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The Honorable William Proxmire  
Chairman, Subcommittee on Priorities  
and Economy in Government  
Joint Economic Committee  
Congress of the United States

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Dear Mr. Chairman:

Your letter of September 13, 1973, asked us to obtain cost information on all training and education programs in the Department of Defense. We obtained from the Office of the Secretary of Defense (OSD) the estimated cost of individual training which OSD had previously reported to the Senate and House Armed Services Committees. Costs for these programs were estimated at \$6,272,081,000 for fiscal year 1974. OSD's report stated that it did not include costs for crew and unit training and certain other training and education costs which were not readily identifiable. Our investigation showed that, in addition to individual training costs, crew and unit training costs were \$4,327,193,000. After adjusting for other unreported training costs of about \$300 million, the total individual and crew and unit training costs we identified were \$10,932,609,000.

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OSD officials said that crew and unit training costs were excluded from the report on the cost of individual training because the report was related to OSD's military manpower training report which dealt with individual training loads. These officials said that information on the cost of crew and unit training could be included in future reports if Congress wanted it.

On a limited basis, we verified the reported costs for individual training and observed that downward adjustments of about \$78 million had been made to reflect cost reductions expected because of reducing certain training programs. We also made a limited verification of OSD's costs for crew and

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unit training and identified cost information on unreported programs. The following schedule summarizes the estimated costs of both individual and crew and unit training for fiscal year 1974.

Department of Defense

Cost of Training and Education

	<u>Individual training</u>	<u>Crew and unit training</u>	<u>Total</u>
	----- (000 omitted) -----		
Department of the Army	\$2,916,978	<sup>a</sup> \$1,615,080	\$ 4,532,058
Department of the Navy	1,515,547	1,100,271	2,615,818
Department of the Air Force	1,735,473	1,463,781	3,199,254
Marine Corps	402,744	148,061	550,805
OSD	<u>34,674</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>34,674</u>
<b>Total</b>	<u>\$6,605,416</u>	<sup>b</sup> <u>\$4,327,193</u>	<u>\$10,932,609</u>

<sup>a</sup>Army crew and unit training costs for Active Forces were not available.

<sup>b</sup>Includes \$3,454,707,000 applicable to National Guard and Reserve Forces.

Enclosures I through IX provide details of estimated costs and listings of the types of costs which are not included above. Numerous other areas of costs applicable to these programs could not be identified because of the lack of definite information. We believe that one of these areas, the operation of medical facilities and programs at training bases, would involve significant costs.

Individual training costs consist primarily of recruit, skill, professional, and flight training; officer acquisition programs; and the maintenance and operation of facilities in

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support of these programs. Crew and unit training costs include operational training by groups of individuals or units and guard personnel while undergoing reserve training or performing periodic drills.

Because of congressional interest in the complete and accurate reporting of all training and education programs in the Department of Defense, we suggest that your Subcommittee may wish to consider requesting the Secretary of Defense to include in future reports (1) the cost of crew and unit training to the extent that it is available and (2) an allocation of the cost of operating medical facilities and programs applicable to training activities.

Sincerely yours,



Comptroller General  
of the United States

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## ENCLOSURE I

## ARMY COST OF TRAINING AND EDUCATION

(000 omitted)

Individual training:		
Recruit training	\$ 596,397	
Specialized training	813,008	
Professional training	195,547	
Flight training	93,359	
Military Academy	93,458	
Reserve Officers Training Corps	99,741	
Base operations	651,852	
Other training activities	129,078	
Command	51,490	
Army education centers	19,276	
Tuition assistance	5,771	
Project Transition	8,037	
Overseas education of dependents	127,471	
Civilian pay increase	11,753	
Safeguard training	2,864	
Command area schools	5,607	
New equipment training program	7,181	
Army Management Engineering Training Agency	2,323	
Army Logistics Management Center	<u>2,765</u>	\$2,916,978
Crew and unit training:		
National Guard	1,003,312	
Army Reserve	<u>611,768</u>	<u>1,615,080</u>
Total		<u>\$4,532,058</u>

ENCLOSURE 11

ARMY PEPIS OF COST NOT INCLUDED IN BRAC-1956 COSTS

Salary and allowances of military personnel attending training courses in temporary duty status.

Cost of repairing, training equipment at depot level.

Overhead costs at the Department of the Army, Pentagon, associated with management of training and education programs.

Civilian pay increases related to training in other major force programs.

Military personnel costs related to the Army education centers, Project Transition, and command area schools.

Costs related to the pay raises of National Guard and Reserve forces.

Costs related to the active duty personnel associated with the Reserve and National Guard Forces.

Costs of operating medical facilities and programs at training bases.

Student salary costs of military personnel attending Project Transition training and counseling sessions.

Pay, per diem, and travel costs of civilians attending schools.

Crew and unit training of the Active Forces.

On-the-job individual training.

Schools' share of base-operating costs for:

--Combat Surveillance School, Fort Huachuca, Arizona

--Intelligence School, Fort Huachuca

--Institute for Military Assistance, Fort Bragg, North Carolina

--Joint Military Paclaging Training Center, Aberdeen Proving Ground, Maryland

- Missile and Munitions School, Redstone Arsenal, Huntsville, Alabama
- Ordnance School, Aberdeen Proving Ground
- Signal School, Fort Monmouth, New Jersey
- Chaplain School, Fort Hamilton, New York
- Judge Advocate General School, Charlottesville, Virginia
- Industrial College of the Armed Forces, Fort McNair, Washington, D.C.
- National War College, Fort McNair
- Defense Language Institute, Anacostia, Washington, D.C.
- Medical Department Facilities, Fort Sam Houston, Texas
- Army Management Engineering Training Agency, Rock Island Arsenal, Illinois

## NAVY COST OF TRAINING AND EDUCATION

(000 omitted)

Individual training:		
Recruit training	\$147,993	
Specialized training	633,945	
Professional training	161,161	
Flight training	365,545	
Naval Academy	67,430	
Reserve Officer Training Corps	34,473	
Armed Forces Information		
Education Program	430	
Other education programs	34,596	
Base communications training	6,344	
Overseas dependent education	20,389	
Training--Intelligence Communications		
Program	661	
Base operations--Chief, Naval Educa-		
tion and Training	7,387	
Civilian pay raise	4,100	
Military personnel pay raise	30,000	
Project Transition	<u>1,093</u>	\$1,515,547
Crew and unit training:		
Reserve Forces	586,992	
Active Forces	<u>513,279</u>	<u>1,100,271</u>
<b>Total</b>		<b><u>\$2,615,818</u></b>

NAVY TYPES OF COSTS NOT INCLUDED

IN TRAINING COSTS

Per diem, travel, and pay for personnel receiving less than 20 weeks training.

Student salary costs of military personnel participating in Project Transition.

Pay, per diem, and travel for civilians attending training courses.

Reserve personnel pay raise.

Military and civilian pay included in training activities of other programs.

Costs of operating medical facilities and programs at training bases.

Command overhead costs.

On-the-job individual training.



## ENCLOSURE V

## AIR FORCE COST OF TRAINING AND EDUCATION

(000 omitted)

Technical Education:		
Officer training	\$155,666	
Professional training	671,818	
Technical training	167,157	
Flight training	530,650	
Active officer training corps	35,791	
Air Force Academy	80,349	
Military and civilian pay raises-not allocated to training listed above	8,092	
Military construction projects approved after the President's budget submission	1,990	
Overseas dependent education	55,882	
Defense Peace Relations Institute	724	
Reserve Officer Training Corps graduates on 90 day active duty	1,068	
Off duty education program	18,994	
Project Transition	1,761	
Project Hire	1,127	
Health professional scholarship program	14,724	
Permanent change-of-station training	<u>20,711</u>	\$1,735,473
Crew and unit training:		
Air National Guard	749,347	
Air Force Reserve	379,966	
Combat, crew, and advanced flight training-Active Forces	<u>354,468</u>	<u>1,463,781</u>
Total		\$3,199,254