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## Israel will return spy documents

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The classified military documents Israel allegedly obtained from accused spy Jonathan Pollard dealt with moderate Arab governments and included radio-jamming techniques and other electronic data, an informed U.S. official said Wednesday.

The documents dealt with Egypt, Jordan, Saudi Arabia and other "friendly" Arab governments, detailing their military capabilities as well as their methods of countering terrorism, the official said. Israel has agreed to return the documents to the United States.

While U.S. counterintelligence information on Libya and other radical regimes is shared with Israel under the strategic cooperation and other agreements, U.S. assistance to Arab countries considered friendly to the United States generally is withheld, the official said.

Israel thus was able to obtain data not available through normal U.S. channels, said the official, who insisted on anonymity.

Israel has apologized publicly for the espionage "to the extent that it did take place." It also has said that if an investigation confirms it, the unit involved will be disbanded. It is believed to operate out of the defense ministry.

An Israeli source here said, meanwhile, "no one was spying on the United States. If there was anything it was to gather information on others."

As part of a deal worked out in a lengthy telephone exchange last weekend between Secretary of State George P. Shultz and Israeli Prime Minister Shimon Peres, the documents are to be returned to the United States and the FBI will be permitted to interview two Israeli diplomats recalled in the scandal.

By retrieving the material, intelligence experts can flesh out how bits and pieces of U.S. secrets are evaluated and used by even a friendly country, the official said.



Photo by JON P. KARP

## Jest For Laughs

Corky Surdacki, playing a jester, entertains guests at the MSC Madrigal Dinners Wednesday night at the Hilton. Wine, wenchies, and wassail abounded in a whirlwind of holiday cheer from the Renaissance era.

The other performers seated at the table are (left to right) Susan Grubbs-Hall, Jonathan Hackett, Carmen Martinez, Stephanie Moll, and James Lund. See story page 8.

## McFarlane quits security adviser post

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — President Reagan accepted the resignation of Robert C. McFarlane as national security adviser "with deep regret and reluctance" Wednesday, and immediately replaced him with his deputy, Vice Adm. John M. Poindexter, a low-keved nuclear physicist who doggedly shuns the limelight.

Reagan and McFarlane both denied he was leaving because of well-publicized friction with White House chief of staff Donald T. Regan.

"That's nonsense," McFarlane said, standing grim-faced next to Reagan and Poindexter.

McFarlane, who is expected to land a high-paying job in private industry, said he had no immediate plans and quipped, "If you've got any leads, let me know."

Reagan said McFarlane, after 30 years of government service, "feels a responsibility, that I think all of us feel, toward his family." The president told reporters, "You have all been misinformed" about Regan and McFarlane feuding.

Poindexter, a 27-year Navy veteran who was first in his class at the U.S. Naval Academy, said he had assurances from the president and Re-

gan that he would have direct access to the Oval Office, with no interference from the chief of staff.

"I don't anticipate any problems," Poindexter said. "Don and I are good friends. I've known him since he was secretary of the treasury."

The president said Poindexter's selection underscored "the continuity of our foreign policy." Speaking of McFarlane, Reagan said, "I know of no president who has been better served."

Virtually unknown outside the realm of national security experts, Poindexter was the architect of the administration's successful plan to intercept and force the landing of the Egyptian jetliner carrying four Palestinians accused of hijacking the Achille Lauro cruise ship.

Poindexter has long avoided interviews and has privately expressed an aversion to the press, which he has criticized for what he considers to be consistent inaccuracies.

On the eve of the U.S. invasion of Grenada, he instructed presidential spokesman Larry Speakes to tell a reporter it was "preposterous" that

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## Reagan: U.S. won't scrap missiles until Soviets abide by SALT II treaty

Associated Press

FALLSTON, Md. — President Reagan said Wednesday there is "no way" the United States will scrap nuclear missiles to stay within the limits of the unratified SALT II treaty unless the Soviet Union also agrees to abide by the pact completely.

Reagan, visiting a rural high school to espouse his proposals for people-to-people exchanges with the

Soviets, was asked in a question-and-answer session with students about his intentions regarding SALT II.

He faces a decision on whether to continue compliance after the end of the year, which could require the scrapping of some missiles.

Reagan said he has not made a decision, but has before him a Defense Department report showing 23 violations of the treaty by the Soviets.

"We have to decide whether we

can have complete agreement of both sides that we are going to abide by it even though it has not been ratified, or we are going to have to conduct ourselves on the basis of what they are doing also," he said.

"There is no way we can be so one-sided as to be destroying missiles or things of that kind (to) stay within a limit that they are violating," he said.

He said the U.S. decision would

depend in part on negotiations with the Soviets about their violations.

The treaty was negotiated during the Carter administration, but was withdrawn from consideration by the Senate after its prospects of ratification were dimmed by the Soviet invasion of Afghanistan in December 1979.

Reagan responded to questions of a select group of students gathered in a band room at the 1,665-pupil

high school about 20 miles north of Baltimore.

Earlier, in a speech in the school theater, Reagan said he had told Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev at their Geneva summit last month: "Just think how easy his task and mine would be at these meetings if suddenly there were a threat to the world from some other species from another planet outside this universe."

## De la Madrid: Mexico-U.S. relations complex, difficult

Associated Press

MEXICO CITY — President Miguel de la Madrid, in an interview published Wednesday, described relations between Mexico and the United States as "complex and difficult" but said the two nations were in constant contact to improve them.

De la Madrid in the fourth part of the interview with the newspaper Excelsior said, "We have many problems but this dialogue and this communication permit us to overcome them."

"It is a permanent phenomenon that we Mexicans must understand. It's necessary to be in constant communication and negotiation with the United States. At times we overcome the problems and at other times not," he said.

In the early part of the year, relations between the two countries have suffered some of their greatest strains in recent memory over U.S. charges that Mexico had not moved quickly enough to crack down on drug traffickers.

## Cotton Bowl tickets on sale Tuesday

University News Service

Tickets to the 1986 Cotton Bowl game will go on sale to Texas A&M students on Tuesday, December 10 at 7 a.m. at G. Rollie White Coliseum.

Athletic Director and Head Football Coach Jackie Sherrill has assured that Christmas will come early for students buying the tickets as he has made a special arrangement for them to receive a \$5 discount on the \$25 Cotton Bowl tickets. It is the first time in history that a school has provided student tickets at a discount. Forty percent of the initial 20,000 tickets allocated to Texas A&M will go to the student body.

"We hope that this special student

discount on Cotton Bowl tickets will in some small way repay and say 'Thanks' for the tremendous support that the student body of Texas A&M has provided the players and coaches of the 1985 Texas Aggie football team," Sherrill said.

Students are reminded that one person can pick up a maximum of six tickets. The purchaser must have in his or her possession, six Texas A&M student coupon books with at least three of them a junior, senior, or graduate classification.

Texas A&M ticket officials said that six windows will be open at G. Rollie White Coliseum for the convenience of the student body.

Officials stressed that each game

ticket will be stamped in the following manner: "Texas A&M Student Only; Must Be Accompanied by A Student I.D. Card."

The student ticket policy for the 1986 Cotton Bowl was approved by Sherrill upon recommendation of a student committee consisting of the following student representatives: Lindsey Dingmore, student body vice president; Carol Ellison, vice president, student services; John Rigas, student member of the A&M athletic council; Thomas Buford, head yell leader, and David Lawrence, senior yell leader.

A spokesman for the committee indicated that it had studied several possible ticket plans and considered

various options which included opening sales to all student on a first-come, first-served basis, but it was felt that it would prove an unfair method and would create confusion.

The committee also considered the possibility of allocating 60 percent of the tickets for upperclassmen and 40 percent for underclassmen. A student poll concerning this method proved less than desirable.

The committee considered all of the above options and rejected them, feeling that the accepted system was consistent with past years' distribution of tickets and was most equitable for all concerned.

## Water pollution

Brayton Firemen Training Field cited as one of worst contaminators in state

By BRIAN PEARSON  
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The Texas Water Commission has said it will soon tighten the noose of enforcement around the necks of dumping permit violators who pollute the state's water.

One of these on the hanging list could be the Brayton Firemen Training Field, according to commission spokesmen.

A recent commission news release listed the field as one of the worst water polluters in the state.

District Manager Joe Morgan said the field is the No. 1 water polluter in District 3 and among the state's top twenty. District 3 is made up of 28 counties including Brazos County.

Morgan said the field was listed in the Nov. 15 release because the waste is hazardous and toxic in nature and "because of the violations of their permit and degradation to the water in White Branch (Creek)."

Part of the problem, Morgan said, is the excessive amount of chemical oxygen demand, or COD, in the water being dumped into nearby White Branch Creek. COD is a measurement of how fast oxygen is depleted in water.

"Without oxygen in the water, the water becomes

septic and odorous," Morgan said.

He said a high oxygen depletion in water can occur when mixed with petroleum products such as diesel fuel and oil. The field uses these products in their training procedures.

The field dumping permit allows dumping water with 200 parts per million COD into the creek. On three separate occasions in October, the commission found COD levels of between 843 and 982 parts per million in water in the area.

John Donovan, manager of the field since July, said the field has not violated its dumping permit.

"I don't know why they listed us," Donovan said. "But I cannot speak for the past history of the field. It may be a result of something that happened in the past. As far as I know, I follow what the rules say and they (Texas Water Commission) know that."

Donovan said there have been no permit violations because the field is allowed to dump water with over 200 parts per million COD into the creek as long as the amount does not exceed 250,000 gallons per day.

"We have never exceeded the 250,000 gallon daily limit since I've been here," Donovan said. "If we have less than 200 parts per million, then we can dump ev-

ery gallon (2.75 million) we have into White's Creek."

He said the October COD measurements were taken, in accordance with the dumping permit, after a significant rainfall which caused water with over 200 parts per million COD to flow into the creek from the field holding ponds.

The field has an oil separation pond, aeration pond and freshwater pond. Water from the freshwater pond is used by the firemen to put out practice blazes.

Donovan said the amount of water which spilled into the creek in each of the three incidents in October did not exceed 250,000 gallons. He added that there was no way to accurately measure how much was spilled.

Morgan said that the field has improved the COD level in its holding pond water over last year when the level was sometimes as high as 1,350.

"They need better treatment facilities," Morgan said. Max Woodfin, environmental coordinator of the Texas Water Commission, said the commission is beginning to take a stand against dumping permit violators.

"The Texas Water Commission only has had juris-

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Photo by BRIAN PEARSON

This "freshwater pond" is one of three holding tanks at the Brayton Firemen Training Field near Easterwood Airport. Water from the pond is used by firemen to practice on fires at the training site.