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Air Force releases pictures of 'secret' Stealth bomber

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Air Force, lifting a decade-long veil of secrecy, released pictures of its Stealth bomber on Wednesday and said the plane would make its first test flight this fall.

As disclosed in 1985 by former Sen. Barry Goldwater, R-Ariz., the new long-range strategic bomber resembles a big "flying wing" with no fuselage in the middle.

The Stealth bomber, officially designated the B-2, takes its nickname from the fact it is designed to fly without showing up on radar.

Sen. Sam Nunn, D-Ga., chairman of the Senate Armed Services Committee, predicted the bomber "will render obsolete billions of dollars of Soviet investment in their current air defense."

The Air Force said in a statement

that it was beginning to lift its secrecy surrounding the plane because of the approach of the maiden flight sometime this fall.

Such details as performance characteristics, crew size and maximum payload remain classified, however, Air Force officials said.

Indeed, some of the details about the plane's design — for example, the placement of the engine exhaust outlets — have been deliberately masked in the artist's rendering released Wednesday, service sources said.

The Air Force did acknowledge, though, that its cost estimate for the Stealth bomber program was now being revised.

"While the acquisition of 132 B-2 bombers was originally estimated to cost \$36.6 billion in 1981 dollars, the

Air Force is re-evaluating cost estimates for the program as a result of current and projected fiscal constraints," it said.

"When that process is completed later this year, the Air Force will release those updated figures."

Rep. Les Aspin, D-Wis., chairman of the House Armed Services Committee, described the Air Force's original cost estimate for the B-2 as "probably unrealistic."

The Northrop Corp., which is building the plane for the Air Force, is known to have suffered some overruns and schedule delays, having written off more than \$200 million on the project in recent years.

The Air Force declined to give the precise date the first test flight had been scheduled, saying only that it would occur "this fall."

Rates double for insurance in unsafe gulf

LONDON (AP) — Lloyd's of London insurers are charging twice as much to insure ships sailing the Persian Gulf after U.S. and Iranian forces clashed in the waterway earlier this week, a spokesman said Wednesday.

The war-risk premium doubled Tuesday to 2 percent, the spokesman said. For a 14-day voyage to Kuwait, insurance doubled to \$200,000 on a \$10 million hull.

"It's in response to the recent incidents in the gulf," he said. "I think the (gulf insurance) rates have moved in fits and starts. If we have one or two weeks without major incidents, I think they'll go down again."

Cargo insurance premiums remained largely unchanged, he said.

For voyages to ports of Saudi Arabia and the United Arab Emirates in the southern gulf, the rate doubled to 1.5 percent of the value of a hull from 0.75 percent, said the spokesman, who spoke on condition of anonymity.

The U.S. Navy sank or damaged six Iranian vessels and destroyed two offshore oil platforms Monday. Iran claimed it downed a helicopter.

Chrysler Corp. reports Lee Iacocca earned \$18 million during 1987

HIGHLAND PARK, Mich. (AP) — Chrysler Corp. Chairman Lee Iacocca, America's highest-paid executive in 1986, earned nearly \$18 million last year in salary, cash and stock bonuses and options, the automaker reported Tuesday.

Iacocca's earnings were part of the \$85.2 million in compensation that executives of the No. 3 automaker took home last year.

Chrysler released the figures the day after it opened early contract talks with the United Auto Workers, and union Vice President Mark Stepp blasted the earnings as "an incredible rip-off."

Stepp, who leads union negotiators in the talks, said in a statement with UAW President Owen Bieber that the executives' earnings "blatantly contradict the message they try to send UAW members in their factories and offices."

Iacocca's 1987 earnings of \$17.9 million included nearly \$13.5 million from exercising stock purchase options granted earlier in the decade, when Chrysler was recovering from near ruin and its stock was worth a fraction of its present value.

Iacocca also received \$765,890 in salary, \$725,000 in cash bonuses, \$249,000 in stock bonuses and a

stock grant worth nearly \$2.7 million when it was issued Dec. 8.

The figures were contained in Chrysler's proxy statement, mailed Tuesday to shareholders.

In 1986, Iacocca took home \$20.6 million, including \$9.3 million on exercised stock options.

Proxy statements released and compiled later in the year showed he was the nation's highest-paid executive.

In all, Chrysler paid out \$85.2 million to 2,035 executives in 1987: \$77.9 million in cash, more than \$1 million in stock bonuses and nearly \$6.3 million in retirement bonuses, Chrysler spokesman John Guiniven said.

Ford Motor Co. Vice Chairman Harold Poling was the No. 2 earner, receiving nearly \$11 million: \$808,697 in salary, \$2 million in cash bonuses and \$8.1 million earned exercising stock options.

Roger B. Smith, chairman of General Motors Corp., topped GM's earners last year with \$2.2 million, including \$867,000 in salary, an estimated \$800,000 in stock bonuses, \$513,000 in stock options and \$56,000 from a savings plan.

Executive earnings at Ford and GM were disclosed last week.

West German court sentences man for two Beirut kidnappings

DUESSELDORF, West Germany (AP) — A court convicted Abbas Hamadi on Tuesday of abducting two West Germans as ransom for his brother, Mohammed, who is accused of hijacking a TWA jetliner.

Abbas Hamadi, 29, was sentenced to 13 years in prison after being found guilty on all charges of kidnapping, coercion and possession of explosives.

"It is totally reprehensible to rob two innocent people of their freedom and make them fear for their lives," Chief Judge Arend said in explaining the sentence he and his four colleagues meted out to Hamadi.

The 13-year term was 18 months longer than the prosecution requested. The maximum allowed was 15 years.

Hamadi, who is bearded and wore a sport coat and open-necked shirt, slumped into his chair after hearing the verdict and remained silent. More than 100 spectators, most of them reporters, were in the room.

Mohammed Hamadi was arrested at Frankfurt airport Jan. 13, 1987, and Abbas 13 days later, both with explosives in their possession. Mohammed Hamadi is

accused in the June 1985 hijacking of a TWA jetliner to Beirut in which a U.S. Navy diver was killed and 39 Americans were held hostage for 17 days.

Both Hamadis were living in West Germany at the time of their arrests. After Mohammed Hamadi was jailed, but while his brother was free, two West Germans were kidnapped in Beirut: Rudolf Cordes on Jan. 17 and Alfred Schmidt on Jan. 20.

Schmidt was released in September, but Cordes remains a hostage.

Arend said the evidence proved Abbas Hamadi was among radical Shiite Moslems who plotted the kidnappings to try to block Mohammed Hamadi's extradition to the United States. West Germany has refused extradition and assigned Mohammed Hamadi's case to juvenile court for trial.

Defense lawyer Eckart Hild said he would appeal and told reporters, "I do not find this judgment at all convincing." Abbas Hamadi denied involvement in the kidnappings but admitted storing explosives near his home in Saarland state for his younger brother.



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