

## Message Text

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DOD/ISA FOR DAS ARMACOST; STATE FOR ASST SECY HOLBROOKE

CINCPAC ALSO FOR POLAD

E.O. 12065: GDS 12/04/85 (MURPHY, RICHARD W.) OR-M  
TAGS: MARR, RP  
SUBJECT: HARPOON MISSILE SYSTEM

REF: MANILA 20779

1. (C-ENTIRE TEXT.)
2. I HAVE BEEN INFORMED OF SOME COMMENTS MADE BY PHILIP-  
PINE DEFENSE OFFICIALS WHICH INDICATE THEY DOUBT GOP WILL  
RECEIVE HARPOON MISSILE.
3. ON NOVEMBER 6 DEPUTY DEFENSE MINISTER CASTRO TOLD  
CHIEF, JUSMAG THAT AS RESULT OF HOLBROOKE'S CONVERSATION  
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WITH PRESIDENT AND DEFENSE MINISTER, ENRILE HAD TOLD HIM  
TO DEFER ON PLANS TO USE FMS CREDITS FOR PURCHASE OF A  
PATROL SHIP, MULTI-MISSION. ENRILE HAD ADDED THAT THE  
HARPOON MISSILE WAS NOT RPT NOT AVAILABLE.

4. ON NOVEMBER 27 REP OF TACOMA BOAT COMMENTED TO MEMBER  
JUSMAG THAT PHIL NAVY HEADQUARTERS HAD INFORMED HIM GOP

WILL NOT RECEIVE HARPOON.

5. COMMENT: IT IS IMPOSSIBLE AT THIS JUNCTURE TO KNOW WHETHER ENRILE HAS ACCEPTED AS FACT GOP CANNOT AFFORD HARPOON SYSTEM OR WHETHER HE IS MERELY REFLECTING MARCOS' ORDER TO STAND DOWN GIVEN AT OCTOBER 25 MEETING. CERTAINLY AT THAT MEETING HE ARGUED WITH APPARENT CONVICTION URGENCY OF GOP'S NEED TO ACQUIRE HARPOON MISSILE SYSTEM BUT HE MAY HAVE BEEN PLAY ACTING. IN ANY EVENT, I THINK COMMENTS REPORTED PARAS 3 AND 4 SUGGEST OUR TACTIC OF TRYING DISCOURAGE GOP FROM PRESSING FOR SYSTEM MAY BE BEGINNING TO BEAR FRUIT. AS PERSONAL OBSERVATION, I CANNOT THINK OF ANY SINGLE PROSPECTIVE PURCHASE BY GOP OF MILITARY HARDWARE WHICH WOULD BE LESS HELPFUL TO ITS IMAGE BOTH DOMESTICALLY AND IN U.S., THAN ACQUISITION OF HIGHLY SOPHISTICATED HARPOON SYSTEM WITH \$50 MILLION PRICE TAG.  
MURPHY

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