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Tower Commission report suggests cover-up by presidential assistants

WASHINGTON (AP) - The Tower Commission suggested Thursday that the president's men tried to cover up the full story once the Iran arms deal began unravel-

Its report cited what it said was a isleading account of events by forner National Security Adviser Robet McFarlane, indications of conealment efforts by Lt. Col. Oliver orth and a lack of notes from eetings at which McFarlane's sucessor, John M. Poindexter, was offi-

The commission said it did not beeve President Reagan intended to over up unlawful conduct, but that e wanted the full story told.

But its critical report said those round the president who prepared is supporting documents "did not appear, at least initially, to share the president's ultimate wishes."

Although there have been reports hat North, the president's National ecurity Council aide, may have detroyed, altered or removed docu-ments from the White House, the mmission provided the first offi-

Three major investigations continue in Iran arms deal

WASHINGTON (AP) — With the release of the report of the Tower Commission on Thursday, three maits report. jor investigations still are looking into the secret arms sales to Iran and the reported diversion of profits to the Nicaraguan rebels.

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• The Senate select committee headed by Sen. Daniel K. Inouye, D-Hawaii, and co-chaired by Sen. Warren Rudman, R-N.H. The Senate panel has until August to compile a

report.

• The House select committee

cial suggestion that Poindexter had a "concerned about various notes that hand in missing documents.

In a section devoted to actions of the administration in the aftermath taker in some key meetings, yet no

Walsh's appointment and position has been challenged in court, a move that could delay or terminate his ef-

But the constitutionality of

• Independent counsel Lawrence Walsh, a retired federal judge

pected to take several months to

complete his work.

appear to be missing."
"Poindexter was the official noteof the first disclosures of the arms notes for the meetings can be deal, the commission said it was found," it said. "The reason for the

lack of such notes remains unknown to the board.

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 disclosure of the arms

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

It recounted efforts by the White House, after the first revelations in a Lebanese magazine last Nov. 3, to reconstruct the events in a chronol-

It said the NSC put together the events in a way that was inaccurate

"Mr. McFarlane described for the board the process used by the NSC staff to create a chronology that obscured essential facts," the com-

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Soviets conduct 1st nuclear test since 1985

MOSCOW (AP) - The Soviet Union detoated its first nuclear explosion in 19 months hursday and said it was forced to resume testg because the United States refused to go along ith a Kremlin moratorium on weapons tests.

The explosion under the steppe in remote azakhstan was announced by the Soviet news ncy Tass. The rapid announcement was ghly unusual and appeared intended to underfore the Kremlin's contention that continued merican testing required a resumption of Soviet

"I want to stress once more that the termiation of the moratorium was a forced measure ictated by security interests only," said Maj. en. Gely Batenin, a Defense Ministry spokes-

But at a special news conference on the test, he said, "The resumption of nuclear explosions by the Soviet Union does not mean that it has abandoned its struggle for the complete cessation of

Batenin added, "A historic chance for ending nuclear tests once and for all has been missed.

In Washington, the State Department said the Soviets' decision to resume nuclear testing was their own affair.

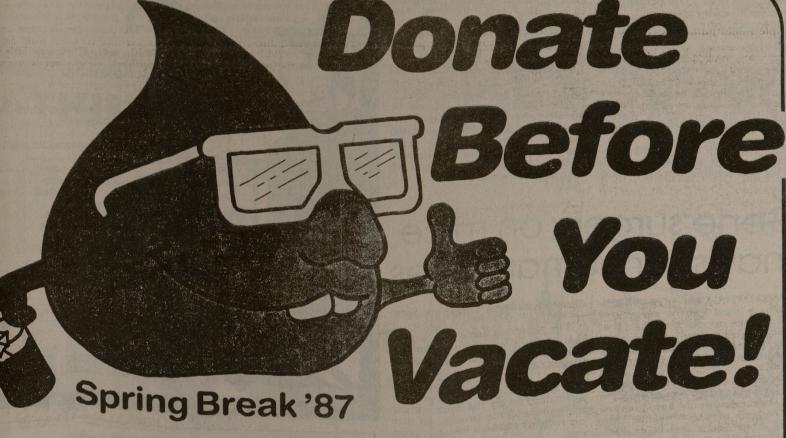
"The U.S. position on nuclear testing is clear," department spokesman Phyllis Oakley added. "As long as we depend on nuclear weapons for our security, we must insure that those weapons are safe, secure, reliable and effective. This demands some level of underground nuclear testing as permitted by existing treaties."

The White House has said in the past that the blasts also are necessary to develop the "Star

Wars" anti-missile system based in space. During the 19-month freeze, Mikhail S. Gorbachev and other Soviet leaders repeatedly called on the United States to halt testing and accused Washington of being unwilling to work toward

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 Hiro-

shima, Japan in 1945. The United States conducted two tests in the Nevada desert this year.



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