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DOI: (U) 890813.

REQS: (U) (b)(3):10 USC 424

SOURCE: A. (U) OPEN SOURCE - DAILY NEWSPAPER, EKSTA BLADET, COPENHAGEN, DENMARK, 890813, (U), IN DANISH. A SENSATIONALIST TABLOID THAT IS WIDELY READ.

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C. (U) OPEN SOURCE - DAILY NEWSPAPER, BOERSENS, COPENHAGEN, DENMARK, 890720, (U), IN DANISH. FINANCIAL NEWS CONSIDERED ACCURATE.

SUMMARY: (U) IN REPORTING THIS OLD NEWS THAT THE RDAF PLANS TO REPLACE ITS DRAKEN AIRCRAFT, TWO ITEMS WERE IN PUBLIC PRINT FOR THE FIRST TIME. FIRST, THAT THE RDAF SHOULD GO TO AN ALL AIR DEFENSE ROLE. SECOND, THAT THE PILOT SHORTAGE MIGHT BE USED AS AN ARGUMENT AGAINST REPLACING ALL THE DRAKENS.

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2. (U) THE FOLLOWING IS AN UNOFFICIAL TRANSLATION OF THE ARTICLE APPEARING IN EKSTRA BLADET ON 890813. THE CURRENT EXCHANGE RATE IS: 1USD TO 7.4DKR.

QUOTE

- THE DANISH AIR FORCE PLANNERS ARE NOW PREPARING A PURCHASE OF NEW FIGHTER AIRPLANES WORTH A TOTAL AMOUNT SOMEWHERE BETWEEN 3.2 AND ALMOST TEN BILLION KRONER.
- THEY ARE ALREADY FAR AHEAD WITH THE PLANS FOR REPLACEMENT OF THE TWO AIR FORCE SQUADRONS WITH A TOTAL OF 32 DRAGEN AIRPLANES WHICH ARE TO BE DECOMMISSIONED DURING THE COMING YEARS.
- IT WILL BE A POLITICAL DECISION WHETHER A SIMILAR NUMBER OF AIRPLANES WILL BE NEEDED OR WHETHER IT WILL BE ENOUGH TO GET FOR INSTANCE HALF THE ORIGINAL NUMBER. THE POLITICAL DECISION ON THIS IS EXPECTED TO BE MADE AFTER THE DEFENSE COMMISSION HAS SUBMITTED ITS REPORT AT NEXT TURN OF THE YEAR ABOUT THE FUTURE DEFENSE STRUCTURE.
- A SMALLER NUMBER OF AIRPLANES WILL BE ENOUGH IF IT IS DECIDED THAT THE DANISH AIR FORCE SHOULD ONLY -- IN CONNECTION WITH THE NATO COOPERATION -- CONCENTRATE ON DOWNING OF AIRPLANES THAT ATTACK DENMARK, AND THAT THE PARTNERS IN NATO SHOULD THEN CARRY OUT THE MORE DIRECT ATTACKS ON THE MILITARY TARGETS IN THE ATTACKING EASTERN COUNTRIES.
- THE AIR FORCE SHOULD ALSO TAKE INTO CONSIDERATION THAT THERE ARE NOT FIGHTER PILOTS ENOUGH TO MAN ALL THE AIRPLANES. THIS IS AN IMPORTANT ARGUMENT WHICH SHOULD PUT A DAMPER ON THE DESIRE TO GET 100 PERCENT REPLACEMENT FOR THE OLD DRAGEN AIRPLANES.
- THE AIR FORCE HAD A MAJOR PURCHASE OF FIGHTER PLANES IN THE MID-SEVENTIES WHEN DENMARK -- AS PART OF THE "ARMS DEAL OF THE CENTURY" -- BOUGHT 58 F-16 PLANES. THEY WERE SUPPLEMENTED WITH 12 F-16'S NINE YEARS LATER.
- THE PRICE OF THE F-16 AIRPLANES FOR THE DANISH GOVERNMENT -- AND THEREBY FOR THE DANISH TAXPAYERS -- WAS THE TIDY SUM OF 5.2 BILLION KRONER. TWICE AS MUCH AS HAD BEEN ESTIMATED AT THE BEGINNING.
- IN ITS EXPLORING OF THE AIRPLANE MARKET, THE AIR FORCE HAS CONFINED ITSELF TO TWO POSSIBILITIES: THE SWEDISH SAAB JAS-39 GRIPEN AND THE AMERICAN AGILE FALCON WHICH IS AN ADVANCED VERSION OF THE F-16.
- THE PRICE OF A NEW, SUPERMODERN FIGHTER PLANE IS NOWADAYS 3-400 MILLION KRONER. IT IS, HOWEVER, POSSIBLE TO GET A USED ONE AT A PRICE OF 110 MILLION KRONER.

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- THE QUESTION IS WHAT THE POLITICIANS WILL SPEND ON THIS MATTER. BUT IT WILL BE BILLIONS OF KRONER UNDER ALL CIRCUMSTANCES.
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3. (U) ON 890720 IT WAS REPORTED THAT NEGOTIATIONS SHOULD BEGIN IN 1990 ON A CONTRACT TO REPLACE THE DRAKEN. THERE ARE TWO 16 UE DRAKEN SQUADRONS IN THE RDAF THUS THE REFERENCE TO 32 AIRCRAFT. THE JULY BOERSEN ARTICLE CORRECTLY STATED ALSO THAT THE 32 AIRCRAFT MIGHT ACTUALLY BE AS MANY AS 48 AIRCRAFT. THE RDAF CURRENTLY HAS 44 DRAKENS EQUIPING THE TWO 16 UE SQUADRONS.

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