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Arrest made in Palme's assassination

STOCKHOLM, Sweden — Police on Thursday announced their first arrest in the investigation of Prime Minister Olof Palme's assassination, but the suspect was not immediately charged.

Police spokesman Leif Halberg said, "I can confirm that after following up various tips, we had reason to arrest a man on suspicion of complicity in the murder."

But lawyers for the man predicted he would be released. The suspect's name was not released.

Meanwhile, police inspector Ulf Abrahamsson said on Swedish national television, "We are pursuing the investigation as broadly as before and we hope we shall have more arrests."

Henning Sjostrom, a leading defense lawyer who is representing the suspect, described the man as a Swede in his mid 30s from Stockholm with no foreign connections and with an "unblemished record."

Exxon, Chevron to cut spending on exploration

Associated Press

NEW YORK — Two of the biggest U.S. oil companies announced sharp cuts in exploration spending Thursday, hurt by the petroleum price collapse that analysts warn may leave the country at the mercy of foreign suppliers again.

"We're setting up the next oil crisis, I think we clearly are," said Bruce Lazier, who follows domestic oil companies for Prescott, Ball & Turben Inc., a New York investment firm. "We will pay the piper down the road."

He and other analysts said they fear the strides made by the United States in reducing the use of foreign oil will be undermined by a dropoff in the search for domestic oil reserves.

New York-based Exxon Corp., the world's largest oil company, said it would reduce its capital and explo-

ration budget by 26 percent from \$10.8 billion in 1985 to \$8 billion this year.

San Francisco-based Chevron Corp., the fourth-largest U.S. oil company, announced it would spend about \$3.5 billion this year, compared with about \$4 billion spent in 1985.

Similar reductions had been announced previously by other oil companies.

Exxon Chairman C.C. Garvin Jr. said the reductions are largely in response to the sharp decrease in crude oil prices. He also said they represent a re-examination of the company's strategies.

Chevron Chairman George Keller said the lower spending level, revised after the collapse of the crude oil market began late last year, "reflects the current uncertainty of future crude and product prices."

Agency: Carriers ignored orders not to fly

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — U.S. military personnel were flown on charter carriers for some time after the government recommended immediate grounding of the aircraft, a congressional agency has found.

In fact, the General Accounting Office draft report said, the service members rode on the aircraft for months after government inspectors discovered serious safety violations.

These events, involving two charter carriers, the GAO draft report concluded, "raise a number of questions" about the Federal Aviation Administration's "ability to identify air carrier violations . . . and see that they are remedied in a reasonable period of time."

The findings involved FAA inspections of Air Resorts, based in

Carlsbad, Calif., and South Pacific Island Airways, based in Honolulu.

The GAO report was released by Rep. Charles E. Bennett, D-Fla., a ranking member of the House Armed Services Committee.

"In both cases, military personnel were placed aboard charter flights after the FAA inspectors recommended suspension of the air carriers' flight permits," Bennett said.

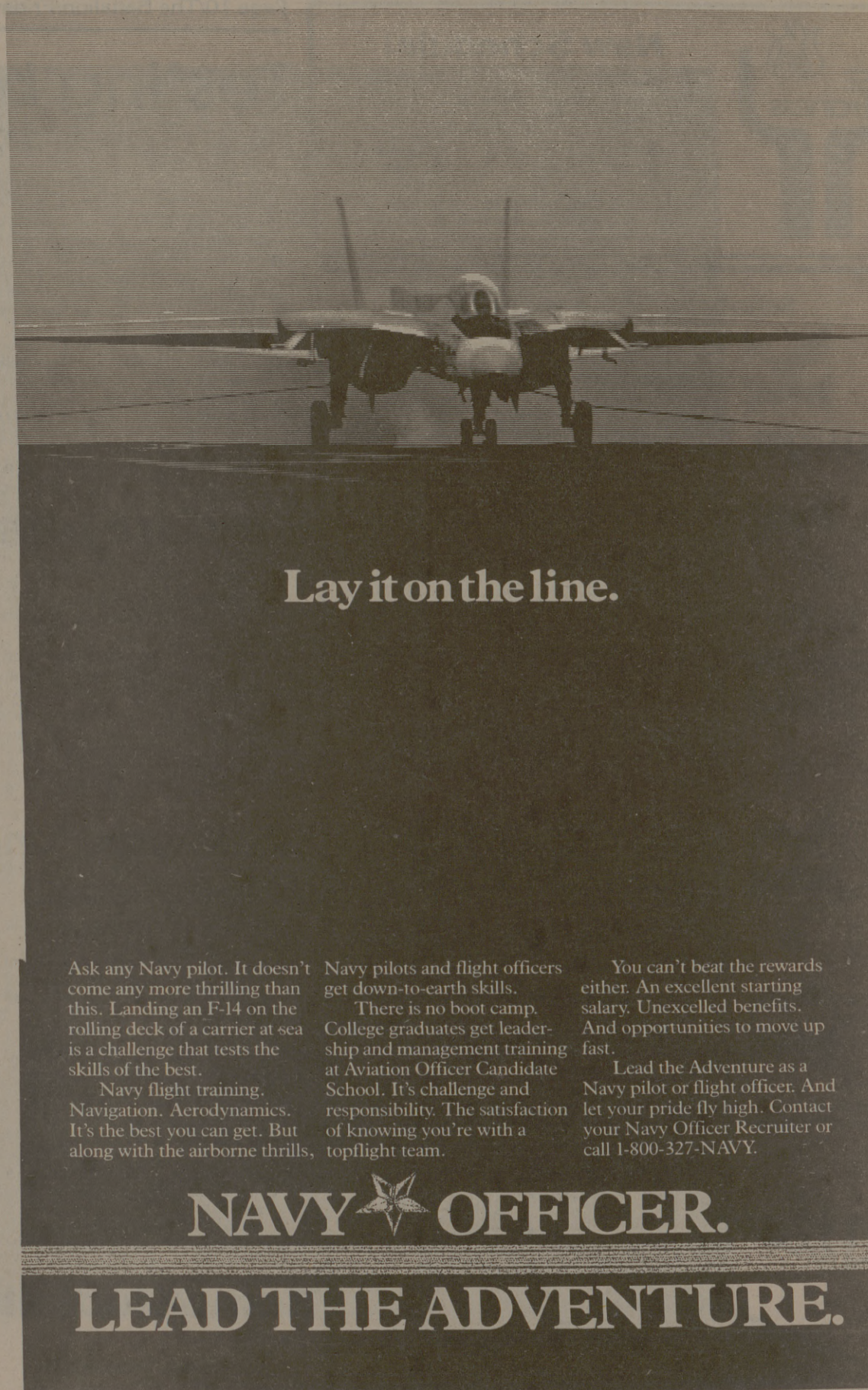
FAA spokesman Bob Buckhorn said he could not comment because he had not seen the report.

Bennett and other congressmen have raised concerns about the safe operation of military charter operators since the Dec. 12 crash of an Arrow Air charter in Gander, Newfoundland, in which 248 U.S. military personnel were killed.

According to the GAO draft report, the examination revealed that FAA inspectors in April 1984 found numerous safety violations at Air Resorts and urged that the carrier immediately be grounded.

Air Resorts agreed to ground much of its fleet, but was allowed to continue to fly four aircraft it was using to carry Navy personnel as part of a military contract. During May 1984 alone, Air Resorts carried 2,479 U.S. military personnel, according to the GAO.

The GAO report said another military charter carrier, South Pacific Island Airways, carried 6,400 U.S. military personnel after FAA inspectors in Honolulu recommended immediate suspension of the South Pacific's operating certificate because of safety violations in early 1984.



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