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MEMORANDUM FOR SECRETARY OF THE AIR FORCE
SECRETARY OF THE NAVY
ATTN: ACQUISITION EXECUTIVES

SUBJECT: C-130J Live Fire Test and Evaluation (LFT&E) Results

Dr. Barker
Earlier this year I read several media accounts of C-130J LFT&E results indicating a high probability of fire when wing dry bays are hit. I have since received additional information from the Director of Operational Test and Evaluation (DOT&E) concerning this vulnerability. I am told the Air Force is still reviewing results of the wing dry bay fire tests and does not yet have a coordinated position on fixes to be implemented, if any. Also, I know that DOT&E staff have committed to work with the Air Force to develop a cost-effective strategy for resolving the wing dry bay fire problem and improving combat survivability of C-130s.

While funding for proposed fixes must compete for priority against other Air Force and Navy requirements, I want to ensure C-130J LFT&E issues are addressed. I'd like to receive a briefing or a status memo from each of you by ^{1 March 2001} ~~January 18, 2001~~, explaining your plans for addressing necessary C-130 and KC-130 changes identified as a result of C-130J LFT&E results. These plans should include strategies and timelines for addressing the entire C-130 fleet, including KC-130J aircraft for the Marine Corps, and C-130 AMP and C-130J aircraft for the Air Force. Also, please define future decision points, as well as the tailoring of LFT&E activities to support these decision points.

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