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By The Associated Press

Tower report suggests cover-up by presidential aides

WASHINGTON — The Tower commission suggested Thursday that the president's men tried to cover up the full story once the arms-to-Iran deal began unraveling.

Its report cited what it said was a misleading account of events by former National Security Adviser Robert McFarlane, indications of concealment efforts by Lt. Col. Oliver North, and a lack of notes from meetings at which McFarlane's successor, John M. Poindexter, was official note-taker.

The commission said it did not believe President Reagan himself intended to cover up unlawful conduct, that he wanted the full story told.

But its critical report said those around the president who prepared his supporting documents "did not appear, at least initially, to share the presi-

dent's ultimate wishes."

Although there have been reports that North, the fired National Security Council aide, may have destroyed, altered or removed documents from the White House, the commission provided the first official suggestion that Poindexter had a hand in the missing documents.

In a section devoted to actions of the administration in the aftermath of the first disclosures of the arms deal, the commission said it was "concerned about various notes that appear to be missing."

The commission said it lacked the evidence to confirm or refute that North destroyed documents. But it said there was "considerable reason to question the actions" of North in the aftermath of last November's first pub-

lic disclosure of the arms sales.

"The board found indications that Lt. Col. North was involved in an effort, over time, to conceal or withhold important information," the commission said.

It recounted efforts by the White House, after the first revelations in a Lebanese magazine last Nov. 3, to reconstruct the events in a chronology. It said the NSC, assisted by former council chief McFarlane, put together the events in a way that was inaccurate and misleading.

"Mr. McFarlane described for the board the process used by the NSC staff to create a chronology that obscured essential facts. Mr. McFarlane contributed to the creation of this chronology which did not, he said, present 'a full and completely accurate account' of

the events and left ambiguous the president's role," the commission said.

"This was, according to Mr. McFarlane, done to distance the president from the timing and nature of the president's authorization" of weapons shipments, it said.

The report said McFarlane knew his account was "misleading, at least, and wrong, at worst." It said McFarlane maintained that he did provide an accurate account, however, to Attorney General Edwin Meese III, who directed an inquiry into the Iran initiative beginning Nov. 20.

The report also was critical of Poindexter and former Director of Central Intelligence William Casey for failing to inform the president about the dimensions of the Iran affair. It said

Casey had received information about the diversion of proceeds to aid the Nicaragua Contras almost a month before the story broke but did not raise the subject with the president.

The commission said Casey and Poindexter "did not fully relate the nature of events as they had occurred" when they met in private with the congressional intelligence committee on Nov. 21.

Many of the disputed events in the chronologies concerned the question of when the president gave his authorization for the sale of arms either directly or by the Israelis.

"At worst, they suggest an attempt to limit the information that got to the president, the Cabinet and the American public."

Soviets resume nuclear testing; end moratorium

MOSCOW — The Soviet Union detonated its first nuclear explosion in 19 months Thursday and said it was forced to resume testing because the United States refused to go along with a Kremlin moratorium on weapons tests.

The explosion under the steppe in remote Kazakhstan was announced by the Soviet news agency Tass. The rapid announcement was highly unusual and appeared intended to underscore the Kremlin's contention that continued American testing required a resumption of Soviet tests.

"I want to stress once more that the termination of the moratorium was a forced measure dictated by security interests only," said Maj. Gen. Gely Batenin, a Defense Ministry spokesman.

In Washington, the U.S. government had no immediate official comment on the Soviet test.

During the 19-month freeze, Mikhail S. Gorbachev and other Soviet leaders have repeatedly called on the United States to halt testing and accused Washington of being unwilling to work toward arms control.

The United States has maintained that U.S. tests were needed to ensure the reliability of existing weapons and to modernize the nation's nuclear arsenal.

Soviet officials stressed that the Kremlin was leaving the door open for a superpower test ban.

Tass said the blast, the Soviets' first since July 25, 1985, had a yield of less than 20 kilotons, the force of the U.S. atomic bomb dropped on Hiroshima, Japan in 1945. The explosion occurred at Semipalatinsk test range, about 1,700 miles southeast of Moscow near the Soviet-Chinese border.

In Brief

United Nations food aid hits record level

ROME — The United Nations shipped a record 2.25 million tons of food aid around the world in 1986, the director of the World Food Program announced Wednesday.

"The quantity shipped exceeds the previous record we set in 1984 during the height of the African crisis," said James Ingram, executive director of the program, which is the food aid arm of the United Nations.

The World Food Program provides about a quarter of the world's food aid. Roughly 70 percent of this food aid is used in "food for work" and other development projects.

The rest is devoted to emergencies such as drought relief, largely in sub-Saharan Africa, and assistance to refugees from Afghanistan, Cambodia and Somalia.

Nebraska, Iowa may form tax compact

LINCOLN — Nebraska and Iowa may form a compact aimed at getting tough on people who are delinquent in their tax payments.

Tax Commissioner Don Leuenberger says Nebraska loses revenue when Nebraskans buy things in Iowa without having to pay the Iowa sales tax, and then fail to pay Nebraska use tax.

If a compact were formed, Leuenberger said, each state would have access to the other's tax information. The two states could help one another with tax collections.

Leuenberger said the idea was put forth by an aide to Iowa Gov. Terry Branstad during the National Governors' Association meeting in Washington.

Leuenberger said he will meet with Iowa's tax commissioner within the next week to discuss the idea.

Leuenberger said a comparable compact has been signed by Wisconsin, Minnesota, Michigan, Illinois, Indiana and Ohio.

NASA launches weather satellite

CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. — A powerful Delta rocket roared skyward at twilight Thursday and boosted into orbit a \$55 million weather satellite intended to fill a critical surveillance void in the coming hurricane season.

It was the sixth straight space launch success for the United States. The three-stage rocket blazed aloft on schedule at 6:05 p.m., briefly illuminated the sky and quickly disappeared behind a low cloud bank.

Thirty-five minutes after liftoff, NASA launch commentator George Diller reported the rocket had done its job and propelled the GEOS-7 satellite into a highly elliptical transfer orbit ranging from about 140 miles to 26,150 miles above the Earth.

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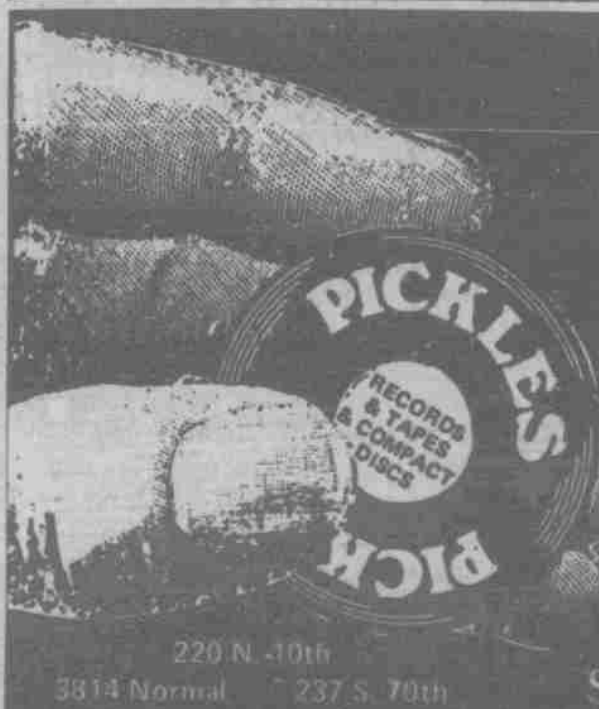
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