

U.S. may supply arms to Bosnia

WASHINGTON — The United States is considering sending up to \$5 billion in military aid to Bosnia along with a program of military training for the Bosnian government Army, sources said Thursday.

Two sources familiar with a classified briefing to congressional leaders earlier this week said Pentagon and State Department officials presented "heavy" and "light" options for aiding the Bosnian government once the United States decides to openly defy the international arms embargo.

The heavy option would involve up to \$5 billion in financial assistance, weaponry and supplies, according to a source who attended the meeting in the Capitol Building's secure room used for intelligence briefings. The light option would be far more modest, about \$500 million in aid, said the source, speaking on the condition of anonymity.

A second source said Pentagon officials also discussed the possibility of U.S. military forces training the Bosnian government forces, much as was done in the early stages of the

Vietnam War. The lawmakers attending the meeting raised concerns about this option and said any direct help provided on the ground should be limited, the source said.

A Pentagon official, speaking on condition of anonymity, said the options presented to the lawmakers were preliminary. He said more meetings with key lawmakers will be held over the coming weeks.

"Options are being refined and changes will continue to be provided to the Hill," the official said.

Attending the meeting were Sens. John Warner, R-Va., vice chairman of the Senate Intelligence Committee; Strom Thurmond, R-S.C., soon to become chairman of the Senate Armed Services Committee; Frank Lautenberg, D-N.J., a member of the Senate Appropriations defense subcommittee; and Paul Simon, D-Ill., a member of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee.

The Senate, particularly Republicans led by Minority Leader Bob Dole, has been pushing the Clinton administration to end the stalemate in Bosnia.

GOP incumbents invested excess funds in candidates

WASHINGTON — When Newt Gingrich spoke, Republicans listened.

With remarkable discipline, safe GOP incumbents funneled tens of thousands of dollars in excess campaign funds to their brethren locked in tight races.

Their giving was in response to a blunt request from Gingrich, and it paid off on Election Day.

An Associated Press analysis of 16 close House races, those decided by four points or less, found 64 GOP incumbents donated \$178,600 to their colleagues.

Each time, the Republican won. The Republican largesse in the 16 contests was three times more than what the Democrats mustered — just \$60,125, according to Federal Election Commission records reviewed by the AP.

The generosity, much of it in the last days of the campaign, was no accident. In early October, Gingrich sent a forceful memo to GOP colleagues in line for leadership posts or committee chairmanships, asking them to open their campaign war chests.

By that time, Republicans were well aware of the key races they had a chance to win in their effort

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to capture the House for the first time in 40 years.

"I didn't view it as a strong-arm tactic, but there were some who were obviously being resistant, and they were being encouraged to give," said Rep. Bill McCollum, R-Fla., an early and generous donor.

"The simple message was that all of us ranking types should do what we needed to do."

While the GOP surge amounted to just a fraction of the total contributions involved in those races,

the effort was crucial and calculated. That's because in 11 of the 16 races, the Democratic candidate had entered the final three weeks of the campaign with more money.

"The level of sophistication was beyond anything we've seen before, and it was happening out of sight of all of us," said Ellen Miller, director of the Center for Responsive Politics, which monitors campaign spending.

"I think that's why Washington insiders were so surprised by the magnitude of their victory. The organizational apparatus obviously worked," she said.

One GOP beneficiary was Californian Brian Bilbray, who unseated freshman Democrat Lynn Schenk in San Diego. While Bilbray raised slightly more than \$500,000 from January through Oct. 19, Schenk amassed a war chest of nearly \$800,000 during the same period.

Fellow Republican candidates, however, gave \$23,000 to Bilbray, three-quarters of it in the last two months of the campaign. Schenk, by contrast, got just \$2,000 from fellow Democrats. Bilbray won by less than 3 percentage points.

Spread of AIDS cases may be slowing down

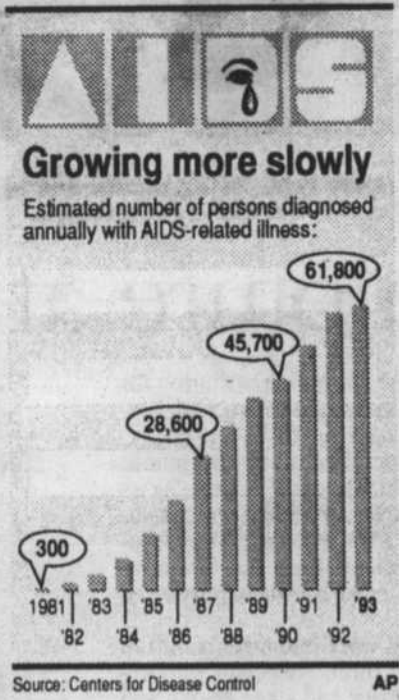
ATLANTA — The AIDS epidemic is growing at a slower pace, though a revised definition of the illness initially caused a huge jump in the number of new cases being reported, federal health officials said Thursday.

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, based on the new definition, had said that 105,990 AIDS cases were reported in the United States during 1993, more than double the 49,016 reported in 1992.

But the expanded definition "dumped into the system" many people who did not truly qualify as new cases, said Dr. John Ward, chief of the Atlanta-based CDC's AIDS surveillance branch.

The old definition diagnosed HIV patients with AIDS when they got any of 23 indicator diseases.

The new definition lists three additional diseases — tuberculosis, recurrent pneumonia and invasive cervical cancer — plus severely suppressed immune systems as AIDS indicators. It took effect Jan. 1, 1993.



Ito's wife called in to testify

LOS ANGELES — The lawyer for a detective who helped build the prosecution's case against O.J. Simpson lashed out today at the latest attempt to cast doubt on the officer's credibility.

"Clearly, they're desperate, snooping defense attorneys," said Robert Tourtelot, lawyer for Detective Mark Fuhrman, who reported finding a bloody glove behind Simpson's guest house the morning after the murder of Simpson's ex-wife and her friend. Police say they found a matching glove near the bodies.

The defense has suggested Fuhrman, who is white, is a racist who may have planted the glove.

The latest defense attack on his credibility is a hearing to explore whether Capt. Peggy York, wife of Superior Court Judge Lance Ito, played any role in an internal investigation of him when they worked at

the same station. York has agreed to appear at the hearing before a different judge on Monday.

Fuhrman's lawyer, Robert Tourtelot, acknowledged the two "had some disagreements" but denounced the hearing as a diversionary tactic.

"Mark and she did not see eye to eye. The fact is, though, no charges against Mark were sustained," Tourtelot said, declining to elaborate on what charges might have been brought.

A source told The Associated Press that Fuhrman came under scrutiny over allegations he was involved in a group called "Men Against Women" around the time York was assigned to the West Los Angeles station in 1985.

York was not believed to be directly involved in any investigation, the source said, but as watch com-

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mander at the station, she would have had knowledge of the inquiry and might also have been involved in drafting Fuhrman's performance reports.

Fuhrman has denied accusations he is racist and fought successfully during pretrial hearings to keep his police personnel records out of the hands of Simpson's lawyers.

Colorado Springs man charged with attempted assassination of president

WASHINGTON — A man accused of firing a Chinese-made assault rifle at the White House was indicted today on new charges of attempting to assassinate President Clinton. He could face up to life in prison.

Francisco Martin Duran was charged by a federal grand jury with 10 other counts, including assault on federal officers, destruction of federal property, weapons possession by a convicted felon, use of a gun during a crime and interstate transportation of a firearm.

Duran, 26, of Colorado Springs, Colo., was arrested on a public sidewalk outside the White House grounds after the Oct. 29 attack.

He was expected to be arraigned before U.S. District Judge Charles R. Richey within the next several days.

U.S. Attorney Eric Holder, who announced the indictment, chastised unidentified people, including some at the scene of the shooting, who "had information about Mr. Duran's intentions" but didn't tell authorities.

"Certain people did have information, did have contact with Mr. Duran," but failed to relay information that had given them "a basis to believe he was going to do what exactly did occur."

Clinton was in the White House at the time of the Oct. 29 attack. The mansion was struck by several gunshots, but nobody was hurt.

Duran did not speak during his arraignment before U.S. District Judge Charles R. Richey. Public defender Leigh A. Kenny entered the plea on his behalf.

Prosecutors filed court papers asking Duran's lawyers to disclose

whether they plan to assert an insanity defense. Richey gave Duran's lawyers until Monday to reply.

The judge did not immediately rule on a request by The Washington Post, The New York Times and NBC television that he release a letter written by Duran that was the basis for a government-requested competency examination of the defendant. A psychiatrist found that he was able to understand the charges against him.

Public defender A.J. Kramer told Richey the letter should not be released, at least for now, because it could cause prejudice against Duran.

"This letter says nothing about the president. ... It has nothing to say about any harm intended to the president," Kramer said.

An 11-count federal grand jury

indictment also charged Duran with assault on Secret Service agents, destruction of federal property, weapons possession by a convicted felon, use of a gun during a crime and interstate transportation of a firearm.

Clinton was in the mansion's family quarters watching football on TV when a man raked the White House with a semiautomatic rifle.

Holder said evidence against Duran includes statements he made to people in Colorado before the shooting, observations by people in Washington and materials recovered in searches.

"We're quite confident that the information we are going to put before the jury will convince them that he was attempting to assassinate the president," Holder said.

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