meese's claimed he never got personally involved in Wedtech's business and brushed off further questions by saying, I don't know what you're talking about. Meese is the latest high official to have his name linked to Wedtech, a company which until recently was unknown to the vast majority of Americans. JOHN MARTIN has more on the Wedtech Corporation.

JOHN MARTIN

(REAGAN) The appearance of this man, running for President and promising hope to the South Bronx in 1980 gave a small company the inspiration to seek big projects. (FACTORY) Wedtech made military goods, housings, spindles, pins, exhaust pipes for armored vehicles. (WORKERS) Its workers were the backbone of an American ghetto, a welder from Cambodia, a machinist from Puerto Rico, a scrubber from Brooklyn. (PHOTO) The company's President, JOHN Mariotta, was born in Puerto Rico.

PRESIDENT REAGAN

Today, through Wedtech, he not only has built a successful corporation he's helping hundreds of people who would otherwise be condemned to menial jobs or a life on the dole. People like JOHN Mariotta are heroes for the '80s.

JOHN MARTIN

But the time it reached its peak, Wedtech had held contracts worth 494 million dollars. But today, Wedtech is a shell of its former self. It is reorganizing under bankruptcy laws. Only 91 of 1,400 workers still hold jobs here, much of the company's resources are gone. JOHN Mariotta has proclaimed his innocence. (PHOTOS) But four former officers of Wedtech have pleaded guilty to committing crimes.

MARIO MEROLA / DA

They paid off federal, city and state officials in order to do business.

JOHN MARTIN

They admitted paying bribes to win special contracts awarded minority owned businesses without competitive bidding.

RUDOLPH GIULIANI

It is not a simple matter. It is not just one bribe, one person, one incident, we're talking about years of activity and a very complex set of facts.

JOHN MARTIN

Among them, Wedtech hired influential consultants to lobby for it in Washington. (PHOTOS) At least four figures in the Reagan Administration and their friends came to play a role in Wedtech's fortunes. Investigators are trying to find out whether tiny Wedtech got favored perhaps illegal treatment from these officials. Edwin Meese, Lyn Nofziger. Four months after leaving the White House as political adviser, he contacted a former associate to urge support for Wedtech. (PHOTO) Nofziger reportedly got stock worth 720,000 dollars for his efforts as a consultant. He is under investigation to see if he violated ethics laws prohibiting such contacts within a year after leaving government. Jim Jenkins, the man Nofziger contacted, Meese's assistant in the White House. (PHOTO) He later joined Wedtech as a consultant. (PHOTO) Vernon Orr, President Reagan's former Secretary of the Air Force, joined Wedtech as a director. In the turmoil, Wedtech's new officers have accused another former director,

Wayne Franklin Chinn and an associate, of defrauding Wedtech of more than a million dollars. (DOCUMENTS) Chinn is an investment partner of Edwin Meese. A relationship he says is ending next month. Is there any indication from your investigation of this particular matter that the Attorney General of the United States was involved in this?

**MARTIN POLLNER**

No, none. His name doesn't appear on anything. We have no allegation or evidence concerning the Attorney General at all.

**JOHN MARTIN**

Investigators have told reporters there may be as many as 20 indictments in coming weeks. Some apparently will be low-level bureaucrats but some may not be so lowly and the question is how deeply involved were the President's men. **JOHN MARTIN**, ABC News, New York.



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Story Name: CUBAN GENERAL DEL PINO DEFECTS FROM CUBA WITH FAMILY

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Correspondent: JOHN MARTIN, WASHINGTON, DC USA

Content: PETER JENNINGS

We are learning more about the Cuban general who defected to this country yesterday with his family. We are not going to see much of him in the near future, however, as ABC's **JOHN MARTIN** reports, the government is very interested in privacy for and conversation with General Rafael Del Pino. He

**JOHN MARTIN**

(BASE GATE) This morning federal agents drove General Del Pino into the back gate of the Key West Naval Air Station under tight security. He and his wife, daughter and two sons had spent the night nearby. The general had breakfast at this Naval annex with the commanding officer of the base. (PLANE) Del Pino escaped from Cuba in this American-made plane with Cuban tail numbers. According to Havana Radio, which could be heard in Key West, Del Pino is a traitor. (RADIO) Del Pino has irreparably stained his life, his history and his honor, it said and said he suffered from psychiatric stress. But an American naval officer disputed that.

**LT STEPHEN BURNETT**

He is a well groomed intellectual individual who seemed to me to be very coherent of what he was doing and what he wanted to accomplish.

**JOHN MARTIN**

What he did accomplish 25 years ago was legendary in Cuba.

(OLD FTG) As a young pilot he shot down bombers and helped defeat the Bay of Pigs invasion by Cuban exiles. Even so, in Miami today his defection was generally praised by exiles, but in Washington there was a dispute about his value to US intelligence.

**CHARLES REDMAN**

He's told US authorities that he was recently appointed deputy chief of staff for the Cuban ministry of the armed forces.

**JOHN MARTIN**

But Cuban and American intelligence sources dispute that saying he held lower positions. (TROOPS) Still, in Angola, where Cuban troops have been fighting, General Del Pino later commanded the Angolan air force and was so trusted they said that he once flew to the United States to recover a Soviet plane stolen by another defector. (BLDG) In Washington, today the Cuban interest section accused Del Pino of joining the ranks of the imperialists. So the case of a revolutionary hero who defected has sadden some Cubans and pleased others and raised the possibility of an intelligence windfall for the United States. **JOHN MARTIN**, ABC News, Washington.

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Story Name: CONGRESSMAN BIAGGI INDICTED IN WEDTECH SCANDAL

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Correspondent: JOHN MARTIN, NEW YORK, NY USA

Content: PETER JENNINGS

The spreading scandal around the defense contractor, the Wedtech Corporation, has resulted in the indictment of New York Congressman Mario Biaggi. Biaggi was named in the indictments handed down today by a federal grand jury investigating influence peddling on behalf of Wedtech in Washington. As ABC's **JOHN MARTIN** reports, there may be more indictments to come.

**JOHN MARTIN**

(BIAGGI) The indictment charged Congressman Biaggi and six other persons with extortion, fraud, and racketeering in a scheme that prosecutors said corrupted the political process and a promising company.

**RUDOLPH GIULIANI**

Wedtech was presented to the public as the proverbial American success story. This indictment now alleges that much of Wedtech's success was based on its being run as a racketeering enterprise.

**JOHN MARTIN**

Biaggi read a statement of denial but answered no questions.

**MARIO BIAGGI**

The prosecution will have to prove their case against me and my son. I feel certain that they will be unable to do, to do this in either instance.

**JOHN MARTIN**

The indictment said the Congressman forced Wedtech to give him 1,800,000 dollars in stock and 50,000 dollars in cash through his son attorney Richard Biaggi. The money was to keep Wedtech from losing its special government status as a minority owned contractor.

(FACTORY) Today's indictment says even the ownership claim was fraudulent, that this phony stock purchase agreement only made it look as though founder **JOHN** Mariotta, son of immigrants, controlled the company. (DOCUMENTS) Wedtech earned nearly half a billion dollars as a minority firm run partly by a former assistant and two private associates of Attorney General Edwin Meese, who answered questions about Wedtech before a grand jury in Washington two days ago. (MEESE) So far nobody in the Reagan Administration has been indicted but the investigation isn't over yet and prosecutors said today Wedtech involves corruption so deep that it calls into question the practice of business and politics from the lowest to the highest levels of the country. **JOHN MARTIN**, ABC News, New York.

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Story Name: PHILIPPINE GOVT RECOVERS MONEY FROM MARCOS ITEM AUCTION

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Correspondent: JOHN MARTIN, WASHINGTON, DC USA

Content: PETER JENNINGS

It has been 16 months now since the former President of the Philippines, Ferdinand Marcos was forced to flee his country. In that time, the new government of Corazon Aquino has expended an enormous effort trying to get back some of Mr. Marcos' assets which are overseas. Some two to five billion dollars in the view of some people. Well, today some of the money did go back. Here's ABC's **JOHN MARTIN.**

**JOHN MARTIN**

(AUCTION) In New York this morning, the Aquino government sold three lots of Marcos furnishings, the latest of almost a million dollars worth of goods bought by bidders in the last year from a government townhouse and a private estate turned back to the government in Manila. The government also has taken back 295 Filipino companies once controlled by Marcos.

**SEVERINA RIVERA**

So far we've recovered close to one billion dollars already in the Philippines and abroad and we have gone beyond all expectations.

**JOHN MARTIN**

But despite some preliminary legal victories it is a slow process. (MONEY/JEWELS) These crates of currency, jewels and possessions, worth about seven million dollars, are frozen under court order seized by US Customs from the Marcoses on their arrival in Hawaii. And the Marcoses are resisting at every turn. Videotapes of this deposition released today show them taking the Fifth Amendment 379 times.

**IMELDA MARCOS**

Again may I ask the privilege against self-incrimination and the right to be silent.

**JOHN MARTIN**

(VIDEO) Lawyers for the Philippines asked if the Marcoses held Swiss bank accounts, traveled to New York, destroyed any documents. Virtually all the answers, all legal were the same.

**FERDINAND MARCOS**

The same response, I claim the right and the privilege against self-incrimination and the right to remain silent.

**JOHN MARTIN**

Today the case took a small but important turn. The Aquino government won an extended freeze on the Marcos' assets. It wants an appeals court to reconsider this ruling which says in effect an American court cannot judge the acts of a dictator in another country. A ruling which left unchallenged could undermine the entire effort to recover the Marcos' properties. **JOHN MARTIN,** ABC News, Washington.

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Story Name: AFFECT OF BORK IN THE SUPREME COURT

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Correspondent: JOHN MARTIN, WASHINGTON, DC USA

Content: PETER JENNINGS

As you can see in those earlier reports there are very few positions in American public life which create as much interest and for that matter anxiety as that of a new Supreme Court justice. The basic information from our Fact File. (GRAPHICS) Robert Heron Bork is 60. His law degree is from the University of Chicago. Since then he has practiced law, taught law at Yale and been the Solicitor General arguing for the government of the Supreme Court. He is presently a judge on the US Court of Appeals here in Washington. His first wife died. He is remarried and he is the father of three children. The reason for all the interest, it is because as one of the nine justices on the high Court his affect could be felt for years and years and years. Here's ABC's **JOHN MARTIN**

**ROBERT BORK**

(1974 FTG) We're dealing here not with legislation which might address the problem at large, we're dealing here with the Constitution.

**JOHN MARTIN**

Robert Bork has dealt here with the Constitution before, this time as Solicitor General discussing school busing. But if he climbs these Supreme Court steps again as an associate justice, can he make a difference? Absolutely. That's the view today of both liberal and conservative legal scholars, some applaud what they see coming, some fear it.

**RALPH NEAS**

Well established law on voting rights, affirmative action, on school desegregation, on women rights, could overnight be substantially eroded or overturned.

**JOHN MARTIN**

At the conservative Heritage Foundation, remarkably the view is not all that different with one exception.

**BRUCE FEIN / HERITAGE FOUNDATION**

If one looks at more recent opinions and statements by Judge Bork it should assuage any fears of the civil libertarians that he has any sympathy with any kind of racial discrimination.

**JOHN MARTIN**

(HOOKS) But it hasn't eased such fears. Benjamin Hooks of the NAACP criticized the nomination today. But questions of privacy may be the biggest source of contention in the coming term. They involve issues such as the right of women to have abortions.

**ELEANOR SMEAL / NOW**

This man is against Roe versus Wade which means he would reverse the legal right to abortion.

**BRUCE FEIN**

I think Judge Bork given the fact that the recent abortion decisions have been five to four would tip the balance the other way.

**JOHN MARTIN**

So if their hopes and fears come true, both liberals and conservatives expect Robert Bork to complete a conservative takeover and make the new Court as conservative in its way as the Warren Court was liberal in its way. **JOHN MARTIN**, ABC News, Washington.

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**JOHN MARTIN**

Even so among legal experts on both sides, Bork is known around the country for his scholarship.

**JESSE CHOPPER**

Judge Bork is an extremely intelligent man who wholly apart from ideology certainly would make an excellent justice of the United States Supreme Court in my judgment.

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Correspondent: JOHN MARTIN, WASHINGTON, DC USA  
Content: PETER JENNINGS

The Reagan Administration has become convinced that the former Philippine President Ferdinand Marcos, who is now living in Hawaii, has been plotting a return to power in the Philippines. As a result the administration has imposed new restrictions on Mr. Marcos. Here's ABC's **JOHN MARTIN**.

**JOHN MARTIN**

The control order keeps Marcos confined to the Hawaiian island of Oahu, where he fled 17 months ago.

CHARLES REDMAN / STATE DEPT

The US is seriously disturbed by indications that Mr. Marcos appeared to be seeking to destabilize the Aquino government and was contemplating a return to the Philippines without the express permission of the Philippine government.

**JOHN MARTIN**

(DEMONSTRATION) The order follows a series of weekend bombings in the Philippines and a wire tap in which Marcos was overheard by US officials in a phone conversation with an arms dealer. (MARCOS) A congressional source who listened to a recording made in May said Marcos discussed a ten thousand man invasion force backed by tanks and Stinger missiles and that once ashore Marcos: "What I would like to see happen is we take her hostage. Forcibly take her without killing her". (GRAPHICS) Marcos had said Sunday he was packed and ready to return to his homeland to stand trial on charges he looted the national treasury. (SC BLDG) Last week, the Swiss Supreme Court ruled that as long as Marcos is charged and assured a fair trial in his homeland, it will give Filipino investigators access to Swiss bank documents and bank officials familiar with the estimated one and a half billion dollars in Marcos assets. (SUISSE BANK) But if Marcos cannot leave the United States to stand trial, the Aquino government may not be able to recover those assets. So while it may want him to return for trial, the Aquino government faces a great irony. If it keeps him away as the United States is helping it to do, it may not be able to recover the bulk of what it says Ferdinand Marcos stole from the Philippine people. **JOHN MARTIN**, ABC News, Washington.

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Story Name: TAPE OF MARCOS PLANNING PHILIPPINE COUP

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Correspondent: JOHN MARTIN, WASHINGTON, DC USA

Content: PETER JENNINGS

We reported last night that the State Department has ordered the former President of the Philippines, Ferdinand Marcos not to leave Hawaii. Today on Capitol Hill two American businessmen told a house subcommittee why and we'll hear Mr. Marcos on tape describing his plans to regain power in the Philippines. Here's ABC's **JOHN MARTIN**.

**JOHN MARTIN**

(HEARING) The two American business, Richard Hirschfeld and Robert Chastain said Marcos befriended them in Hawaii then sought to buy arms. They said they used this briefcase recorder to tape conversations involving Stinger missiles, 8,000 M-16 rifles and a thousand with grenade launchers.

FERDINAND MARCOS

Now in addition to that we need the recoilless rifles, 90 millimeter.

ROBERT CHASTAIN

90 millimeter recoilless.

FERDINAND MARCOS

Mounted on tripods.

**JOHN MARTIN**

And one goal of the armed forces would apparently be to kidnap President Aquino.

FERDINAND MARCOS

What I would like to see happen is that we take her hostage. If necessary forcibly take her.

ROBERT CHASTAIN

Forcibly take her?

FERDINAND MARCOS

Without killing her.

**JOHN MARTIN**

Witness Hirschfeld said Marcos talked of secretly diverting funds from Swiss banks and claimed he had a thousand tons of gold hidden in the Philippines.

FERDINAND MARCOS

That's what I wanted to tell you that we can easily pay off those things.

ROBERT HIRSCHFELD

Payback?

FERDINAND MARCOS

Of course. My God what that gold is worth.

**JOHN MARTIN**

The two men admitted they have a contract now to supply their evidence to the Philippine government in return for a share of the money recovered.

**JOHN MARTIN**

In Hawaii, a Marcos spokesman issued a denial.

GEMO TRINIDAD

It's a lie. Something was set up something, I don't know.

**JOHN MARTIN**

Late today a State Department official insisted the law is closing in on Marcos but it has already closed in on businessman Hirschfeld. Records show he's been convicted of securities fraud and barred from practicing law before the SEC raising a question of credibility if he is ever called as a witness. **JOHN MARTIN**, ABC News, Washington.

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Sam Donaldson is standing by at the White House. Sam, JOHN MARTIN raises the point, "was the country well-served?" I guess we know what the White House thinks about that don't we?

SAM DONALDSON

Well, Peter, we certainly know that the White House at this point by the end of the week, believes that its been pretty well served by Oliver North's testimony. For two reasons: they say its been helpful because he has continued to support Mr. Reagan's assertion that he knew nothing about the Contra fund diversion money and secondly, because Oliver North has plugged effectively and often for the Contras; something that's near and dear to the President's heart. But they have not completely embraced North because they're uncomfortable with some of the things he's said. His assertion for instance, that government officials have a right to lie to the Congress, to shred any document, is simply unsustainable in their view here and therefore, the President's spokesman, Marlin Fitzwater has had to say Mr. Reagan doesn't agree with that.

PETER JENNINGS

Sam let me jump in to ask for a quick answer. Is the White House worried about what Admiral Poindexter is going to say?

SAM DONALDSON

Well they say they're not worried because they don't know what Admiral Poindexter is going to say. But of course they don't want Poindexter to say that he briefed the President and their belief is he won't. They don't know whether Poindexter will agree that he ordered this of whether he'll say Director Casey ordered it. But they don't seem too worried about it.

PETER JENNINGS

Sam, thanks very much. Sam Donaldson at the White House.

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Story Name: OLLIE NORTH CAPTURES PUBLIC SYMPATHY

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Content: PETER JENNINGS

We said at the beginning of the broadcast, we've had four days now of often compelling testimony from Colonel North and there is no question the hearings have been riveting. That really has led some people to wonder if we're not in danger of missing the main point of the investigation. Here's ABC's **JOHN MARTIN**.

**JOHN MARTIN**

For a week America has been watching an opera, not soap but reality. The spectacle of a man defending himself in the dock of public opinion while facing the threat of criminal punishment.

COLONEL OLIVER NORTH

I came here to tell you the truth, the good, the bad and the ugly.

**JOHN MARTIN**

Ollie North has captured the public's sympathy by pouring out his private conscience.

COLONEL OLIVER NORTH

And I saw that idea of using the Ayatollah Khomeini's money to support the Nicaraguan Freedom Fighters as a good one. I still do. I don't think it was wrong. I think it was a neat idea.

**JOHN MARTIN**

And by showing his anger. Once over questions of who paid for a security fence.

COLONEL OLIVER NORTH

I also suggest to you that if it was General Secord, first of all thank you General Secord, and second of all, you guys ought to write him a check because the government should have done it to begin with.

**JOHN MARTIN**

And by showing his sense of humor about himself, a man and his shredder.

COLONEL OLIVER NORTH

Are you criticizing how well I did my shredding?

ARTHUR LIMAN

Colonel, my eyesight has suffered from reading what you left behind. (LAUGHTER).

COLONEL OLIVER NORTH

I deserved that one.

**JOHN MARTIN**

He has gone from silent witness, taking the Fifth Amendment, to super star on European television. There are roses for the Norths, demonstrators pleading his cause, even talk of electing him President North.

COLONEL OLIVER NORTH

I have absolutely no political ambitions whatsoever. I'm not running for anything and I'm certainly not running from anything.

**JOHN MARTIN**

In the course of it, Oliver North has become America's best-known military man since Douglas MacArthur was called home in disgrace and paraded through the streets in honor. (VARIOUS OLD FOOTAGE) The best-known figure at a Washington hearing since Senator McCarthy went after the Army or Estes Kefauver went after the mob or **JOHN** Dean went after Richard Nixon. And perhaps North is the most successful pleader for American sympathy since Richard Nixon went on television to explain a slush fund and to try to recapture Dwight Eisenhower's support. Despite North's soaring popularity and the sympathy he has earned for himself and his wife, the prime issue remains, "was the country served by what he did?" Despite the front-page headlines, inside editorials question "who controls foreign policy?" If Congress says no can the NSC or the President say yes?

COLONEL OLIVER NORTH

You gentlemen may not agree that we should've been pursuing covert operations at the NSC but we were.

SENATOR DANIEL INOUE

The creation and the maintenance of a secret government within our government. The business before us is very serious.

**JOHN MARTIN**

So that is the grinding uncomfortable issue being played out here in Washington this week. And for all his advocacy, delivered with grit and determination and good humor, Oliver North has yet to find a satisfactory answer for it and neither has the country.

**JOHN MARTIN**, ABC News, Washington.



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Story Name: POINDEXTER'S TESTIMONY TO BE CRUCIAL

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Correspondent: JOHN MARTIN, WASHINGTON, DC USA

Content: PETER JENNINGS

Well, if you've been watching the testimony you can imagine the committees are very anxious to hear from Admiral Poindexter. As ABC's **JOHN MARTIN** reports tonight Admiral Poindexter may know the answers to a great many remaining questions.

**JOHN MARTIN**

(REAGAN/POINDEXTER) The questions lead right to the Oval Office and the National Security Adviser. One of **JOHN** Poindexter's jobs was to get the President's approval for secret policies and actions. (SCOWCROFT) Brent Scowcroft was Gerald Ford's National Security Adviser. As a member of the Tower Board he investigated how the NSC was run under McFarlane and Poindexter. The two biggest questions he says involved what the President was told.

**BRENT SCOWCROFT**

Did Admiral Poindexter convey information about the diversion of Iranian funds to the Contras, did the President know the details of the involvement of the NSC staff in providing aid to the Contras.

**PETER KORNBLUH**

What happened to the five memos that Oliver North says he wrote to Poindexter that were in turn to be presented to the President for presidential authority in diverting money from Iran to the Contras.

**JOHN MARTIN**

(REAGAN) President Reagan has insisted he knew nothing of the diversion and only sketchy details of what his National Security Council staff was doing to help the Contras.

**COLONEL OLIVER NORTH**

(HEARING) I never carried out a single act, not one, Mr. Nields in which I did not have authority from my superiors.

**JOHN MARTIN**

Because North implicated his superiors, the committee wants to know, one, what did Poindexter tell the other men around the President? Two, did Poindexter believe the Boland Amendment barring aid to the Contras covered the National Security Council? Did he approve North's lies to Congress or his shredding documents? (MEMO) One memo reporting what North told Congress has Poindexter's notation, "well done". And did Poindexter also mislead Congress by altering official chronologies. At the private National Security archive, staff members have produced their own chronology, 964 pages of testimony, reports, and documents. In this memo, May 2nd, 1986, Poindexter says the President told him that if Congress blocked Contra aid, quote, "I want to figure a way to take action unilaterally to provide assistance" &!W.

**PETER KORNBLUH**

My question to Admiral Poindexter would be does this mean the President was predisposed to circumvent the will of Congress?

**JOHN MARTIN**

But beyond these precise questions, General Scowcroft said he believes there's a much broader one.

**BRENT SCOWCROFT**

How does this government proceed when you have a constitutional confrontation between a President, who believes strongly in a certain foreign policy issue, and a Congress that is either vacillating or negative on it?

**JOHN MARTIN**

That's the issue the committee is starting to tackle. Admiral Poindexter is likely to answer some of the questions, but the issue is still unresolved. **JOHN MARTIN**, ABC News, Washington.

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Story Name: PAKISTAN TRIES TO GET US TO EXPORT SPECIAL NUKE WEAPON STEEL

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Correspondent: JOHN MARTIN, WASHINGTON, DC USA

Content: TOM JARRIEL

The State Department today announced that Undersecretary of State Michael Armacost will be visiting Pakistan soon. One of the issues on his agenda will be charges that Pakistan tried to export a special kind of steel from the United States which could be used in producing nuclear weapons. Here's ABC's **JOHN MARTIN**.

**JOHN MARTIN**

The United States is holding a Pakistani suspect here in Philadelphia. It says Arshad Pervez tried to bribe Commerce Department officials to license this steel company to sell him 25 tons of a special material used in nuclear weapons productions.

DANIEL ROTHERMEL

The destination was ultimately Pakistan.

**JOHN MARTIN**

(GRAPHICS) Under US foreign aid regulations Pakistan is forbidden to buy such material because it refuses to sign the nuclear non-proliferation treaty. It will lose some 1.2 billion dollars in economic and military aid if President Reagan decides Pakistan violated the law. The US suspects the government was involved because Pervez identified his Pakistani contact as a retired Brigadier General, Inam Ul-Haq.

AMY KURLAND

Documents from Mr. Inam in Pakistan to Mr. Pervez in Canada seem to suggest that Mr. Pervez should consider the national interest of Pakistan.

**JOHN MARTIN**

Pakistan's ambassador denies his government attempted the purchase.

JAMSHEED MARKER

Absolutely not. We have no intention of purchasing nuclear material here because we know it transgresses the laws of this land.

**JOHN MARTIN**

Even so, the law's sponsor says the violation seems clear.

CONGRESSMAN STEPHEN SOLARZ

I believe that leaves us with no choice but to uphold the law and to terminate our military and economic assistance to Pakistan.

**JOHN MARTIN**

US officials say that if that happens, US efforts to end the war next door in Afghanistan and American policy in general will be headed for disaster. **JOHN MARTIN**, ABC News, Washington.

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Story Name: NORTH-MANIA; NORTH BOOSTED SUPPORT FOR CONTRA FUNDRAISING

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Correspondent: JOHN MARTIN, WASHINGTON, DC USA

Content: PETER JENNINGS

Two other notes on Colonel North. Newsweek magazine says that despite his complaints last week about leaks from Congress, Colonel North was the source of leaks and stories to Newsweek on how the Achille Lauro hijackers were captured in 1985.

(HOLLYWOOD SIGN) Other signs of the fallout. In Los Angeles, no, the H hasn't been taken down, but some supporters of Colonel North put some black plastic cover over it and that's what it looked like for a little while. ("OLLYWOOD" SIGN). Another fallout. Our polls have always shown that Americans support for the Contras has gone up in the last two weeks, however long that lasts, the reason is widely excepted to be the favorable impression created by Colonel North. As ABC's **JOHN MARTIN** reports today, conservative fundraisers have been working overtime and have not been shy about using the Colonel's name.

**JOHN MARTIN**

(NORTH) It may have looked like Oliver North's farewell salute, but it was actually the beginning of something else. (COMMERCIAL) This TV commercial is one of a series for which conservatives are buying time. (ACTIVIST) This weekend activists began mailing more than 6 million letters to marshal public support to lobby Congress for more aid to the Contras and donations for conservative causes.

MAN

North is a brave soldier and a brilliant officer but the liberals are simply using him to attack President Reagan and his strong anticommunist policy in Central America. What this country needs Ms. Wolf is 200 Colonel Norths.

**JOHN MARTIN**

(LETTERS/GRAPHICS) At the National Conservative Political Action Committee one letter mentions Colonel North's name 11 times in 14 paragraphs. The technique is apparently paying off, after a six month slump officials here say pledge rates rose 200 percent.

L. BRENT BOZELL

The Iran-Contra investigation was hurting because no one from the administration was fighting back and then Ollie North showed up and turned everything around.

**JOHN MARTIN**

(ACTIVISTS) But not for all. The Republican National Committee has just fired 40 workers and reports declining revenue. Its fundraisers mention, not North, but Reagan.

WOMAN

And he hasn't given up the fight, but it does appear that some Republicans have given up on him and on our party.

**JOHN MARTIN**

One conservative blames the party's problems on a failure of nerve.

RICHARD VIGUERIE

They've acted much like the town fathers in "High Noon". They hired this sheriff, Ollie North, and then in his time of need they deserted him.

**JOHN MARTIN**

So, for conservatives, Oliver North is a blessing in uniform but not, so far at least, for the President's own political party.

**JOHN MARTIN**, ABC News, Washington.

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Story Name: POLL ON NORTH AND POINDEXTER: SHULTZ TO TESTIFY TOMORROW

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Correspondent: JOHN MARTIN, WASHINGTON, DC USA

Content: PETER JENNINGS

(GRAPHICS) And it doesn't take much to remind the Reagan Administration how Iran can suddenly bite you and what the after effects can be. In the wake of Admiral Poindexter's Iran-Contra testimony on Capitol Hill we have taken another poll and 63 percent of those we asked still believe the diversion of money from the Iranian arms sales to the Contras. And 60 percent tell us they believe that the Admiral was covering up for Mr. Reagan, although, and this is something we haven't seen before, nearly half the people polled believe that mistakes in the Iran-Contra affair were minor. We asked folks what they thought of this idea that Admiral Poindexter and Colonel North should be pardoned, 54 percent believe that the Admiral should get a pardon, and 66 percent of those we asked approve of a pardon for Colonel North. Well, the hearings will continue tomorrow when the witness will be the Secretary of State, George Shultz. Here's ABC's **JOHN MARTIN**.

**JOHN MARTIN**

(SHULTZ) (TOWER COMMISSION) The committee's questions will center on what George Shultz knew of the sale of arms to Iran, which he opposed, and the supply of arms to the Contras, which he apparently favored if carried out legally. The Tower Commission criticized Shultz and Defense Secretary Weinberger for opposing the arms for hostage policy but not persisting.

**EDMUND MUSKIE**

Giving the importance of the initiative Secretary Shultz and Secretary Weinberger, while indicating their opposition, distanced themselves from the march of events.

**JOHN MARTIN**

For months Shultz has insisted the march continued without his knowledge. On arms to Iran...

**SECRETARY GEORGE SHULTZ**

(11/16/86) My own information about the operational aspects of what was going on was fragmentary at best.

**JOHN MARTIN**

On diversion of funds to the Contras...

**GEORGE SHULTZ**

(12/08/86) My role in that was zero. I know nothing about it until it came out.

**JOHN MARTIN**

But the committee wants to know whether Shultz didn't want to know.

**CONGRESSMAN MICHAEL DEWINE**

He also told you, did he not though, that he didn't really want to know the details?

**ADMIRAL JOHN POINDEXTER**

At one point he did tell me that.

**JOHN MARTIN**

In one White House meeting Shultz called the Iran arms sale policy, "perverse". Some committee members want to ask why he did not resign.

**SENATOR GEORGE MITCHELL**

How much he did know and how vigorously he opposed it and particularly what steps he took after he registered his opposition to the President initially.

**JOHN MARTIN**

(ABRAMS) A second key area of questions "What did Shultz know of Oliver North's secret Contra supply operation, through his deputy Elliott Abrams"? (SU) From here Shultz will apparently say he thought Colonel North was raising moral not weapons and that he was misled by Admiral Poindexter and had no control over decisions that led to disaster. **JOHN MARTIN**, ABC News, Washington.

**PETER JENNINGS**

As you can see from that report the Secretary's testimony is going to be important and because it is going to be ABC News will cover the morning session live. We will be here at 9 o'clock eastern time.

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Story Name: EDWIN MEESE TO BEGIN TESTIMONY TOMORROW

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Correspondent: JOHN MARTIN, WASHINGTON, DC USA

Content: PETER JENNINGS

Next up at the Iran-Contra hearings which resume tomorrow, the Attorney General Edwin Meese. Here's ABC's **JOHN MARTIN**.

**JOHN MARTIN**

(MEESE) There is one paramount question about Edwin Meese and the role he played for the President.

**MR. SCHNEIDER**

Did Meese do what he said he was going to do and try to get to the bottom of things or did he participate in a coverup?

**JOHN MARTIN**

Did Meese know more than he let on? Some of his answers seem to protect Admiral Poindexter.

**EDWIN MEESE**

Admiral Poindexter knew generally that something of this nature was happening, he did not know the details.

**JOHN MARTIN**

But Poindexter told the committee many details. Another question, should Meese have sealed records immediately? A former Attorney General says that requires suspicion and speed.

**GRIFFIN BELL**

I would have moved in rapidly and find out what was happening and if it appeared that the records ought to be sealed or that some warrant should be obtained for arrest or for searches I would do that.

**JOHN MARTIN**

Meese didn't, then discovering the diversion of funds why didn't he demand an explanation?

**SENATOR WARREN RUDMAN**

What I still don't understand is how in the world they allowed Poindexter and North to leave the White House, to be fired, resigned, whatever, without bringing them in and finding out what was their authority, what did they do, how did they do it.

**JOHN MARTIN**

Did Meese already know the answers? He insists he was finding out many facts for the first time. Still he had been asked earlier his legal opinion.

**ADMIRAL JOHN POINDEXTER**

(HEARING FTG) Ed felt that we should sell material out of US docks to Iran directly. There was a congressional reporting requirement that we wanted to avoid.

**MR. SCHNEIDER**

He seems to have really been amiss in fulfilling the responsibility of being Attorney General rather than a friend and political adviser to the President throughout.

**JOHN MARTIN**

So that's the question, did Attorney General Meese uphold the law or withhold information to help the President? **JOHN MARTIN**, ABC News, Washington.

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Story Name: FCC VOTES TO ABOLISH FAIRNESS DOCTRINE

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Correspondent: JOHN MARTIN, WASHINGTON, DC USA

Content: PETER JENNINGS

In Washington today, the Federal Communications Commission voted unanimously to abolish the so-called Fairness Doctrine. It requires broadcasters to give time for all sides of a controversial issue. It was not a universally popular decision by any means. JOHN MARTIN is in Washington.

JOHN MARTIN

(COMMISSION) The commission heard a report by its staff that the Fairness Doctrine actually chills speech rather than encourages it.

DIANE KILLORY

The issue we address is whether the doctrine is constitutional, the answer is no.

JOHN MARTIN

(TV STATION) The doctrine requires broadcasters to air opposing views on controversial issues. But the staffs at 60 broadcasters shied away from issues rather than face costly legal challenges. Demonstrators protested the decision but the commissioners went ahead.

DENNIS PATRICK

Yes, there are risks but we as a people have elected to bear the risks of freedom rather than the greater risks which attend government control of the press.

RALPH NADER

What we're seeing here is the ultimate transfer of monopoly power to the broadcast industry who already have exclusive licenses to decide who says what on TV and now don't have to worry about fairness anymore.

JOHN MARTIN

The FCC created the doctrine 38 years ago. Its most famous challenge, the Red Lion case in 1964 involved a crusader.

REVEREND BILLY HANGIS

(OLD FTG) We will bring leadership back to this country for Christ and against communism.

JOHN MARTIN

(PHOTO) The minister attacked a liberal author, Fred Cooke in a radio broadcast. The station refused Cooke's request to reply. The FCC and then the Supreme Court sided with Cooke citing the Fairness Doctrine. But today the FCC cited the same Red Lion decision saying that court opinion said the doctrine should be ended if it chilled speech. (SU) President Reagan vetoed one bill to make the Fairness Doctrine into law, so now Congress must override the President or lose the doctrine. JOHN MARTIN, ABC News, Washington.

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Story Name: MONEY MATTERS; LOWEST UNEMPLOYMENT RATE IN 7 YEARS

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Content: PETER JENNINGS

In tonight's Money Matters, jobs. The nation's unemployment rate dropped by one-tenth of a percent last month to six percent. That is the lowest it has been in seven and a half years. In the midst of the good news there are still many Americans with employment problems. Here's ABC's **JOHN MARTIN**.

**JOHN MARTIN**

(PEDESTRIANS) Nearly half a million Americans went back to work last month. That means that even though seven million people don't have jobs, almost 113 million people do.

PRESIDENT REAGAN

This is another record for the total number of people employed in this country.

**JOHN MARTIN**

(GRAPHICS) Both edges of the country are doing better than the center. In California, unemployment is 5.5 percent but some jobs go begging.

JOAN MORRISEY

I interviewed in three different hospitals and in all of them I did have a job offer.

**JOHN MARTIN**

In Massachusetts unemployment is 2.5 percent. Workers are migrating here from other parts of the country.

RAY CARUSO

There's been a tremendous opportunity because of the drop in interest rates, the tremendous high tech area, high technology area that we're in.

**JOHN MARTIN**

But the middle section of American is hurting. In Texas and Michigan, tied to oil and autos, unemployment is 8.3 percent.

(FACTORY) In St. Louis this morning, General Motors closed an assembly plant.

GERALD YOUNG

I'm bitter that we'd get laid off. You know, I like to work. I definitely like the benefits that they offered and it's kind of hard to find a job of this caliber.

**JOHN MARTIN**

Even so, nationwide in the last year manufacturers have created and filled 150,000 new jobs. Economist Donald Ratajczak had been worried about the drain of jobs away from factory floors.

DONALD RATAJCZAK

Manufacturing is slowly starting to regain an upper hand after several years of giving all the employment performances service sector.

**JOHN MARTIN**

(SU) So with higher paying jobs on the rise and unemployment falling, the job picture is the best in seven years. **JOHN MARTIN**, ABC News, Washington.

PETER JENNINGS

On Wall Street today, the Dow Jones industrials lost about two points. The trading was very heavy. That still left the gain for the week at almost 20 points.

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Story Name: CIA EMPLOYEES AND THE INVERTED CANDLESTICK STAMP CASE

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Anchor: RICHARD THRELKELD, NEW YORK, NY USA

Correspondent: JOHN MARTIN, WASHINGTON, DC USA

Content: RICHARD THRELKELD

Finally tonight, the case of the covert operation and the inverted candlestick. The inverted candlestick in this case is one which appeared quite by accident on a handful of US postage stamps. Making them very valuable indeed. And the covert operation? Well we'll let ABC's **JOHN MARTIN** explain that.

**JOHN MARTIN**

(STAMP) It is called the rush lamp, a one dollar American postage stamp. The bureau of engraving printed 28 million of them two years ago. But one sheet of 400 was accidentally printed upside-down. So this candle's flame burns downward. (POST OFFICE) Enter the Central Intelligence Agency, not to spy but to buy. For agency use the CIA bought 95 of them from this little Virginia post office where it normally does business. Now a major stamp publication reports that nine CIA employees discovered the stamps were rare, replaced them with ordinary stamps and resold them privately to this dealer in New Jersey.

JACQUES SCHIFF

I slid the stamps out of the envelope and I just simply said congratulations as the butterflies danced around in my stomach. It's a once in a lifetime for a professional stamp dealer, collector, anyone to handle a invert on a United States stamp.

**JOHN MARTIN**

Dealer Schiff won't say how much he paid his CIA sources, but he has since resold just one of the stamps for 5,500 dollars. And some experts say that with the CIA involvement becoming public, ultimately the inverted stamps could be worth much more.

DONALD SUNDMAN

I think it's a lot more valuable today than yesterday. I would guess that the stamps are worth 30, 40 thousand dollars perhaps.

**JOHN MARTIN**

(SU) But there's a mystery. The 305 other stamps from the same sheet are missing. Who has them? So far it's not clear that what the CIA employees did was wrong. What is clear is that if and when the 305 other stamps from that sheet turn up, somebody else will make a lot more money on one of the milestone accidents in American stamp making. **JOHN MARTIN**, ABC News, Washington.

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Story Name: SEC ELIZABETH DOLE RESIGNS TO WORK ON HUSBAND'S CAMPAIGN

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Correspondent: JOHN MARTIN, WASHINGTON, DC USA

Content: PETER JENNINGS

One of the most important women in government has given up her job for a man. Well, there's certainly more substance to it than that, but the essential reason that Elizabeth Dole resigned her job as Secretary of Transportation today was to work on the presidential campaign of her husband, Senator Robert Dole. And she is a powerful asset as the Senator tries to get pass the present Republican frontrunner Vice President Bush. And as ABC's **JOHN MARTIN**, reports, Mrs. Dole leaves under somewhat more pressure than usual.

**JOHN MARTIN**

(DOLES) With her husband, Mrs. Dole emerged from the White House this morning after bidding farewell to one boss while joining Senator Dole's race for the Republican nomination.

ELIZABETH DOLE

Obviously I wanted to be a major part in the campaign and do everything that I can be to be helpful because I believe very strongly in this man.

**JOHN MARTIN**

(VARIOUS SCENES) For four and a half years Elizabeth Dole has been America's boss for mass transit, highways, railroads, the Coast Guard, and the national air traffic system.

CONGRESSMAN LAWRENCE COUGHLIN

She did more in the Department of Transportation in fact with less money.

**JOHN MARTIN**

(ARTICLES) But her critics claim differently. Last week Air Transport World said, "She has more than outlived her welcome". The Aircraft Owners and Pilots Association with 260,000 members called for her resignation.

**JOHN BAKER**

I think she came with very little transportation background other than maybe driving to work.

ELIZABETH DOLE

We've had the best three years in aviation history, the safest year on our highways and also we had the safest year on the railroads.

BRIAN O'NEILL

There are many areas where the Department of Transportation has promised to act but there's been nothing forthcoming.

**JOHN MARTIN**

(GRAPHICS) Despite job pressure she traveled last month to all these primary states. But on her vacation she said, not on taxpayer time or money.

RALPH NADER

She spent entirely too much time out traveling around the country for political missions rather than for pursuing the safety measures of her secretaryship.

SENATOR ROBERT DOLE

I notice poll in California says Dole is running second, but it didn't say which one.

**JOHN MARTIN**

Mrs. Dole is leaving her job just in time for a campaign swing through the south. But amid rising concern over air and traffic safety her critics say she may have stayed just a bit too long.

**JOHN MARTIN**, ABC News, Washington.

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Story Name: PEOPLE METERS USED TO MEASURE TV RATINGS

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Correspondent: JOHN MARTIN, NEW YORK, NY USA

Content: PETER JENNINGS

And now the ratings. Those of us who work in television news will tell you we do our jobs without paying attention to the ratings, the numbers which tell us how many people are watching. We will grudgingly admit to feeling a certain tension on some Tuesdays. Tuesday is when we find out how we're doing against the competition. There has been a particular edginess in the corporate offices these days because the company which measures the audience is adopting a new system. ABC's **JOHN MARTIN** has an explanation.

**JOHN MARTIN**

(ROOM) This is the ratings room at ABC in New York and this morning, by computer, the numbers came in showing the audience size for the three network news programs for last week.

(MORD READING RATINGS) A ratings point is the percentage of the 88 million American homes with televisions. Today's ratings are so close that ABC, NBC, and CBS have created the electronic equivalent of a photo finish. Even so, CBS could claim a victory. It finished on top and under the newest method of sampling audiences, it jumped from last to first place over the old method. The new method called people meters seems weighted toward older viewers.

**MARVIN MORD**

That's their stronghold is older viewers and our primary strength is the under 55 adult.

**JOHN MARTIN**

The numbers and who is watching are vital to advertisers. (METER) For all programs they are spending nine billion dollars this season and this year this meter offers a system of electronically measuring and monitoring who is watching. Adults and children punch in numbers to identify themselves by age and sex. (OLD NIELSEN FTG) Under the old system people kept diaries and equipment on about 1,100 sets nationwide recorded which ones were on but not who watched. In all, some 4,000 new meters have been installed across the country by two competing companies. But television executives are wary. The samples are volatile they say, often dropping by 25 percent in a single day, shifting when families move away and aren't replaced or when they forget to punch in their numbers.

**WILLIAM REUBENS**

We find eight or ten percent of the people not pressing buttons.

**JOHN MARTIN**

This boy lives in a people metered house and admits he sometimes does not punch in his number. Network executives say too many children forget too often forcing the ratings companies to throw out the entire day's sample and jeopardizing, at the very least, 168 million dollars advertisers spend to reach children on Saturday morning.

(TV SHOWS) Before it bought the service recently, CBS said it was alarmed. People who watched "Dallas" are usually older, less sophisticated, some samples showed them less able in using their meters. A loss for CBS. But easier for younger viewers who watch "Miami Vice", a gain for NBC.

**DAVID POLTRACK**

There is a bias against us and it has significant financial ramifications if it continues.

**JOHN MARTIN**

(SU) Because of these discrepancies, the networks had first resisted buying these new services from the Nielsen company, but now CBS and NBC have bought it contingent on correction. And ABC tonight seems on the verge of buying it if it can get its money back if the sample proves unreliable. **JOHN MARTIN**, ABC News, New York.

**PETER JENNINGS**

We know what many of you may be thinking, we often think the same. No one ever asked me what I was watching.

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Correspondent: JOHN MARTIN, WASHINGTON, DC USA

Content: PETER JENNINGS

On the question of Freedom of Speech as differently interpreted. If Judge Bork is the main event at the Senate hearings, the side show and a very important one is the performance of the Judiciary Committee's Chairman, Senator Joe Biden, who is running for President. And at a significant moment in his political career, Senator Biden's eloquence is in question. Here's ABC's  
**JOHN MARTIN.**

**JOHN MARTIN**

(BIDEN) As he chairs the Bork hearings, Biden has been caught with a sudden embarrassing comparison of his recent campaign speeches using the words of other politicians. The first example came from Great Britain from this Labor Party television commercial for Neil Kinnock.

NEIL KINNOCK

Why am I the first Kinnock in a thousand generations to be able to get to university?

SENATOR JOSEPH BIDEN

I started thinking as I was coming over here, why is it that Joe Biden is the first in his family ever to go to a university?

**JOHN MARTIN**

Both men described why their ancestors had fallen short.

NEIL KINNOCK

It was because there was no platform upon which they could stand.

SENATOR JOSEPH BIDEN

It's because they didn't have a platform upon which to stand.

**JOHN MARTIN**

Kinnock has called Biden's speeches the sincerest form of flattery, but his critics see something else.

ROGER STONE

It's a question of him, of him, you know, stealing direct phrases, direct analogies from somebody else's speeches and passing them off as his own.

**JOHN MARTIN**

Political analyst William Schneider originally gave Biden a copy of Kinnock's speech.

WILLIAM SCHNEIDER

His character has always been his strongest suit, it's what the man sells and now we have a chance to see where his character really is.

**JOHN MARTIN**

Biden's staff said he had credited Kinnock at one speech in Iowa but had forgotten at another. New comparisons arose. (JFK) One from **JOHN** Kennedy's inaugural, others from Robert Kennedy and Hubert Humphrey. (KENNEDY/HUMPREY) Their words from the lips of Joe Biden. (SU) With the controversy rising as a test of his truthfulness, Biden has scheduled a news conference tomorrow to try to explain the extraordinary use of identical words that some are calling outright thievery. **JOHN MARTIN**, ABC News, Washington. 7:00  
FEED SUPPLEMENT: **MARTIN** PIECE

PETER JENNINGS

Just one other note, ABC News has learned that Syracuse University officials met today to discuss whether Senator Biden's law school records might be released in the wake of rumors, only rumors, that there might have been irregularities during his time at the university.

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Story Name: SEN BIDEN HOLDS PC TO EXPLAIN HIS SPEECHES

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Correspondent: JOHN MARTIN, WASHINGTON, DC USA

Content: PETER JENNINGS

Well it was a very busy day for the committee's chairman, Senator Joseph Biden. Not long before the hearings began Biden called a news conference to try to explain why in some speeches he has sounded like so many other politicians. And why, years ago, he lifted several pages from a law review without mentioning the author. Here's ABC's **JOHN MARTIN**.

**JOHN MARTIN**

(BIDEN) Senator Biden told a news conference this morning that he had inadvertently used other politicians' words in his speeches without crediting them, but only to convey important ideas not to steal them.

SENATOR JOSEPH BIDEN

The notion that every thought or notion or idea, you'd have to go back and find and attribute to someone, I think quite frankly ludicrous.

**JOHN MARTIN**

(BIDEN-JACKSON) But Biden said Jesse Jackson had conceded to him that he, too, had used without credit parts of this Hubert Humphrey speech.

HUBERT HUMPHREY

First those who are in the dawn of life, our children, second those who are in the shadows of life, our elderly, our sick, our needy, our handicapped, and those, third, in the twilight of life, our elderly.

SENATOR JOSEPH BIDEN

A nation noble enough to treat those at the dawn of life with love, those in the dusk of life with care, and those who live in the shadow of life with compassion.

**JOHN MARTIN**

Biden produced Syracuse law school records showing that in 1965 he was forced to repeat a course for failing to properly identify material in a paper.

SENATOR JOSEPH BIDEN

Mr. Biden used five pages of published law review article, of a published law review article without quotation or citation. That's precisely right.

**JOHN MARTIN**

(CLASSROOM) At the school today, students and faculty said such mistakes are not uncommon.

DAVID YAFFEE

It would be foolish to hold something like this that occurred 22 years ago against anyone, whether it be in his legal profession or in a campaign.

**JOHN MARTIN**

Biden said he will continue to quote British Labor Party Leader Neil Kinnock because their families struggled to rise above poverty.

NEIL KINNOCK

Those people who could work eight hours underground and then come up and play football.

SENATOR JOSEPH BIDEN

(IOWA SPEECH FTG) My ancestors who worked in the coal mines in northeast Pennsylvania and who'd come up after 12 hours and play football for four hours. (NC) I was trying to make a point to people out there, to Democrats that there's hope for all us.

**JOHN MARTIN**

(BORK HEARING FTG) Biden said fellow senators sympathized when he explained his case, so did fellow candidates.

GOVERNOR MICHAEL DUKAKIS

Well, he tried to handle that situation in his own way and I respect him for it.

SENATOR PAUL SIMON

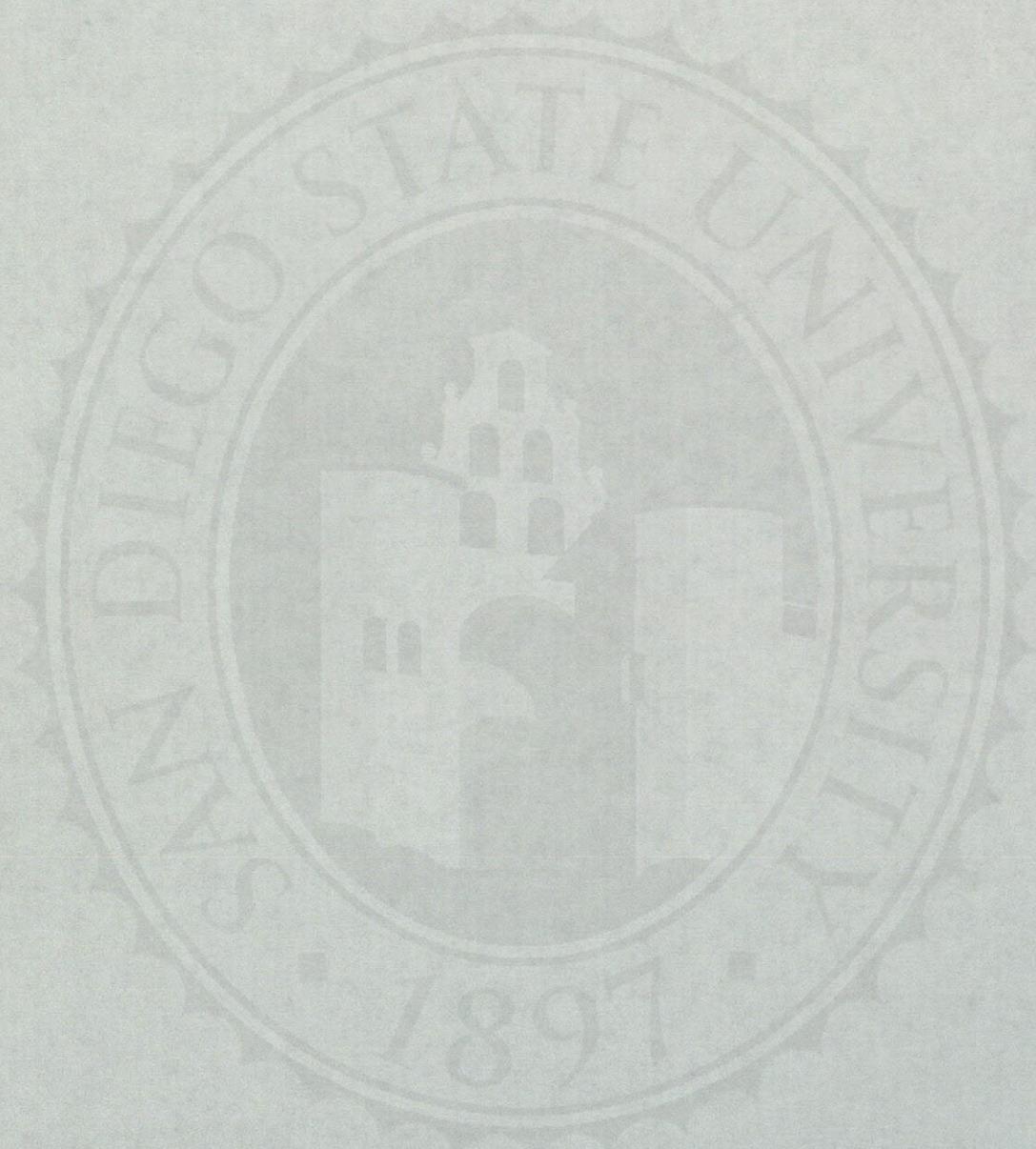
But I think the fundamental question is, is he a person of basic integrity? And he is.

SENATOR JOSEPH BIDEN

I'm in this race to stay. I'm in this race to win and here I come.

**JOHN MARTIN**

Even so, this episode has raised questions about Biden's staff and prospects for 1988. **JOHN MARTIN**, ABC News, Washington.



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Story Name: BIDEN'S SCHOOL RECORDS UNDER EXAMINATION

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Correspondent: JOHN MARTIN, WASHINGTON, DC USA

Content: PETER JENNINGS

Well, this does not mark the beginning of a better week for Senator Joseph Biden. Last week the man who would like to be President was having considerable difficulty explaining away charges of plagiarism in his campaign speeches. Today he is having to defend what he has said in public about his record at law school. And what the record really shows. Here's ABC's **JOHN MARTIN**.

**JOHN MARTIN**

At this New Hampshire campaign appearance in April, Biden was asked about his law school record.

SENATOR JOSEPH BIDEN

I think I probably have a much higher IQ than you do, I suspect. I went to law school on a full academic scholarship and in fact ended up in the top half of my class. I won the international mute court competition.

**JOHN MARTIN**

(DOCUMENTS) But Syracuse University Law School records released by Biden just last week show he sought a partial, not full scholarship, for financial not academic reasons. That he finished not in the top half but 76th out of 85 students. And that he participated in a junior mute or mock court competition. Biden also claimed he graduated from the University of Delaware with three degrees but his transcript shows only one and no record of a political science award he said he won. Late today in a written statement Biden admitted he finished low in his law school class, had a partial not full academic scholarship. Had been nominated but did not win a political science award and held not three degrees but two. School officials still said he holds only one degree. Biden insisted, however, that he had won a mock court competition in Canada in 1967. Throughout the day Biden had continued chairing the Bork hearings without comment. (HEARING) A colleague tried to comfort him about charges of plagiarism.

SENATOR ARLEN SPECTER

(HEARING) That's been very fashionable, historically it's done consistently. You may be exonerated this week, may be in deep trouble before it's over, one of the two.

**JOHN MARTIN**

Biden is already in deep trouble. Campaign aides have told ABC News, the staff is in turmoil. State endorsements on hold, backers dismayed and pressure building for Biden to put his campaign on hold.

SUELLEN ALBRECHT

I think it would be extremely hard for him to pull it all together at this point.

JOSEPH GRANDMAISON

Yeah, it hurts and I also have to tell you, it's also grossly unfair.

**JOHN MARTIN**

Senior party observers say the Biden candidacy is all but finished. If so, it would mean that two of the Democrats' brightest hopes, Hart and Biden, will have fallen under the weight of questions about their character. **JOHN MARTIN**, ABC News, Washington.

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Story Name: BIDEN OFFICIALLY DROPS OUT OF RACE

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Correspondent: JOHN MARTIN, WASHINGTON, DC USA

Content: PETER JENNINGS

And now there are six Democrats, that is, officially running for the presidency. With five months to go before the first meaningful expression from the voters themselves, Senator Joseph Biden of Delaware has decided to pack it in. It has boiled down to character. The Chairman of the Senate Judiciary Committee is the man in the dock for using other people's words without credit and being less than truthful about the credits he received at law school and at college. When he went home to consult with his family last night, those who make their living in politics had no doubt that his campaign was over. Here's ABC's **JOHN MARTIN**.

**JOHN MARTIN**

(BIDEN) This morning, his mind made up said an aide, Biden left home in Delaware. He arrived in Washington ten minutes late for the hearings on Judge Bork. He talked

SENATOR ORRIN HATCH

(HEARINGS) Look, nobody's saying that you shouldn't examine everything...

SENATOR JOSEPH BIDEN

(GAVEL) I have the floor.

SENATOR ORRIN HATCH

You take the floor but you're misstating what we're saying over here.

SENATOR JOSEPH BIDEN

I have the floor. I am misstating nothing.

**JOHN MARTIN**

Then at a packed news conference he announced he was ending his campaign.

SENATOR JOSEPH BIDEN

I do it with incredible reluctance and it makes me angry. I'm angry at myself for having been put in the position, put myself in the position of having to make this choice. And I am no less frustrated with the environment of presidential politics. Be that as it may, I've concluded that I will stop being a candidate for President of the United States.

**JOHN MARTIN**

Biden blamed his own zeal and what he said was the way his misstatements reached the public.

SENATOR JOSEPH BIDEN

I made some mistakes but now the exaggerated shadow of those mistakes has begun to obscure the essence of my candidacy.

**JOHN MARTIN**

Biden said there would be other chances to run, but for now he wanted to concentrate on the chairmanship of the Judiciary Committee to keep Judge Bork from reaching the Supreme Court.

SENATOR JOSEPH BIDEN

(6/9) As President I would attempt to tell the American people the truth.

**JOHN MARTIN**

Biden announced his candidacy June 9th and raised 3.2 million dollars, more than any Democrat other than Governor Michael Dukakis of Massachusetts. Biden was known for his style and speech making but almost no one knew what he stood for. Even so, he was considered one of the party's bright hopes.

SENATOR PATRICK LEAHY

I am frankly sorry to see you dropping out of the race.

SENATOR STROM THURMOND

And Democrats have now lost their most articulate spokesman.

**JOHN MARTIN**

For the moment, there were no answers to who leaked the first and most damaging speech comparisons between Biden and British Laborite Neil Kinnock. (PHOTOS) The speeches had been dubbed into a single videotape that was sent to the Des Moines Register 11 days ago. Other candidates called Biden's departure a loss and a lesson.

REVEREND JESSE JACKSON

In some sense all of us are hurt because Senator Biden brought to the campaign a zest and a vitality.

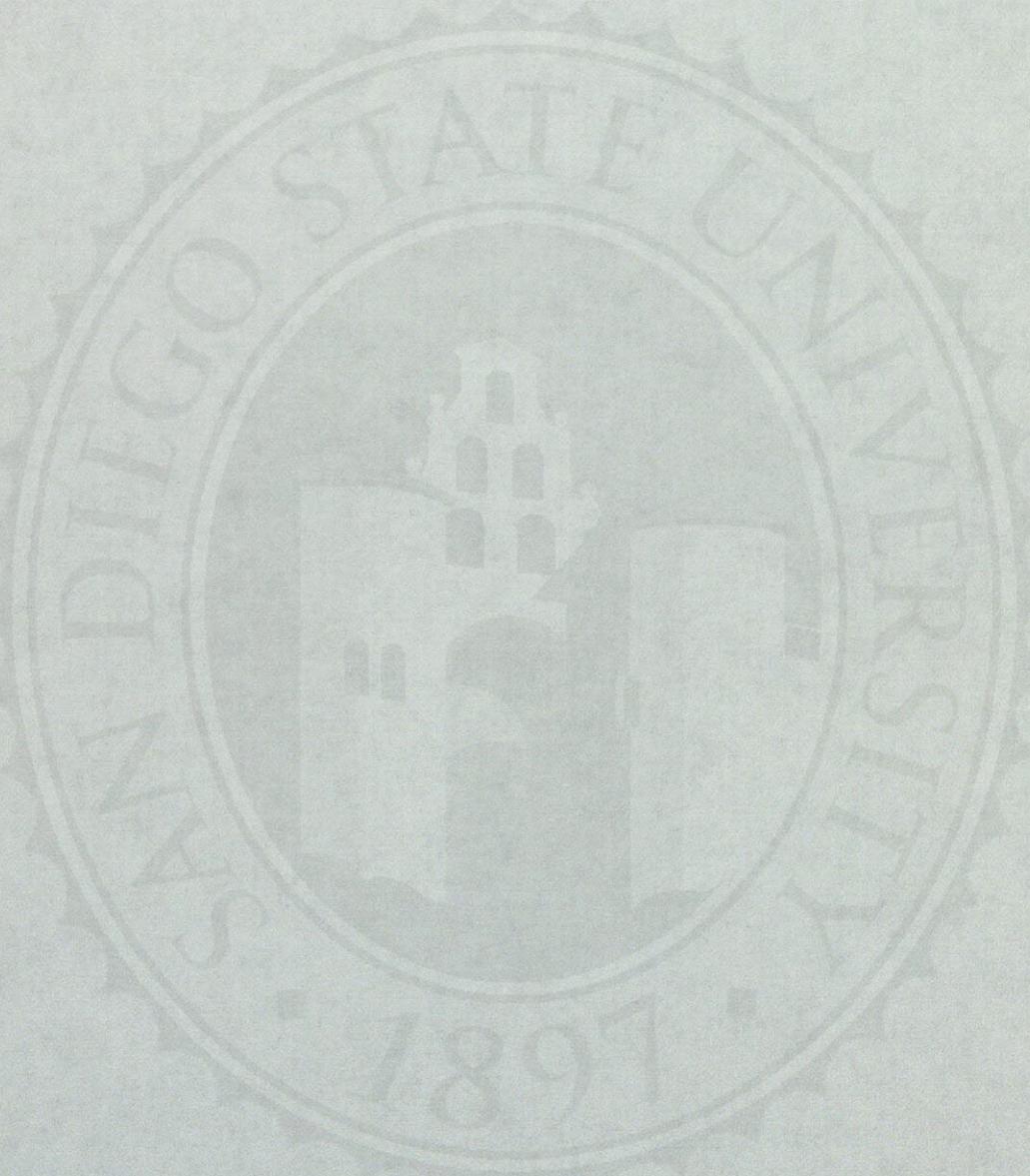
**SENATOR PAUL SIMON**

I feel uneasy when somebody goes back 23 years to what somebody did in law school but again, along with the Hart thing, we're too close to it to make good assessments of whether we've handled it properly.

**JOHN MARTIN**

(SU) So for the second time in four months a major democratic candidate has withdrawn from the race not on a policy issue or because of voting results but on a question of character.

**JOHN MARTIN**, ABC News, Washington.



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Story Name: WOODWARD BOOK ABOUT CASEY'S CIA ACTIVITIES

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Correspondent: JOHN MARTIN, WASHINGTON, DC USA

Content: PETER JENNINGS

Some things you didn't know about the CIA. In a new book, excerpts of which are going to be published in US News and World Report on Monday. The former Watergate reporter Bob Woodward has a lot to say about the CIA. As ABC's **JOHN MARTIN** reports, Woodward's book has details on everything from foreign payoffs to the late Director Casey's role and knowledge in the Iran-Contra affair.

**JOHN MARTIN**

(CASEY) Under Director William Casey, says the book, the CIA paid foreign leaders and personalities for their cooperation. Among them, reports author Bob Woodward, the assassinated Lebanese President Bashir Gemayel, who Christian militia got two million dollars in covert aid. (GRAPHICS) Lebanese Sheik Fadlallah, who anti-American Hezbollah party is believed responsible for the US Embassy bombing in Beirut in 1983 and apparently got two million dollars in CIA money in an effort to forestall other acts of violence. More CIA money was reportedly spent on El Salvador's President Jose Napoleon Duarte, paid as an informant apparently before he took office. And on Dominica's Prime Minister Eugenia Charles whose government was paid 100,000 dollars and played a key role in helping the United States diplomatically during the invasion of Grenada. In next week's edition, US News and World Report says the Prime Minister denies the allegation. In Egypt, the book reports, the CIA infiltrated Anwar Sadat's personal staff and knew he had a drug problem. Later the book says the CIA tapped the phones of President Hosni Mubarak to find out where the suspected Achille Lauro hijackers were being taken. The book also says that under Director Casey the agency had more than 25 spies in the Soviet Union and Eastern bloc countries. (SU) Those who have read it say the book adds little new light to the Iran-Contra connection but Woodward claims that on his deathbed CIA Director Casey admitted he knew all along about the diversion of funds to the Contras.

**JOHN MARTIN**, ABC News, Washington.

7:00 FEED SUPPLEMENT: **MARTIN** INTRO

PETER JENNINGS

News tonight you probably haven't heard before about the CIA. In a new book, excerpts of which are going to be published in Newsweek and the Washington Post on Monday. The former Watergate reporter Bob Woodward has a lot to say about the CIA. As ABC's **JOHN MARTIN** reports, Woodward's book has details on everything from foreign payoffs to the late Director Casey's role and knowledge of the Iran-Contra affair.

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Story Name: DEBATE OVER WOODWARD'S CIA BOOK "VEIL" AND CASEY INTERVIEW

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Correspondent: JOHN MARTIN, WASHINGTON, DC USA

Content: PETER JENNINGS

It's a big debate in Washington today. The former CIA Director William Casey, the Watergate reporter Bob Woodward and the question: Did Casey really tell Woodward that he knew all along about the diversion of Iran arms money to the Contras while he was on his deathbed? The White House said today not even President Reagan was able to talk to Casey at the time because doctors believed he couldn't handle a phone conversation. Woodward stands by his story which is the talk of Washington. ABC's JOHN MARTIN is there.

JOHN MARTIN

(CASEY) The book's reporting of Casey's years at the CIA has created a storm of denial and denunciation.

RAY CLINE

It's clearly a hatchet job on Bill Casey and the CIA. I think there's a lot of fakery in this book.

CONGRESSMAN DICK CHENEY

If Bill Casey spent over a period of several years a number of hours talking with a reporter and if he discussed in those sessions classified information, covert action for example, I would deem that a breach of security. And I hope he did not do it.

JOHN MARTIN

(BLDG) At the Washington Post today, Woodward had no comment. His book called "Veil" says Casey nodded yes on his hospital bed that he knew all along of the diversion of funds to the Contras.

JOHN GREANEY

I don't like the idea that Woodward is putting things into Casey's mouth.

JOHN MARTIN

(WIFE/DAUGHTER) But Casey's widow and daughter say Woodward could not possibly have interviewed the dying CIA director in the hospital.

(HOSPITAL) But high government and congressional officials said today they have good reason to believe that Woodward was actually escorted into the room by a CIA official without the family's knowledge. But no official is sure Casey understood the question. According to a source close to Woodward, dissident CIA officials alarmed by Casey's actions, gave Woodward thousands of pages of secret documents. The book says Casey approved training an assassination team of foreigners to set off a car bomb in Beirut to kill a suspected terrorist leader. (BOMB SITE) The CIA said today it sees no value in debating the authenticity of the book.

(FADLALLAH) A spokesman said the attempted assassination of Sheik Fadlallah was an old story. About 80 persons were killed, but the Sheik was not among them. That Casey spoke of this to Woodward--

CONGRESSMAN LEE HAMILTON

That too comes as a considerable surprise even shock to me.

JOHN MARTIN

CIA officials told ABC's JOHN Scali they are shocked that Casey would speak to a man they regarded as the agency's prime journalistic enemy. And Casey supporters say they are stunned that he would go so far in helping the Contras and fighting terrorism. JOHN MARTIN, ABC News, Washington.

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Story Name: GATES DEFENSE CIA AGAINST SHULTZ REMARKS

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Correspondent: JOHN MARTIN, WASHINGTON, DC USA

Content: PETER JENNINGS

It is very unusual for senior officials of the CIA to make public speeches defending their agency. It is even more unusual for them to air the agency's disputes with members of the President's cabinet. Today the deputy director of the CIA, Robert Gates, did just that in a speech at Princeton. Here's ABC's **JOHN MARTIN**.

**JOHN MARTIN**

Gates went to Princeton University to deliver what, in effect, was the agency's reply to criticism by Secretary of State George Shultz.

**ROBERT GATES / CIA**

There is no charge to which we in CIA are more sensitive than that of cooking intelligence, of slanting our reporting to support policy.

**JOHN MARTIN**

(HEARINGS) In the Iran-Contra hearings, Shultz claimed that the CIA deliberately distorted its reports to conform to plans by William Casey and the National Security Council to swap weapons to Iran for hostages.

**SECRETARY GEORGE SHULTZ**

(7/24) I felt that the information being presented about Iran and terrorism was not on the mark and that tends to at least make you wonder whether or not the intelligence was affected by the desires of the people in the operation.

**JOHN MARTIN**

Gates proudly cited a CIA record in which he said it alone had refused to accept judgment by other agencies and policymaker and was proved right including one in recent months where Congress turned down a Pentagon weapons request because of CIA intelligence.

**ROBERT GATES**

The real intelligence story in recent years is the significant improvement with help from both the President and the Congress in the quality, relevance, and timeliness of intelligence support to the policymakers.

**JOHN MARTIN**

Policy had been a particular sore point for Secretary Shultz.

**SECRETARY GEORGE SHULTZ**

(7/24) I'm not interested in their views about policy. I don't want them to be working on policy. I want them to devote their attention to intelligence.

**JOHN MARTIN**

Gates never mentioned Shultz by name. The CIA leadership wants to end the feuding while retaining its ability to keep the Congress and the President fully informed. **JOHN MARTIN**, ABC News, Washington.

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Story Name: ANNIVERSARY OF HASENFUS NICARAGUAN CRASH, HE FEELS ABANDONED

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Correspondent: JOHN MARTIN, MARINETTE, WISCONSIN

Content: PETER JENNINGS

In the region, it has been a year since an American cargo plane on a mission to resupply the Nicaraguan Contras was shot down over Nicaragua. That would, in retrospect, turn out to be a key piece in the puzzle we now call the Iran-Contra affair. And it gave the Nicaraguans an American prisoner, Eugene Hasenfus. A year later, the Iran-Contra affair is still being investigated and Eugene Hasenfus is now back in Wisconsin, something of a forgotten man. Here's ABC's **JOHN MARTIN**.

EUGENE HASENFUS

(OLD FTG) My name is Gene Hasenfus. I was shot out of the sky.

**JOHN MARTIN**

A year ago today, Gene Hasenfus was led out of a jungle in Nicaragua. He was carrying a US military advisers identity card. (CRASH SITE) He had been flying weapons to the Nicaraguan rebels trying to overthrow the Sandinista government. In prison, Hasenfus said his recruiter told him the missions were run out of the main room of the government. (10/22) What did that mean to you?

EUGENE HASENFUS

Well, it's coming right out of the White House.

PRESIDENT REAGAN

(10/8/86) While they may be, they're American citizens there is no government connection with that at all.

ELLIOTT ABRAMS

(10/9/86) There was no US government involvement in this, direct, indirect provision of material, financing whatever you want to call it. None.

**JOHN MARTIN**

But that wasn't true. (WEAPONS) Money from selling US weapons to Iran was used by the White House to supply the Contras.

(NORTH/MEMO) Inside the White House Oliver North wrote this message after the crash. "We urgently need to find a high powered lawyer and benefactor for Hasenfus". (COURT) A Nicaraguan court later convicted him of gunrunning, but he was released just before Christmas. Back home, Hasenfus says despite assurances from the State Department, the government paid nothing. He owes 36,000 dollars in legal fees but can't find a job.

SALLY HASENFUS

Nobody wants to touch us. We're hot potatoes, political hot potatoes. But in the meantime we're dying here.

**JOHN MARTIN**

So a year later, Gene Hasenfus is still living with what he calls the biggest mistake of his life. And the strain on his family and career has driven him to the point of bitterness and depression. (HOME) On the anniversary of the crash, Hasenfus left his house here in Marinette and went into seclusion. Yesterday the Hasenfuses filed suit in California demanding 35 million dollars from Richard Secord and three companies they say employed Hasenfus to supply the Contras.

SALLY HASENFUS

This man was not only walked away from financially and his family but he was, they allowed him to be called a mercenary, they allowed him to be called a killer, they allowed him to be called a dope runner. As far as I'm concerned they abandoned him.

**JOHN MARTIN**

What are your hopes for the future?

SALLY HASENFUS

Peace and quiet and a nice country life. Kids running home laughing.

**JOHN MARTIN**

For now the Hasenfuses fear that will never happen. A year after his capture they continue to pay a price but one they now they say is too high to bear alone. **JOHN MARTIN**, ABC News, Marinette, Wisconsin.

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Story Name: REAGAN'S LACK OF PC LEAVES REPORTERS STARVING FOR NEWS

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Correspondent: JOHN MARTIN, WASHINGTON, DC USA

Content: PETER JENNINGS

Reporters were taken somewhat by surprise today when the President indicated he would hold a news conference some time soon. It would be only the third fully televised meeting with reporters this year. And as ABC's national correspondent **JOHN MARTIN** reports, that has led to an obvious question: Is the White House deliberately shielding Mr. Reagan.

PRESIDENT REAGAN

I think the one who can best answer that and is going to take your questions is the Secretary.

**JOHN MARTIN**

Why are these adults shouting? The answer they say is that they are starved for news. If Ronald Reagan does hold a press conference this month it would be only the 41st in 81 months of his presidency, the fewest of any modern President. (VARIOUS PRESIDENTS) Richard Nixon held on 37 but that was in 66 months. Jimmy Carter, 59 in 48 months. Lyndon **JOHN**son, 126 in 62 months. And **JOHN** Kennedy, 65 news conferences in 34 months. But President Reagan has held so few that tension is growing with reporters. After a recent ceremony for teachers, a shouted question on the Bork nomination.

REPORTER

Mr. President, looks like the Bork nomination will fail in the Committee?

MAN

You're taking away from the joy of the whole occasion.

SAM DONALDSON

We did not disturb this ceremony, your ceremony went on...

BILL PLANTE

We wouldn't have to shout at him and we wouldn't be shouting at him if we had regular contact with him.

**JOHN MARTIN**

At the Los Angeles Times, Bureau Chief Jack Nelson says he thinks the President cannot take the strain.

JACK NELSON

You know he's 76 years old now, he's older, he's not as fast on his feet and he's got an awful lot of issues there.

SAM DONALDSON

You can't make the case that Ronald Reagan can't handle a press conference but can handle the presidency, he's got to be able to do both.

**JOHN MARTIN**

(OLD FTG) Reagan's early affable style, here in Sacramento 20 years ago has been replaced by the weight of crisis and doubt. But a magazine editor, who once served as Reagan's communications director, says the President owes the country some kind of weekly accounting.

DAVID GERGEN

We have a right to know as citizens, as journalists, what is going on inside our government and when the government refuses to tell us I think we have a right to stand up and say this is wrong.

FRED BARNES

There's nothing in the First Amendment that says he has to do that and or answer questions shouted at him at a Rose Garden event.

**JOHN MARTIN**

But other journalists say the question is at the root of democracy.

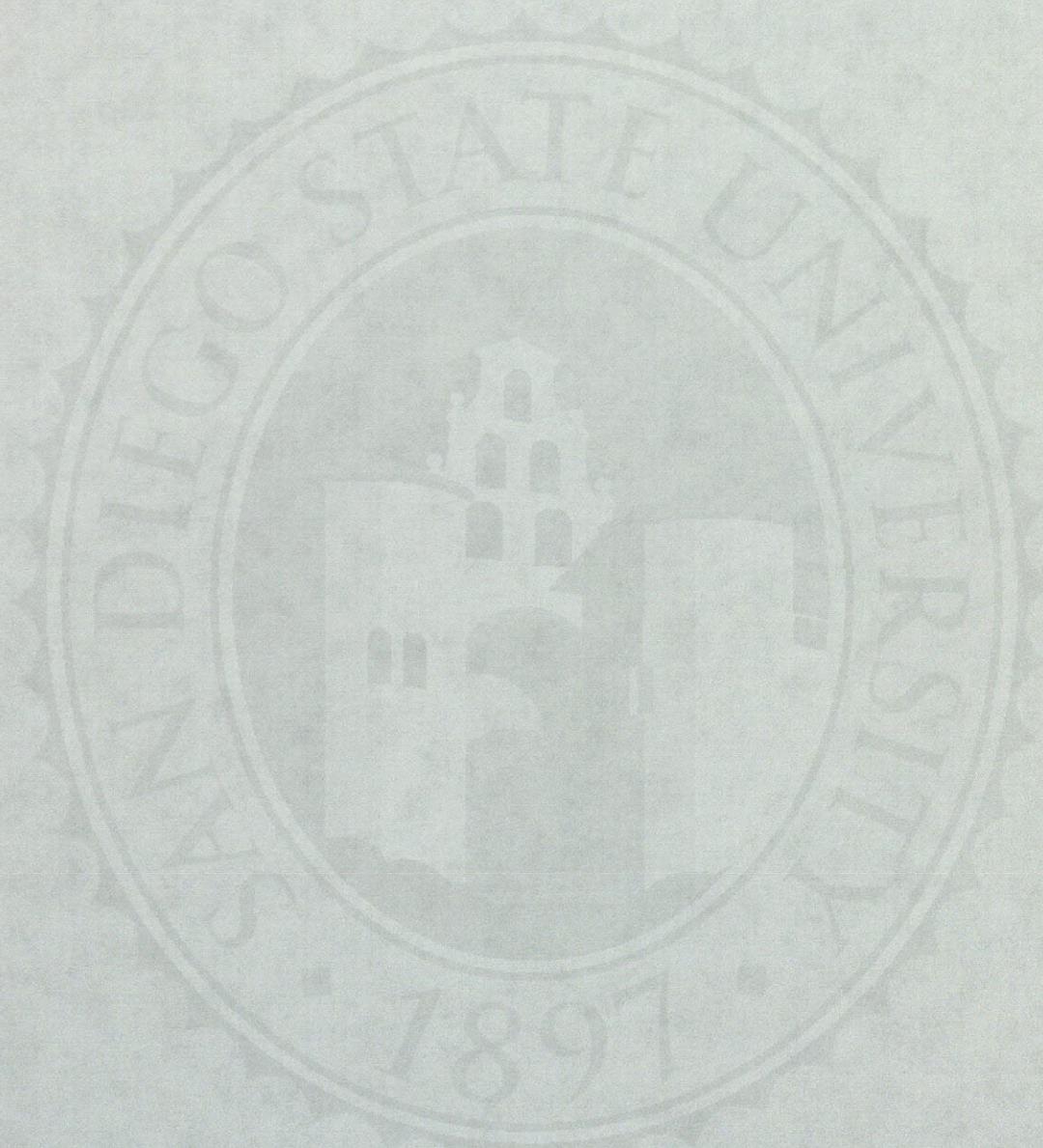
OSBORN ELLIOTT

And this is one of the ways that the President makes himself accountable to the people. Now if the people don't want that, perhaps they want a king.

**JOHN MARTIN**

(SU) Many Americans are troubled by the shouting and pestering they hear, but in the twilight of Ronald Reagan's presidency, is the question respect or access to a leader whose decisions can mean the difference between war and peace. **JOHN MARTIN**, ABC News,

Washington.



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Story Name: CAPITOL HILL QUESTIONS RELIABILITY OF MX MISSILE

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Correspondent: JOHN MARTIN, WASHINGTON, DC USA

Content: PETER JENNINGS

On Capitol Hill today, there were some tough hard questions about the accuracy and reliability of America's newest missile system, the MX. Here's ABC's **JOHN MARTIN**.

**JOHN MARTIN**

(MISSILE) This is a test firing of America's vital MX missile, poised to help defend the country from silos outside Cheyenne, Wyoming. Inside each missile a complex system guides its flight and triggers its ten nuclear warheads. Today the reliability of this system came under deep suspicion on Capitol Hill.

CONGRESSMAN RONALD WYDEN

Although the Air Force has 27 MX missile otherwise ready to go, only 17 or 63 percent have the guidance systems that are necessary to work.

FRANK LYNCH / NORTHROP

We have a schedule problem of delivery here. There's no question about that.

**JOHN MARTIN**

But accuracy also came under suspicion. (GRAPHICS) One critic quoted Air Force reports that in three of its last eight tests, the MX failed to hit the target zone.

BRIGADIER GENERAL CHARLES MAY

We expect to have 50 percent of the missiles land inside the established circle and 50 percent land outside.

**JOHN MARTIN**

But the committee seemed concerned about this degree of accuracy.

CONGRESSMAN JIM COOPER

I'd like to make sure that the constituents in my district and the folks across this country are survivors should one of these unguided missiles go off in the wrong direction.

FRANK LYNCH

Sir, we're doing everything we can to try to prevent that.

**JOHN MARTIN**

A key witness was called but did not appear, Northrop auditor Terry Schielke. Schielke has provided the government with internal documents that appear to support allegations of flaws in the MX. (DOCUMENTS) His attorney says he has vanished.

ROBERT KILBORNE

He became very fearful for his life and as a result he left town without even notifying our office.

**JOHN MARTIN**

Schielke's confidential notes, obtained by ABC News, show a series of deficiencies. (MISSILE INT/GRAPHICS) Among the first 30 inertial measurement units produced for the MX, the heart of the guidance system, at least seven contain parts which had not been manufactured and tested to government specifications.

(GUIDANCE SYSTEM INT) According to an investigator those missiles, if launched, could self-destruct. The reliability of the guidance system can't be checked because Northrop doesn't know where it purchased some of the parts. (PHOTOS) Another audit shows widespread dirt and contamination in sterile clean rooms where the missile parts are manufactured and tested.

(WYDEN WITH MX PART) The committee was also suspicious of inventory controls. Investigators found some parts in a dumpster, others were bought outside the company.

CONGRESSMAN **JOHN DINGELL**

Parts were bought under petty cash funds, as referred to earlier in the testimony, from Radio Shack.

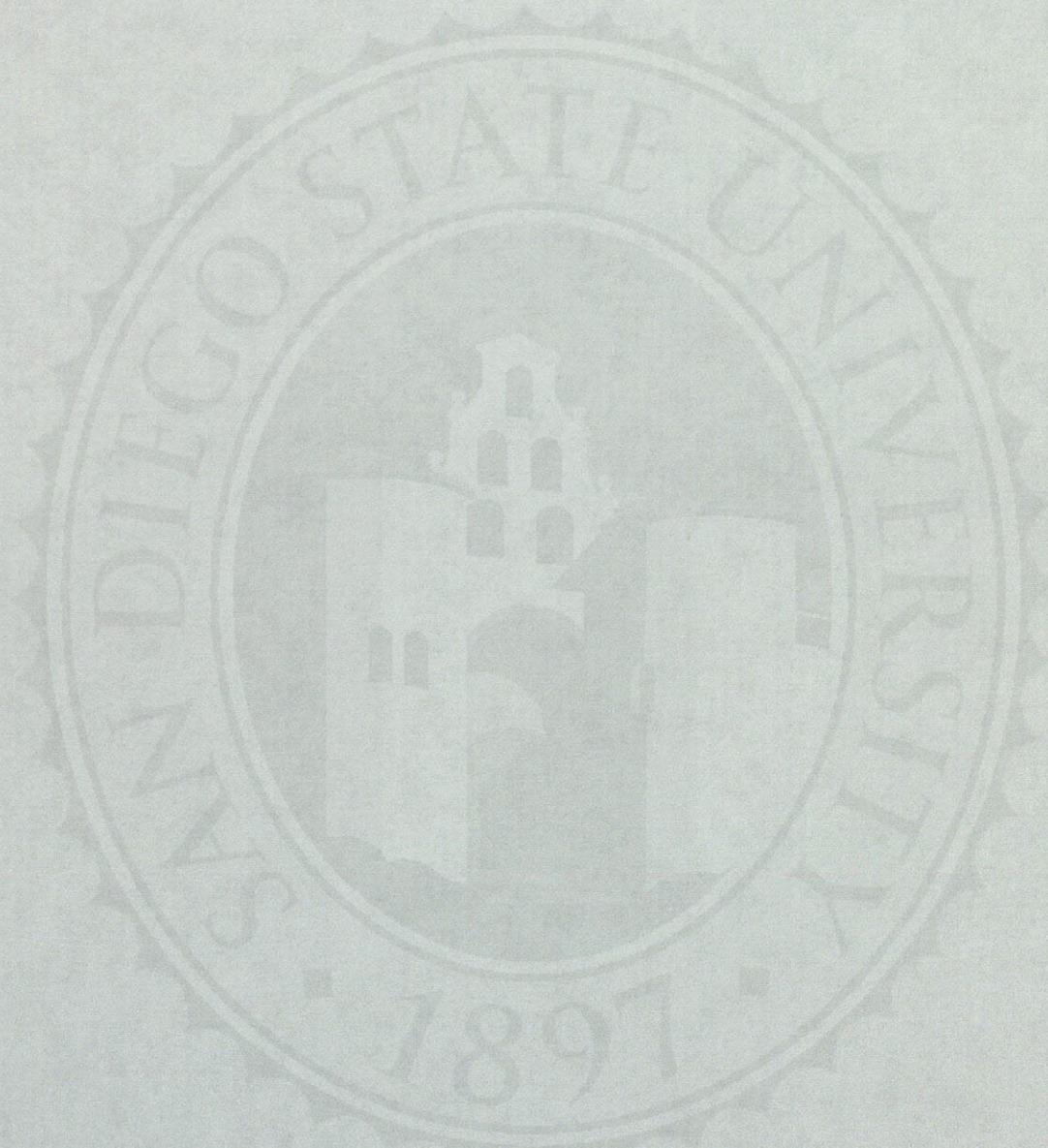
FRANK LYNCH

I tried to have if there's any ambiguity in my answers is, I don't know.

**JOHN MARTIN**

The committee wants to know what happened to the missing auditor and why he found so many deficiencies at Northrop involving a weapon so

vital to the defense of the country. JOHN MARTIN, ABC News,  
Washington.



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Story Name: ABC'S JOHN SCALI'S INVOLVEMENT IN US-CUBA MISSILE CRISIS

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Anchor: PETER JENNINGS, NEW YORK, NY USA

Correspondent: JOHN MARTIN, WASHINGTON, DC USA

Content: PETER JENNINGS

Well we have a story tonight about one of our own Soviet-American relations and it reminds us just how reluctant good reporters are to ever give up that particular role and play diplomat or go-between for governments. But sometimes it has been the greater calling. Twenty-five years ago this week, and boy do some of us remember, the United States and the Soviet Union really seemed to be on the verge of war and ABC's **JOHN** Scali was right in the middle of the Cuban missile crisis. **JOHN MARTIN** has the story.

**JOHN MARTIN**

(OLD FTG) The world was on the brink of war, the Soviet Union had shipped missiles to Cuba. American pilots spotted them. President Kennedy ordered a naval blockade. America prepared to invade Cuba.

PRESIDENT J. F. KENNEDY

No one can foresee precisely what cost it will take or what cost or casualties will be incurred.

**JOHN MARTIN**

(KHRUSHCHEV) Soviet Premier Nikita Khrushchev remained defiant in public but secretly he ordered the head of Soviet intelligence in North America, Aleksandr Fomin to propose a solution to an American journalist **JOHN** Scali. The missiles would come out, he suggested, if the US promised not to invade.

**JOHN SCALI**

(SKETCHES) I said, I'm a mere reporter. I don't know, I said but, although it seems to me that such a proposal could be discussed.

ROGER HILSMAN

Scali called me and said that Aleksandr Fomin, who we knew was the head of the KGB, and asked him if he could get a message to Kennedy.

**JOHN MARTIN**

(CABINET MEETING) But then just as Kennedy prepared to accept the solution, a new Khrushchev demand arrived, pull US missiles out of Italy and Turkey. (MISSILE/RUSK) Secretary of State Dean Rusk sent Scali back to see Fomin.

**JOHN SCALI**

I said, I believe that you are part of a dirty, stinking, double-cross and I said unless this thing is solved within a matter of hours, I said, there will be an American invasion of Cuba.

MCGEORGE BUNDY

**JOHN** Scali's independent decision that he should take a very tough line with Fomin was a good decision in terms of its effect on the results.

**JOHN MARTIN**

The message got through. Within 24 hours Radio Moscow reported Khrushchev's reply.

RADIO ANNOUNCER

We have instructed our officers to stop the construction of installations, dismantle them, and bring them back to the Soviet Union.

**JOHN MARTIN**

As the crisis ended, Kennedy thanked Scali with a condition.

**JOHN SCALI**

I had to promise not to reveal it until he left the White House. I'm proud of it, I kept the secret and I was **JOHN** Scali citizen as well as reporter and I would do it again.

**JOHN MARTIN**

(OLD AND NEW RESTAURANT FTG) So returning to this restaurant, his secret meeting place 25 years ago, a reporter remembered how when traditional diplomacy failed, he helped avert a nuclear war.

**JOHN MARTIN**, ABC News, Washington.

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Story Name: GINSBURG AND CABLE CO. INVESTMENT CONTROVERSY

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Anchor: PETER JENNINGS, NEW YORK, NY USA

Correspondent: JOHN MARTIN, WASHINGTON, DC USA

Content: PETER JENNINGS

Now home again and the fight for the President's Supreme Court nominee, Judge Douglas Ginsburg. Judge Ginsburg was back on Capitol Hill again today meeting with the senators who will eventually have to decide on whether or not he is confirmed or not. The talk all over Washington today was about the money that Judge Ginsburg had invested in a cable television company. Here's ABC's **JOHN MARTIN**.

**JOHN MARTIN**

(GINSBURG) The cable question was on people's minds today as nominee Ginsburg was back on Capitol Hill.

REPORTER

Do you feel the cable controversy is behind you?

SENATOR CHARLES GRASSLEY

I don't think we'll have any questions now because, he can answer wherever he wants to but not in this office. I told him we weren't going to have any questions here.

JUDGE DOUGLAS GINSBURG

Your questions, okay.

SENATOR CHARLES GRASSLEY

Obviously.

**JOHN MARTIN**

Meanwhile the Justice Department released documents today which show that Ginsburg removed himself from acting directly on matters involving investments in three financial corporations and a cable TV system.

TERRY EASTLAND

Bottom line simply is that there was no real conflict, neither was there an apparent conflict of interest.

**JOHN MARTIN**

But Ginsburg's disclosure forms show that while he was a deputy assistant Attorney General overseeing major cable TV decisions, Ginsburg owned 140,000 dollars in bonds from Rogers Cable Systems of Toronto, the 21st largest cable company operating in the United States. FCC documents show he signed one Justice Department brief involving broadcast properties and associates signed another under his name.

STEPHEN EFFROS

So clearly he made a mistake there and I don't think anybody can dispute that today, he made a mistake.

STEPHEN GILLERS

He acted improperly. It was a blunder not to have gone to an independent ethics officer and gotten a clearance.

**JOHN MARTIN**

Because Ginsburg did not, the office of Government Ethics said today it is looking into his cable holdings just as the American Bar Association is looking to help the Senate decide Ginsburg's fitness to be a Supreme Court justice. **JOHN MARTIN**, ABC News, Washington.

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Story Name: DISCLOSURE THAT JUDGE GINSBURG USED MARIJUANA IN '60s

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Anchor: PETER JENNINGS, NEW YORK, NY USA

Correspondent: JOHN MARTIN, WASHINGTON, DC USA

Content: PETER JENNINGS

We begin this evening with what is surely a problem of some dimension for the President's latest nominee to the Supreme Court. A short while ago a formal statement in Washington confirmed that Judge Douglas Ginsburg used marijuana while he was a student in the 1960s and later in the '70s. There are also reports that Judge Ginsburg used it when he was a law professor. When he was nominated by the President, the general observation was how little people knew about him. The question is, what affect will this news have on his nomination, using marijuana is against the law. First in Washington, JOHN MARTIN.

JOHN MARTIN

(REAGAN-GINSBURG) Judge Ginsburg was nominated just a week ago today in a brief ceremony, standing beside the President in the White House. In recent days, there were allegations that Ginsburg had violated ethics laws at the Justice Department. But tonight, after being confronted with rumors that he used marijuana during his teaching days at Harvard Law School, Ginsburg issued this public statement. "Marijuana", quote, "was the only drug I ever used. I have not used it since", he said. "It was a mistake and I regret it". Attorney General Meese issued his own statement. "I applaud Judge Ginsburg for his forthright statement. His action taken during his younger days, was a mistake. It certainly does not affect his qualifications to sit on the Supreme Court and he should be confirmed expeditiously". (SU) During the day ABC News confirmed Judge Ginsburg's drug use with former students and colleagues at Harvard Law School. The latest revelation caught his conservative supporters by surprise. The White House clearly hopes this admission will enable Judge Ginsburg to go beyond this embarrassment and to be confirmed but it shakes up an already shaky nomination. JOHN MARTIN, ABC News, Washington.

PETER JENNINGS

Okay, JOHN MARTIN in Washington, thank you very much.

7:00 FEED SUPPLEMENT: MARTIN'S PIECE

RICHARD VIGUERIE

Well, it's unfortunate but we all make mistakes and if it's as he says, a few occasional uses sometimes in the past and he's sorry for it and regrets it, I think it's a minor event and we have to go on and work hard to confirm him.

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Story Name: INCOMPLETE INVESTIGATION ON GINSBURG'S BACKGROUND

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Anchor: PETER JENNINGS, NEW YORK, NY USA

Correspondent: JOHN MARTIN, WASHINGTON, DC USA

Content: JOHN MARTIN

(CAMPUS) This is JOHN MARTIN. The FBI sent two agents today to the Harvard School Law offices of Ginsburg's former business partner and faculty colleague Hal Scott. Last night Scott confirmed to ABC News the Supreme Court nominee's limited use of drugs.

HAL SCOTT

I've been a close friend and I only know of one occasion where he smoked marijuana during that period of time. As I say I think it was a mistake on his part.

JOHN MARTIN

(GINSBURG) This morning as Judge Ginsburg left his house without comment, there were questions of more mistakes. Mistakes by the government agencies charged with investigating his background. In the last four years Ginsburg has taken four new jobs with the federal government. (QUESTIONNAIRE) He faced a series of questions designed to discover drug use. This personal data questionnaire for judges asks; Have you ever had any problem with alcoholism or any related condition associated with drug addiction or dependency. The FBI admitted today it did not ask Ginsburg about drug use because a new government form requiring such a question has not been distributed. But no form can overcome an untruthful answer. Asked in writing by the Senate Judiciary Committee how many cases he had personally tried in court, Ginsburg reportedly answered 34. Today the Justice Department admitted he had appeared in court only once. Tonight Attorney General Edwin Meese said the nomination was not being withdrawn, that Ginsburg had not as far as he knew, lied to White House officials about his drug use and that the FBI had not botched the investigation.

EDWIN MEESE

The background investigation that is being conducted is conducted by the FBI. That's in progress at the present time, it has not been completed yet.

JOHN MARTIN

(SU) But the Judge wasn't asked that crucial preliminary question at a crucial moment and that's why his nomination has been thrown into serious jeopardy. JOHN MARTIN, ABC News, Washington.

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Story Name: MEESE AND BAKER BLAMED FOR BORK AND GINSBURG FIASCO

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Anchor: PETER JENNINGS, SAN DIEGO, CALIFORNIA

Correspondent: JOHN MARTIN, WASHINGTON, DC USA

Content: PETER JENNINGS

Well, in this day and age it would be an enormous embarrassment for Mr. Reagan to be denied again. The men who are getting a lot of blame for the President's troubles are his longtime friend Attorney General Edwin Meese and his new Chief of Staff Howard Baker. ABC's **JOHN MARTIN** is in Washington.

**JOHN MARTIN**

(BAKER) One question being asked in Washington tonight is who's to blame for the White House humiliation over the Bork and Ginsburg nominations? One target of conservatives, without naming names, was Chief of Staff Howard Baker.

**SENATOR ORRIN HATCH**

There are gutless wonders down there who do not back the President when he needs it.

**JOHN MARTIN**

One former insider said the President may have needed a push he used to get in earlier years on a difficult decision.

**LARRY SPEAKES**

And then he made it on his own with probably a little bit of influence of the Chief of Staff in there. Maybe Howard Baker's going a little too far in letting Reagan be Reagan.

**JOHN MARTIN**

But other conservatives blame the Attorney General, who pushed hard for both Bork and Ginsburg.

**JAMES KILPATRICK**

I would like for Mr. Meese to resign and when they get around to picking the next nominee I hope Ed Meese is not within 100 miles of the White House.

**JOHN MARTIN**

But today Meese was in and out of the White House and up on Capitol Hill, still convinced that he alone was not to blame.

**EDWIN MEESE**

This is a shared opportunity that the White House staff and the Justice Department together work on these and I think we've come up with excellent candidates.

**JOHN MARTIN**

(BLDG) But others aren't so sure. At the Washington Post, reporter and Reagan biographer, Lou Cannon, suggests that Meese had good intentions but poor judgment.

**LOU CANNON**

But his political judgment has never been particularly good and I think he just doesn't see the changed reality that exists on Capitol Hill.

**JOHN MARTIN**

There, however, a former chief of staff suggested that both sides take a more measured view of the conflict.

**CONGRESSMAN DICK CHENEY**

That's the nature of the White House, it's never as bad as it seems inside or as good as it seems on the outside. You go through these peaks and valleys and that's the normal part of the process.

**JOHN MARTIN**

(SU) A process that virtually all the players insist is far more the work of Ronald Reagan than he is given the credit or the blame for.

**JOHN MARTIN**, ABC News, Washington.

**PETER JENNINGS**

As Sam Donaldson said, "stay tuned".

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Story Name: MEESE CRITICIZED FOR BORK AND GINSBURG BLUNDER

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Anchor: PETER JENNINGS, NEW YORK, NY USA

Correspondent: JOHN MARTIN, WASHINGTON, DC USA

Content: PETER JENNINGS

Well it now appears all but certain that federal Judge Anthony Kennedy will be President Reagan's next nominee to the Supreme Court. Judge Kennedy met with the President at the White House last night and an announcement is expected very shortly. Meanwhile Washington continues to chew on the two previous false starts and continues pointing the finger at the Attorney General. Here's ABC's **JOHN MARTIN**.

**JOHN MARTIN**

The White House prepared today to announce its third Supreme Court nominee in four months, while defending its defeat on the first two. Among the most defensive, Attorney General Meese.

**EDWIN MEESE**

No I don't feel my role in the administration is diminished in any way and secondly I'll be glad to take the credit for recommending Judge Bork and I'll be glad to share in the blame for...

**JOHN MARTIN**

The blame for Judge Ginsburg he said was shared by others at the White House. (CARTOONS) But what his critics call Ed Meese's blunders have become a target of cartoonists and columnists. Meese fails to stop Oliver North from shredding documents. Tangles his personal finances so badly he is under special investigation. Pushes to nominate a Supreme Court justice ideologically pure but professionally obscure. These embarrassments said a Washington Post columnist today, would cost him his job in any other democracy.

**DAVID BRODER**

He gave the President very bad advise about a job of major importance to the President, to the Republican party and to the country.

**PRESIDENT REAGAN**

He's no embarrassment to me. I've known him for 20 years and I've found him of sound mind and great loyalty and capability in all that time.

**JOHN MARTIN**

Late today in the White House the Attorney General's friends weren't giving up. They applauded him on all sides at a meeting of anti pornography crusaders. Would he endorse Judge Kennedy?

**EDWIN MEESE**

Again I prefer to give my advice on these matters directly to the President rather than through ABC.

**JOHN MARTIN**

So amid laughter, General Meese and his President are about to choose still another nominee. **JOHN MARTIN**, ABC News, Washington.

**PETER JENNINGS**

In fact the White House said a short while ago that if all the FBI checks are finished by this evening and presumably check out, JudgeAnthony will be nominated tomorrow

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Story Name: SICK CHILDREN HAVING TO REMAIN LIVING IN HOSPITALS

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Anchor: PETER JENNINGS, NEW YORK, NY USA

Correspondent: JOHN MARTIN, WASHINGTON, DC USA

Content: PETER JENNINGS

We have a report about medicine tonight which contains news both enlightening and frustrating. In many cases, and often thanks to the television exposure, it is easy to identify with some of the children whose lives have been saved thanks to medical technology. In tonight's case, or cases actually, part of the story which we don't often see. The technology is fantastic, but what if you can't afford it. ABC's **JOHN MARTIN** is on special assignment.

LINDA JACKSON

(BABY) It gets hard, it gets so hard. There's no words to tell you just how rough it can get.

**JOHN MARTIN**

Linda Jackson's daughter was born with her spine exposed.

LINDA JACKSON

It hurts emotionally like, like someone was just ripping out your soul.

**JOHN MARTIN**

Little Michele Jackson is kept breathing by a ventilator. She is one of 10,000 children born each year whose lives are saved and sustained by high technology medicine.

(MONTAGE OF BABIES ON MACHINES) But the cost is staggering.

Michele's parents can't afford her bill which has already reached 350,000 dollars. Her hospital can't afford it either, but nationally nearly half of all of these bills are never fully paid.

(HOSPITAL EXT) Last year alone, this hospital was saddled with some six million dollars in unpaid bills. Most of the nation's 126 children's hospitals are facing rising tides of red ink. But if the burden is high for the hospitals providing quality care despite the costs, the burden is higher for parents who want to bring their children home but can't afford to.

MRS. MCGRIFF

She's ready to go home now.

RICHARD MCGRIFF

We can't afford to take her home.

**JOHN MARTIN**

Why not?

RICHARD MCGRIFF

Twelve thousand a month.

**JOHN MARTIN**

Like many parents, the McGriffs had insurance that paid for some hospital care, but not for home care.

CURT BLOOMQUIST

I just can't understand how they can, have all these funds to keep these babies alive but they don't have the funds for these parents to get them home.

**JOHN MARTIN**

(KATIE AT HOME) Katie Bloomquist is an exception who proves what can be done. Using an extraordinary insurance policy that pays for nurses and equipment at home, she returned to her parents and sister.

GALE BLOOMQUIST

Every sick kid, even a healthy sick kid, they need the same kind of attention and that can only be given at home.

**JOHN MARTIN**

But others can't get special insurance and are fighting for public help. Julie Beckett an Iowa parent, got it by convincing the White House. (OLD FTG) In 1981 Ronald Reagan ordered Health and Human Services officials to find a way to pay for her daughter's care at home. It paid off and cost less in public funds than keeping her in a hospital. (CLASSROOM) Today Katie Beckett attends school in Cedar Rapids, Iowa still wearing a tube in her throat but hopeful, she says, that someday soon she'll be finally free of the technology that saved her life.

KATIE BECKETT

I'd rather be a normal kid, so I can go to all these parties and all

these things.

**SENATOR JOHN CHAFEE**

The way the system is tilted now, it's all toward keeping children in this situation in the hospital and I think our tilt has to be toward getting them out of the hospital.

**JOHN MARTIN**

(CAPITOL HILL BLDG) On Capitol Hill, Senator Chafee has introduced a bill providing 375 million dollars to pay children's catastrophic medical bills and 125 million dollars to the states to manage the payments.

**SENATOR JOHN CHAFEE**

Forget the problems that comes with the financial devastation but the emotional disturbance that comes with all this is devastating to a family.

**JOHN MARTIN**

(BIRTHDAY PARTY) In Natasha Herndon's case, it destroyed her family. She is five years old and has spent most of her life at Cardinal Glennon Hospital in St. Louis. She's ready to go home, but her parents, overwhelmed by the technology, their own personal problems and the bills have abandoned her.

**DR. ROBERT LYNCH**

She needs a normal childhood. Her playmates right now are all attached to respirators and cardiac monitors and come and go.

**JOHN MARTIN**

(NATASHA) But Natasha can't go home. Her parents now are her doctors and nurses. Her playground the hospital halls and helicopter pad. Her life has cost more than two million dollars, a loss absorbed by the hospital. She is an orphan of technology, one of thousands of children trapped by a system that saves their lives but threatens financial ruin to their families and the institutions that help them survive. **JOHN MARTIN**, ABC News, Washington.

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Story Name: LOOK BACK AT HISTORY OF IRAN-CONTRA AFFAIR

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Correspondent: JOHN MARTIN, WASHINGTON, DC USA

Content: PETER JENNINGS

In some respects it seems a long time ago. Those days and weeks and months when the Iran-Contra affair commanded so much of the nation's attention. ABC's **JOHN MARTIN** has a look at the history.

**JOHN MARTIN**

The seeds were sown in 1979, in Iran and Nicaragua friendly dictators overthrown, hostile regimes in power. (VARIOUS FTG) US citizens and influence at risk. By the end of the first Reagan term more Americans had been taken hostage in Beirut and more Sandinistas dominated the government in Managua. So secretly and separately over many months, the Reagan Administration adopted two goals: free the hostages by dealing with Iran; overthrow the Sandinistas by creating the Contras. When Congress resisted the White House got allies abroad and activists at home to give tens of millions of dollars. It built a makeshift supply system, it pressured Congress by secretly financing TV ads. It sold weapons to Iran and diverted some of the money to the Contras. But then a Sandinista soldier shot down a plane. A Beirut magazine revealed the arms deal. For a time, the President hid the truth but it was unraveling, it was a disaster.

CONGRESSMAN LEE HAMILTON

A failure to adhere to the constitutional process had predictable consequences. The policies failed.

**JOHN MARTIN**

(CONTRAS) Remarkably little of the money got to the Contras. Some hostages were released others kidnapped. And American credibility has been weakened in the Middle East and diminished in Central America. Perhaps the final irony to foster democracy overseas, the Reagan Administration undercut it at home. Where are they now? (NORTH) Lieutenant Colonel Oliver North, at Marine headquarters. (HALL) White House secretary Fawn Hall, Pentagon secretary Fawn Hall. (POINDEXTER) Admiral **JOHN** Poindexter, scheduled to retire from the Navy in two weeks. (SECORD) Richard Secord, who ran the enterprise, now a celebrity, a consultant and critical of today's report.

RICHARD SECORD

That the majority politicized this thing and they're hot on the trail of the administration and they aim to beat up on them. And I just think it's terribly unfortunate.

**JOHN MARTIN**

For now the President's men are waiting to see if they'll be indicted. (SU) The Contras are awaiting to return to power in Nicaragua and the hostages, seven American men in the Middle East, are waiting for freedom. **JOHN MARTIN**, ABC News, Washington.

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Story Name: CUBAN PRISONERS RIOT BECAUSE THEY MAY BE RETURNED TO CUBA

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Anchor: TOM JARRIEL, NEW YORK, NY USA

Correspondent: JOHN MARTIN, ATLANTA, GEORGIA

Content: TOM JARRIEL

Rioting by Cuban prisoners spreads to the federal penitentiary in Atlanta. Desperate men fighting deportation to Cuba. Attorney General Edwin Meese late today made a dramatic appeal to restore order at two federal prisons where Cuban inmates have rioted and taken hostages. Meese offer Cuban nationals to their homeland in return for an end to the violence at prisons at Oakdale, Louisiana and Atlanta. The first riots broke out Saturday in a Louisiana prison shortly after the US and Cuba announced a plan to return over 2,000 so-called undesirable Cuban refugees home. Today the riot spread to a second prison in Atlanta. And tonight at least one person, according to one unconfirmed report, has been killed. More now from ABC's **JOHN MARTIN** in Atlanta.

MAN

Control to tower one, if they attempt to take E cell house they will use gas, use the gas on them. Do not let them take control of the E cell house.

**JOHN MARTIN**

Just before 11 this morning flames broke out in an industrial work area near blocks of cells where the Cubans are held. One thousand five hundred Cubans and about a thousand American inmates. (SMOKE) Smoke rose into the sky over Atlanta, rescue workers carried out some of the wounded. Officials estimated 30 prisoners and guards were hurt. Many of the inmates suffered gunshot wounds. Perhaps 30 guards and staff workers were believed taken hostage at the same time. Negotiations began almost immediately, officials promised no reprisals if the hostages were released unharmed.

MAN

Without firearms unless somebody is injured, a staff member is injured, do not fire on them.

**JOHN MARTIN**

Distraught relatives of the prisoners gathered outside the gates.

MARIA GARCIA

We beg them to be relaxed that if they knew about what happened in Louisiana how can they be relaxed when they know they're going to go to Cuba.

**JOHN MARTIN**

(FIRE) During the day, the fire spread to a food services building adjacent to the prison hospital. Officials said they could not put out the flames until the the siege ended. The inmates' major demand was someone from Washington to explain their status under a new agreement announced three days ago that would have deported them to Cuba. For seven years, American courts and corrections officers have tried to deal with refugees who were among Cuba's most harden and insane criminals. Today's rioting shows that despite the new agreement Cuba and the United States are still faced with the bitter legacy of prisoners caught between the prison systems of two countries. **JOHN MARTIN**, ABC News, Atlanta.

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Story Name: SOME PRISONERS IN ATLANTA SURRENDER, ANOTHER FIRE STARTED

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Anchor: PETER JENNINGS, NEW YORK, NY USA

Correspondent: JOHN MARTIN, ATLANTA, GEORGIA

Content:

**JOHN MARTIN**

**JOHN MARTIN** at the Atlanta Penitentiary. (FIRE) Near dawn flames and smoke began rising again from a prison work area. Inside a witness said inmates were throwing mattresses onto the flames. (HELICOPTER) So National Guard helicopters drenched the fire with water and put it out. Then as a police SWAT team marched toward positions, some inmates stepped forward to give up monitored by radio. (INMATES)

RADIO MAN

We have inmates and detainees being, surrendering at the east gate.

**JOHN MARTIN**

For the first time in 24 hours there was movement. By bus the authorities transferred about 100 inmates, mostly Americans, to the front of the prison. Meanwhile the wife of a guard said her husband was one of the first captured.

REPORTER

Have they been able to give you any assurance as to his condition?

WOMAN

No, not at all.

**JOHN MARTIN**

The warden said, the 75 hostages were not in immediate danger.

JOSEPH PETROVSKY

To the best of our knowledge they are being treated fairly, and they are not being mistreated.

**JOHN MARTIN**

The warden said negotiations had broken down, the Cubans could not enforce the terms.

JOSEPH PETROVSKY

As soon as you agree to a set of demands and new leadership takes over and you get a whole new set of demands.

**JOHN MARTIN**

The warden also said authorities would not storm the prison if hostages are not harmed. Outside families heard a comforting message.

MAN

Control tower one, no fire, no fire.

**JOHN MARTIN**

Even so, there were complaints. The wife of one prisoner said her husband had completed a 56 day drug sentence, but since the government was waiting to deport him, he had never been released.

ROSANNA LUGO

He's been here three years, their time. And a majority of the Cubans inside have served time in another place.

**JOHN MARTIN**

But many inmates were among the most harden convicts. When they arrived in 1980 American police found a trail of blood and violence. (SU) But Attorney General Meese's offer has been rejected and tonight as the prison moved, inmates who surrendered out of this facility by bus, families of those left inside pleaded for concessions for their loved ones. **JOHN MARTIN**, ABC News, Atlanta.

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Story Name: UPDATE ON PRISON STANDOFF: MORE HOSTAGES TAKEN IN ATLANTA

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Anchor: PETER JENNINGS, NEW YORK, NY USA

Correspondent: JOHN MARTIN, ATLANTA, GEORGIA

Content: PETER JENNINGS

In other news today, the standoffs at the two federal prisons in Oakdale, Louisiana and Atlanta, Georgia continue to be just that, standoffs. There have been two related developments in the last 24 hours. The Pentagon says it is sending 100 special forces troops trained in counterterrorism to Atlanta. The Pentagon says publicly they are going only to serve as advisers. And Cuban officials have now said that if the Cubans do return home, they will be given amnesty. Well, there are now 93 hostages being held in Atlanta. The 1,500 Cuban prisoners there took 25 more hostages overnight who worked in the prison hospital. In Oakdale, Louisiana a thousand prisoners continue to hold 28 hostages. We begin our reports with ABC's **JOHN MARTIN** in Atlanta.

**JOHN MARTIN**

(INMATES) The authorities moved dozens of inmates out of the prison today saying nearly 250 had surrendered, most appeared to be Cubans. As their buses pulled away their families chanted liberty, liberty. Lazaro Lopez saw his father in a window of a bus and tried to stop it. Maria Silva saw her husband's face and wept.

**MARIA SILVA**

I feel good and I'd like to say thank God for keeping my husband very very good.

**JOHN MARTIN**

But the joy was tempered by new fear. Overnight the Cuban inmates who already controlled virtually all the prison except the administration building, took 25 more hostages in a hospital where prison employees had been barricaded for two days. Then the Cubans talked to reporters at the edge of an area they control. They produced the manager of a prison factory.

**TOM CAMPBELL**

Oh, they've been very, very protective. They've gone out of their way to see that, to keep some of the strong arm boys away from us.

**JOHN MARTIN**

To his family, Campbell said--

**TOM CAMPBELL**

Just tell my wife, I'm safe and I'll be home when and if that time arrives but I'm being taken care of so not to worry.

**JOHN MARTIN**

A Cuban captor said his countrymen wanted amnesty and American citizenship. But would not harm their hostages to get it.

**MAN**

We not going to do nothing or rush, we are concerned with the safety of all the people over here.

**JOHN MARTIN**

The Cubans also released five hostages as a show of good faith.

**GUARD BOBBY ANDERSON**

We were treated upmost like we was their fathers. They give us hot meals, they give us medical attention. They never harrassed us one bit.

**GUARD BOB GRAVITT**

They treated us like gentlemen. They looked after our every need. In fact they fed us so much that I think I put on weight.

**JOHN MARTIN**

But food may become a problem inside. A food storage and services building is apparently in an area of the prison the Cubans fear is being slowly cut off to them. Outside for the families of the hostages, it was a grim moment. (FAMILY) For many hours they stood on a hillside overlooking the prison. (SU) Hoping perhaps for more releases on a day in which the total of hostages inside reached the highest number in American prison history. **JOHN MARTIN**, ABC News, Atlanta.

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Story Name: MIAMI MAYOR AND JUDGE TRY TO HELP IN PRISON STANDOFF IN GA

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Correspondent: JOHN MARTIN, ATLANTA, GEORGIA

Content: TOM JARRIEL

At the federal prison in Atlanta, the negotiating mood has been even less optimistic as 1,100 prisoners continue to hold their hostages there and make demands. Here's ABC's **JOHN MARTIN**.

**JOHN MARTIN**

The Cuban born mayor and his associates entered the prison grounds proclaiming their desire to change places with the hostages.

MAYOR XAVIER SUAREZ

We're here just to try to help in any way we possibly can.

**JOHN MARTIN**

But it wasn't possible said prison officials and they were not allowed to see them. Overnight a tentative agreement fell through to release 50 hostages as a sign of good faith. The inmates said they voted down the idea. At the federal courthouse, meanwhile, the judge who ordered special hearings for the Cubans in 1983 but was overruled by appeals courts, said they were denied even limited rights.

JUDGE MARVIN SHOOB

Well, they're brought in without knowing, without an opportunity to review their own files, without knowing what the contentions of the government was, with a presumption that they were dangerous.

**JOHN MARTIN**

The judge was critical of Attorney General Meese for certifying that all 1,500 Cubans in the prison were a threat since barely 300 he said were hardened criminals.

JUDGE MARVIN SHOOB

Well, I think Mr. Meese is honest in his convictions. I think he's taken a rather simplistic viewpoint of a very complex situation.

**JOHN MARTIN**

(MEESE) In Washington, where Meese was meeting on the crisis, a spokesman said Judge Shoob had given rights to the Cubans not required by law.

TERRY EASTLAND

I think it's unfortunate when a federal judge lends his voice to the public policy issue at this time.

JUDGE MARVIN SHOOB

I have told the media who've called me, I would be willing to respond simply because I feel these people have been neglected.

**JOHN MARTIN**

At the prison, meanwhile, the standoff continued. (RIBBONS) Yellow ribbons appeared, families of the hostages stood vigil beside tents, and so did families of the Cubans. (FAMILIES) **JOHN MARTIN**, ABC News, Atlanta.

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Story Name: ATLANTA CUBAN PRISON STANDOFF CONTINUES; TALKS IMPROVING

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Correspondent: JOHN MARTIN, ATLANTA, GEORGIA

Content: PETER JENNINGS

At the federal prison in Atlanta, more than 1,000 Cuban prisoners continue to hold their 90 hostages. Federal authorities still surround the prison. But after more than a week there are a few still small signs there may eventually be some resolution to the crisis. ABC's **JOHN MARTIN** is in Atlanta.

**JOHN MARTIN**

This afternoon Justice Department officials said a one hour negotiating session with the Cubans had led to substantial agreement on some issues.

**PATRICK KORTEN / JUSTICE DEPT**

And it is fair to say that the latest discussion was considerably more encouraging than others we have had in the past few days.

**JOHN MARTIN**

At the same time, three Cuban-American negotiators who had been criticized as too close to the Reagan Administration withdrew. An official said Miami Bishop Agustin Roman, who helped resolve the Oakdale siege, was now on call. Early this morning the Cubans eased fears on both sides by turning over a man regarded as among the most dangerous convicts in America, Thomas Silverstein, convicted of three murders behind bars. Silverstein was reportedly sent to Levenworth prison. This man says Silverstein had threatened to kill any Cuban who got in his way. Steve Hart, paroled on Friday, offered new details today of how the riot started. He was working in the cafeteria. Despite indications it was coming, he said, a guard goaded inmates about their status.

**STEVE HART**

He would more or less taunting the Cuban, taunting the Cubans saying they're going to send them back to Cuba, they're going to shoot them.

**JOHN MARTIN**

Earlier, the wife of an inmate said her husband told her of the taunting.

**JANET LUGO**

And actually it was the guards who started it with their harassment.

**JOHN MARTIN**

(PRISON EXT) Late today, as inmates tried to keep warm and burned trash to clear away debris, the seeds of the uprising were less important to families waiting outside than a safe conclusion. (SU) And tonight saying they don't want to raise hopes or give details, federal officials have raised expectations that the atmosphere will remain clear for an agreement. **JOHN MARTIN**, ABC News, Atlanta.

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Story Name: ATLANTA CUBAN PRISON STANDOFF CONTINUES, 1 HOSTAGE RELEASED

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Correspondent: JOHN MARTIN, ATLANTA, GEORGIA

Content: PETER JENNINGS

Elsewhere in the country, watching the confused hostage situation at the Atlanta federal prison is a lot like reading tea leaves. Authorities keep hoping that some pattern will emerge which will spell out freedom for the 89 hostages still being held by a 1,000 Cuban prisoners. As ABC's **JOHN MARTIN** reports tonight, slowly but surely that pattern does appear to be taking shape.

**JOHN MARTIN**

The sun was shining brightly here today, so were hopes on all sides. Dozens of inmates took to the roof. (INMATES) They put up a Christmas tree and repeated their determination.

VOICE OF MAN

(INMATES ON ROOF) The men would rather die or stay in prison than to return to Castro's communist Cuba.

**JOHN MARTIN**

They also called again for Miami Bishop Agustin Roman to act as a mediator.

ANNOUNCER

(ON RADIO) This is WRFG Atlanta, the Latin sun of the city.

**JOHN MARTIN**

Overnight there was more reason to hope.

CARLA DUDEK

I want you to know that we're still working for you.

**JOHN MARTIN**

Two attorneys helping the Cubans from outside broadcast appeals for a show of goodwill.

GARY LESHAW

As a birthday present to Carla you release some hostages.

**JOHN MARTIN**

(INMATES SINGING) The inmates climbed to the roof and sang. (RELEASE) Within 90 minutes a correct and taken from the prison leaving 89 persons still held inside.

MAN

We're confident that very soon this crisis will end.

ABDUL-SABOOR RUSHOR

There's great optimism among the hostages and the detainees.

MICHAEL QUINLAN

We sense that a new agreement is emerging from the discussions with the Atlanta detainees.

**JOHN MARTIN**

Late today attorney Leshaw emerged from a long talk with the Cubans.

GARY LESHAW

There's one major stumbling block at this point that I see and I think that if we get pass that stumbling block things might get a lot easier.

**JOHN MARTIN**

(PRISON EXT) So beyond that tonight as the evening chill sets back in both sides are apparently close to the peaceful solution of a violent siege. **JOHN MARTIN**, ABC News, Atlanta.

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Story Name: ATLANTA PRISONERS AGREE ON TERMS TO END SIEGE; END IS NEAR

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Correspondent: JOHN MARTIN, ATLANTA, GEORGIA

Content: PETER JENNINGS

In Atlanta tonight there is no celebration yet for deals have been reached before and have fallen apart, but there is a cautious optimism. Cuban prisoners holding 89 hostages at the Atlanta federal prison apparently have agreed that their siege should now end. ABC's **JOHN MARTIN** is in Atlanta.

**JOHN MARTIN**

This afternoon the government said it had reached a major crossroad. Negotiators from both sides had approved a two page agreement.

PATRICK KORTEN / JUSTICE DEPT

All six of the negotiators for the detainees initialed this document signifying their agreement. That is the first time that we have ever had agreement on all points by all six of these negotiators and at this point, we'll see whether they can deliver.

**JOHN MARTIN**

That would mean a vote of approval by inmates holding the hostages. Spokesman Korten said the terms were approved at the highest level of the Justice Department.

PATRICK KORTEN

This is done with the full authority of the Attorney General and he personally approved each and every word in it.

**JOHN MARTIN**

But he wouldn't say what was in the agreement. What is know is what is in a compromise offered earlier by two members of a coalition working for the Cubans. (GRAPHICS) They made four proposals. A year's moritorium on deportations, a review of each Cuban's case with legal protections, release for non-violent prisoners, and the option for dangerous prisoners of going to Cuba or a third country or remaining in prison here until they have served their full terms. For now there was no word if the agreement. As word spread of a possible breakthrough families rejoiced.

WOMAN

What can I say I just want my husband home.

WOMAN

I feel very happy and I think this is going to be the end.

**JOHN MARTIN**

Listening to prisoners shouting by megaphone, a Miami political leader said the siege was ending.

HUBER MATOS

The Cuban inmate population has agreed with the terms the government has provided and know long ago and they think the suffering of everybody is over.

**JOHN MARTIN**

Tonight the government said the inmates had accepted the agreement.

PATRICK KORTEN

At this hour we are waiting for word from them concerning the timing and manner in which they would like to formally sign this agreement and put an end to the incident that began 11 days ago.

**JOHN MARTIN**

In Miami, Bishop Agustin Roman was elated.

BISHOP AGUSTIN ROMAN

I think that our prayers, we have the fruit of our prayers.

**JOHN MARTIN**

(SU) And those are the prayers that apparently just about to be answered here in Atlanta, Peter. The hostages have not shown themselves, there's no sign of them yet but there is talk that there will be a formal signing agreement. We expect to hear word of it and the speculation is that one of the people who will be there will be Bishop Roman and that's why there is some delay.

PETER JENNINGS

**JOHN**, you've been there for 11 days, I'd like your best instincts. Will it hold? There's been difficulty before.

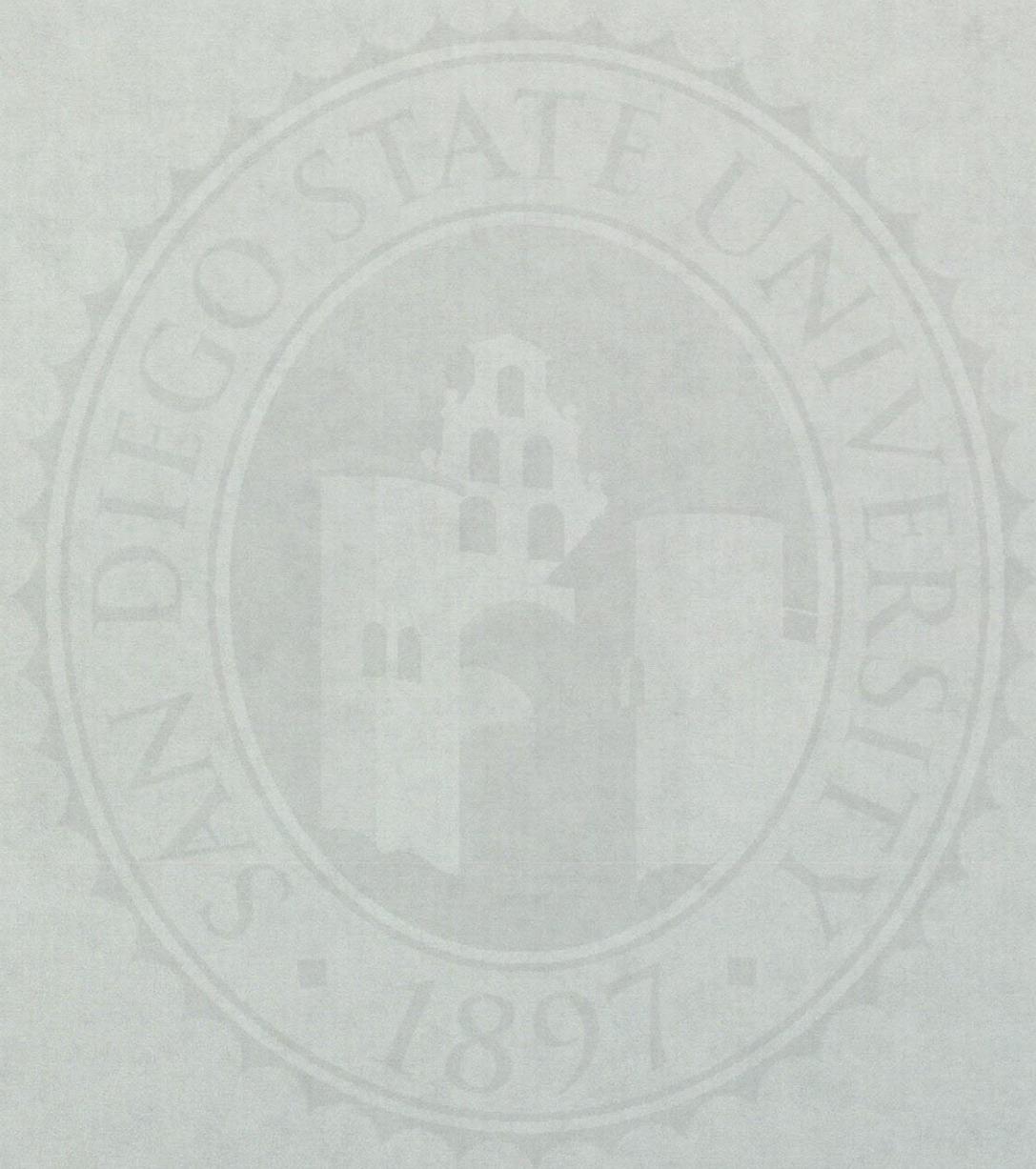
**JOHN MARTIN**

I have a feeling that it will, Peter. There's been solid

negotiations for a long time. The detainees have good legal advice  
and they'll be witnesses there who will enforce this agreement.

PETER JENNINGS

Okay, **JOHN**, thanks very much. **JOHN MARTIN** in Atlanta.



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Story Name: ATLANTA STANDOFF OVER: HOSTAGES RELEASED, PRISONERS SURRENDER

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Correspondent: JOHN MARTIN, ATLANTA, GEORGIA

Content: PETER JENNINGS

The heat is finally off at the federal penitentiary in Atlanta. The Cubans inmates who took over the prison released their 89 hostages overnight and are surrendering to authorities today. ABC's JOHN MARTIN is there.

JOHN MARTIN

This afternoon the first buses carrying Cuban detainees left the penitentiary. (BUSES) After the largest prison hostage siege in American history, they were on their way to other institutions. Meanwhile at the prison, special weapons teams continued to take inmates back into custody. (PRISONERS) Searchers found swords fashioned in a machine shop. The Cubans were being disarmed examined by doctors and dispersed.

PATRICK KORTEN

This is a process that is going to take some while probably anywhere from 18 to 24 hours.

JOHN MARTIN

(SIGNING) Early this morning with inmates watching and Miami Bishop Agustin Roman at the table, the two sides signed an eight point agreement.

GARY LESHAW

No Cuban detainee will be held by INS without an appropriate charge.

JOHN MARTIN

Among other terms, a moratorium on deportation, a fair review of their eligibility to stay in the United States. (GRAPHICS) And permission for inmates to go to a third country. Did the inmates approve? (ROMAN) Bishop Roman blessed and prayed with the inmates. In a corridor special weapons teams waited. Nearby families of the hostages waited and worried. And then it was over. (REUNIONS)

TED MENEAR

Well, the other inmates wanted to kill us. There was a faction that wanted to kill us and there was the one that didn't.

JOHN MARTIN

A Cuban negotiator thanked an American negotiator.

MAN

I promise you that I will never come back again.

JOHN MARTIN

One detainee was killed in the uprising. A witness said he was shot by a tower guard. (AERIAL OF PRISON) Some 15 others were shot or injured. When it was over, the Cuban's attorney said the government planted the seeds of the riot by refusing to grant legal rights after the Cubans arrived in Florida.

GARY LESHAW

When you pretend people aren't here and treat them accordingly I think this type of thing is the result.

JOHN MARTIN

Later the government praised Leshaw's role in convincing the inmates that some ultimately may have to be returned to Cuba. Late today the Attorney General arrived from Washington.

JOHN MARTIN

So, after an ordeal of a dozen days one more bitter legacy of the ideological dispute between Cuba and the United States has ended uneasily but peaceably. JOHN MARTIN, ABC News, Atlanta.

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JOHN MARTIN

Tonight in Atlanta Attorney General Meese was asked whether judges or administrators would be reviewing the Cubans cases.

ATTORNEY GENERAL EDWIN MEESE

It will be an administrative process but exactly who will be involved and how it will be worked is still to be determined.

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Story Name: CUBAN PRISONERS COMPLAIN ABOUT CONDITIONS AT NEW JAILS

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Correspondent: JOHN MARTIN, WASHINGTON, DC USA

Content: PETER JENNINGS

State Department officials today heard complaints from representatives of the Cuban prisoners who rioted in Louisiana and Georgia earlier this month. The prisoners have been moved to new jails and their relatives are complaining about the conditions there. Here's ABC's **JOHN MARTIN**.

**JOHN MARTIN**

In Washington today the Cubans' representatives including a bishop from Miami, visited the State and Justice Departments. They said they wanted to prevent any deportations to Cuba and to expand the prisoners right to hearings and lawyers. (UPRISING FTG) That wasn't part of the agreement signed two weeks after uprisings in Oakdale and Atlanta.

**GARY LESHAW**

I'm not encouraged, I'm not discouraged. I mean, I appreciate the fact that they say the door remains open for us to come in. As the plan stands now, I'm still not satisfied with it.

**JOHN MARTIN**

At the same time, Maria Herran visited her husband at Fort Gordon, Georgia today where the Cubans are reportedly locked into their cells 23 hours a day.

**MARIA HERRAN**

Every time they go to the bathroom and take a shower or they go to the **JOHN**, they have to be handcuffed.

**JOHN MARTIN**

Jose Herran is one of 172 Cubans sent here from Atlanta after the uprising. The others, some 2,300 from Oakdale and Atlanta are in prisons all across the country. Privately a Justice Department source said today tensions are still so high that officials fear more uprisings. Publicly officials said they knew nothing about locked downs or tension. In the Bronx meanwhile, Carmen Linares waited today for a phone call from Fort Gordon. Her husband, Pablo, told her his treatment is also severe. She is worried about the review of his attempted murder case for which he completed a five year sentence.

**CARMEN LINARES**

I hope he has somebody to represent him. I'm really scared.

**JOHN MARTIN**

(SU) So with officials here insisting they are reasonable and open but unaware of complaints, the families have no word tonight on when the Cubans will be removed from conditions usually reserved for the most dangerous convicts in America. **JOHN MARTIN**, ABC News, Washington.

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Story Name: THROUGH A MISTAKE USSR ACQUIRES US HIGH TECH OF CARBON CARBO N

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Correspondent: JOHN MARTIN, WASHINGTON, DC USA

Content: PETER JENNINGS

Our next report is a reminder that even as Mr. Gorbachev and Mr. Reagan talk of arms control, the struggle between the two nations to get an edge in military technology has hardly missed a beat. As ABC's **JOHN MARTIN** reports tonight, a series of costly mistakes apparently has given the S military know-how.

**JOHN MARTIN**

(ROCKET) It's one of the most important materials in nuclear weaponry. Used in the nose cones of American intercontinental missiles, on the wings and nose of the space shuttle. (SHUTTLE) It's called carbon carbon and because of its unique properties it burns uniformly when missiles reenter the atmosphere. (ANIMATION) Without it the missiles can wobble and fall off target. With it, American missiles are believed to be three times more accurate than Soviet missiles. (SU) But now because of a bureaucratic blunder here and in Great Britain, the Soviet Union has managed to acquire key elements of American missile technology.

RICHARD PERLE

Carbon carbon technology is right up there among the most serious losses that we've sustained in recent years.

**JOHN MARTIN**

(DOORS CLOSING) Today a House subcommittee closed its doors in secrecy to call military and intelligence experts to find out how this could have happened.

MAN

A major scandal and one of the greatest losses of technology we've ever had.

CONGRESSMAN **JOHN DINGELL**

The matter laid idled in the hands of the CIA for six or seven months during which time nothing was done to address the problems.

**JOHN MARTIN**

What the Soviets got were furnaces and presses to heat and form the material. (BLDG) They came from the British subsidiary of this New Jersey firm called Consarc. This man, James Metcalf, meeting with Soviet technicians in Scotland agreed to sell them nine vacuum induction furnaces and two isostatic presses in 1983.

JAMES METCALF

Approval was written from the British government and it was verbal from the US government.

**JOHN MARTIN**

US commerce officials approved the sale without seeing its national security implications. Then it took a year for CIA and Pentagon officials to learn of the deal. They reacted with alarm. They asked Britain to stop the sale. (WEINBERGER) A year later, Secretary of Defense Weinberger told Congress it had been stopped just in time. (PHOTOS) But as it turned out, Metcalf, married to a Soviet woman, had already shipped most of the equipment. (SKETCH/MAP) This sketch, smuggled out of the Soviet Union is said to be the design of a factory near Moscow. Experts believe it can make carbon carbon. So behind the symbolism of a summit, the superpower race for even the slightest edge in strategic missiles goes on relentlessly on both sides of the iron curtain. **JOHN MARTIN**, ABC News, Washington.

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Story Name: CONTROVERSIAL DOMESTIC FBI INVESTIGATION

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Anchor: RICHARD THRELKELD, NEW YORK, NY USA

Correspondent: JOHN MARTIN, WASHINGTON, DC USA

Content: RICHARD THRELKELD

We've got a report tonight on the FBI and on some disturbing questions that are being asked about some of its domestic surveillance activities. Part of the FBI's job is to keep an eye on people who might be planning terrorist attacks. But some critics are charging that in the course of those investigations on people simply because they oppose administration policies. ABC's JOHN MARTIN is on special assignment.

**JOHN MARTIN**

(REAGAN) It was the beginning of Ronald Reagan's second term. (SWEARING-IN) As the President made that pledge, only a few blocks away the FBI was secretly photographing protesters opposed to the government's policies in Central America. The surveillance of the Anti-War All People's Congress wasn't routine. (PROTEST) The group was the target of a domestic security terrorism inquiry. (RYAN) JOHN Ryan, an FBI agent 21 years, refused to conduct a similar investigation last year on grounds that it was improper, that the Bureau was being used to quell political dissent. He was fired.

**JOHN RYAN**

They seem to be looking at these people for another reason but not as people trying to terrorize the inauguration.

**OLIVER "BUCK" REVELL**

That's false.

**JOHN MARTIN**

Oliver Buck Revell executive assistant director, head of all FBI investigations.

**OLIVER REVELL**

The content of a person's speech is of no concern to us only the acts that they commit.

**JOHN MARTIN**

(GRAPHICS) Last year, the FBI made nearly 8,500 checks in the United States under its terrorist guidelines, yet its own figures show there are only 17 terrorist acts the entire year. Internal FBI communications, obtained by the Center for Investigative Reporting, showed two FBI field officers question the extraordinary surveillance of the All People's Congress. Director Revell says his headquarters had information the field officers didn't, that the protesters planned violent actions. But there were none, no crime took place. (SU) The case was closed but the file is enormous. The FBI says this is a preliminary inquiry not an investigation. It says it did more than 120 of these last year. (REPORT) But this, All People's Congress inquiry turned up names, addresses, phone numbers, some 200 secret photographs of the members, all this for a preliminary inquiry. Brian Willson's veterans group turned up in another FBI domestic security terrorism inquiry.

**BRIAN WILLSON**

I am not a terrorist and I am opposed to violence wherever it occurs in the world.

**JOHN MARTIN**

(TRAIN) Last September Brian Willson was run down by a weapons train during a protest outside a California naval station. He lost his legs. Earlier Willson had criticized US policy at a Sandinista celebration in Nicaragua.

**BRIAN WILLSON**

(11/8/86) And our country's illegal, immoral and irrational war against your sovereign nation.

**JOHN MARTIN**

(VETS) Before that, he fasted with three other veterans on the Capitol steps in Washington to protest the war. The FBI wanted to know more about the veterans when vandals jammed the locks at 11 armed forces recruiting centers in Chicago. They left two leaflets supporting the veterans' fast. The FBI saw it as a possible conspiracy to coerce the government.

**BRIAN WILLSON**

It has the effect of stifling dissent I suppose. I want to make it clear that I hope and my commitment is that it's not going to stifle my exercise of dissent. I've already paid a pretty dear price for my dissent.

**JOHN MARTIN**

The Bureau closed the Chicago inquiry and says Willson was never the target, but it was over this same case that agent **JOHN** Ryan lost his job.

**JOHN RYAN**

I didn't see this as an act of terrorism, in fact I saw it as an act against terrorism.

**JOHN MARTIN**

Then why did the FBI classify the Chicago group as possible terrorists?

**JOHN RYAN**

Because it was criticizing our government's policy in Central America.

**JOHN MARTIN**

The FBI insists the investigation was lawful.

**OLIVER REVELL**

We are not in the business of impeding people's rights, we're in the business of protecting rights and that means the rights of the public as well as the rights of the individuals.

**JOHN MARTIN**

(BLDG) Nevertheless, the Bureau has enormous investigative power when it comes to terrorism. Fifteen years ago it conducted nearly 21,000 security investigations. Today the number is far fewer but the inquiries and checks and surveillance can still cast a chilling shadow over all those who hold unpopular but legally protected beliefs. **JOHN MARTIN**, ABC News, Washington.

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Story Name: ANNIVERSARY OF PR DUPONT HOTEL FIRE, CAN IT HAPPEN ELSEWHERE

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Anchor: RICHARD THRELKELD, NEW YORK, NY USA

Correspondent: JOHN MARTIN, WASHINGTON, DC USA

Content: RICHARD THRELKELD

New Year's Eve, exactly one year ago, it was right around three in the afternoon when a terrible fire broke out at a crowded hotel in Puerto Rico. It was the kind of tragedy that many people insisted should never happen again. But could it? Here's ABC's

**JOHN MARTIN.**

**JOHN MARTIN**

(PR HOTEL FIRE) It was the second worst hotel fire in American history, 97 dead, 140 injured, 1,000 people running for their lives. (RESCUE FTG) Helicopters lifted more than 100 survivors off the roof. (HOTEL) Today the hotel is still closed, its owners face 895 million dollars in damage claims, but say they will reopen later this year. Three employees who set the fire are serving 70 year prison terms on federal arson charges. A commission found the carnage could have been avoided. Two sprinklers could have snuffed out the initial flames without the loss of a single life.

**NICK BUCCI**

We had no smoke detector in the room, if we did, it never worked when Bonnie smelled smoke nothing went off. I don't believe there was an alarm system throughout the facility, nobody heard one. There were no sprinkler systems.

**JOHN MARTIN**

A year ago Nick Bucci helped save lives on the hotel roof. Today he and his wife are back in San Juan as tourists again. A year ago, Puerto Rico's fire codes required no sprinklers, now they must be installed within two years. Some fire fighters still complain about not enough equipment, but the Puerto Rican legislature is trying. It has increased the fire budget 30 percent, the department is hiring and training 310 new fire fighters and inspectors. (SU) But the United States Fire Administration here in Maryland draws the conclusion that while Puerto Rico is moving ahead, there is still the danger that the reforms won't be completed soon enough.

**CLYDE BRAGDON / FIRE ADM**

Whether they'll be able to state it or not, of course, remains to be seen.

**JOHN MARTIN**

Could another DuPont Plaza fire happen there?

**CLYDE BRAGDON**

Yes, but those kind of fires could occur in a lot of jurisdictions.

**JOHN MARTIN**

(GRAPHICS) In fact, much of the United States remains vulnerable to the same calamity. Fire experts say 85 percent of America's hotels and motels lack sprinklers. Congress is now considering a law requiring sprinklers in every state.

**CLYDE BRAGDON**

The 97 people who died in the DuPont Plaza hotel should not have died in vain.

**JOHN MARTIN**

(FIRE FTG) So, a year after the worst hotel fire in 40 years in America, the seeds of reform are taking root slowly. **JOHN MARTIN,** ABC News, Washington.