



**Canonical ID:** 1978STATE027297\_d  
**Subject:** WASHINGTON STAR ARTICLE ON ARMS IN HORN WASHINGTON  
STAR CARRIED FOLLOWING ARTICLE FEBRUARY 1: BEGIN TEXT: ETHIOPIA HAS  
PAID A NEW YORK AGENT TO SEND BY AIR FREIGHT SOME AMERICAN SPARE PARTS  
FOR ITS WARPLANES  
**From:** Department of State  
**To:** Iran Tehran, Saudi Arabia Jeddah, Somalia Mogadishu  
**Original Classification:** LIMITED OFFICIAL USE  
**Current Classification:** UNCLASSIFIED  
**Previous Handling Restrictions:** -- N/A or Blank --  
**Archive Status:** Electronic Telegrams  
**Type:** TE  
**Locator:** TEXT ON MICROFILM, TEXT ONLINE  
**Reference(s):** n/a  
**Executive Order (E.O.):** -- N/A or Blank --  
**Markings:** Sheryl P. Walter Declassified/Released US Department  
of State EO Systematic Review 20 Mar 2014  
**Enclosure:** -- N/A or Blank --  
**Concepts:** ARMS, MILITARY ASSISTANCE  
**TAGS:** Ethiopia [ET]  
Military and Defense Affairs--Military Assistance and Sales [MASS]  
Social Affairs--Public Opinion and Information [SOPN]  
Somalia [SO]  
United States [US]  
**Office:** -- N/A or Blank --  
**Document Character Count:** 20938  
**Date:** 1978 February 1, 00:00 (Wednesday)

---

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

PAGE 01  
STATE 027297  
ORIGIN AF-10  
INFO OCT-01 NEA-10 ISO-00 PA-01 PRS-01 /023 R  
DRAFTED BY AF/E:KPGARLAND:JJ  
APPROVED BY AF/E:RPOST  
-----124922 012344Z /41  
O 012325Z PEB 78  
FM SECSTATE WASHDC  
TO AMEMBASSY ADDIS ABABA IMMEDIATE  
AMEMBASSY MOGADISCIO IMMEDIATE  
AMEMBASSY TEHRAN IMMEDIATE  
AMEMBASSY JIDDA IMMEDIATE

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE STATE 027297

E.O. 11652: N/A  
TAGS: MASS, SOPN, ET, US, SO  
SUBJECT: WASHINGTON STAR ARTICLE ON ARMS IN HORN  
WASHINGTON STAR CARRIED FOLLOWING ARTICLE FEBRUARY 1:  
BEGIN TEXT: ETHIOPIA HAS PAID A NEW YORK AGENT TO SEND BY  
AIR FREIGHT SOME AMERICAN SPARE PARTS FOR ITS WARPLANES,  
FORCING THE CARTER ADMINISTRATION TO MAKE A HARD CHOICE  
ON WHETHER TO LET A LONG-PENDING SHIPMENT OF MILITARY  
EQUIPMENT GO TO THE SOVIET-AIDED REGIME IN ADDIS ABABA.  
A SPOKESMAN FOR THE SHIPPING COMPANY SAID ETHIOPIA HAD ALSO



PAID FOR OCEAN SHIPMENT OF OTHER MILITARY EQUIPMENT THAT  
WAS PURCHASED HERE BEFORE ARMAMENT SALES TO THAT COUNTRY  
WERE CUT OFF LAST YEAR. THE EQUIPMENT HAD BEEN IN WAREHOUSES SINCE THEN.  
LIMITED OFFICIAL USE  
LIMITED OFFICIAL USE  
PAGE 02

STATE 027297

THE EXPORT LICENSES FOR THEM HAVE REMAINED VALID DESPITE A  
MASSIVE SUPPLY OF SOVIET ARMAMENTS TO ETHIOPIA IN RECENT  
MONTHS AND INCREASING SOVIET AND CUBAN INFLUENCE ON ITS  
MILITARY JUNTA. THE ARMAMENTS HAVE BEEN USED TO FIGHT  
AN INVASION BY SOMALIA AND A REBELLION IN ERITREA.

Sheryl P. Walter Declassified/Released US Department of State E0 Systematic Review  
20 Mar 2014

Sheryl P. Walter Declassified/Released US Department of State E0 Systematic Review  
20 Mar 2014

THE ETHIOPIAN PAYMENT OF SHIPPING CHARGES IN RECENT DAYS  
HAS CAUSED THE ADMINISTRATION TO RECONSIDER THE SITUATION.  
ONE OFFICIAL SAID THAT QUESTION OF PERMITTING THE SHIPMENTS WAS RECEIVING TOP-  
LEVEL ATTENTION AT THE STATE  
DEPARTMENT.

DECIDING WHETHER TO CANCEL THE EXPORT LICENSES IS A  
PAINFUL CHOICE, ANOTHER OFFICIAL SAID. THE ADMINISTRATION  
HAS BEEN TRYING TO AVOID TAKING ANY ACTION THAT WOULD  
WORSEN ITS ALREADY DIFFICULT RELATIONS WITH ETHIOPIA,  
BUT AT THE SAME TIME IT IS RELUCTANT TO ALLOW ANY  
AMERICAN CONTRIBUTION TO ETHIOPIA'S MILITARY STRENGTH  
IN THE PRESENT SITUATION.

SPARE PARTS INCLUDE SOME OF F-5 FIGHTERS THAT THE UNITED  
STATES HAD PROVIDED TO ETHIOPIA IN A \$227 MILLION MILITARY  
ASSISTANCE PROGRAM FROM 1953 UNTIL LAST APRIL. THE  
PROGRAM WAS HALTED WHEN THE JUNTA EXPELLED U.S. MILITARY  
ADVISERS AND TURNED TO MOSCOW.

ISRAELI TECHNICIANS HAD BEEN HELPING KEEP THE F-5S  
FLYING, AND ISRAEL HAS SUPPLIED NAPALM AND CLUSTER BOMBS  
FOR THEM TO DROP ON ERITREAN SEPARATISTS AND HAS  
SPECIALLY ADAPTED ROCKETS FOR THE F-5S TO SHOOT AT  
SOMALI TANKS. SOVIET-MADE WARPLANES ARE ALSO BEING USED  
BY ETHIOPIA, SOME REPORTEDLY FLOWN BY CUBAN PILOTS.

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE  
LIMITED OFFICIAL USE  
PAGE 03

STATE 027297

THE UNITED STATES HAS TAKEN THE PUBLIC POSITION THAT IT  
WILL NOT PROVIDE "DIRECTLY OR INDIRECTLY...ANYTHING OF  
MILITARY USE" TO EITHER SIDE IN THE ETHIOPIA-SOMALIA WAR.  
STATE DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN HODDING CARTER YESTERDAY  
DENIED A CHARGE BY THE HEAD OF THE ETHIOPIAN JUNTA, LT.



COL. MENGISTU HAILE MARIAM THAT PRESIDENT CARTER HAS BEEN COORDINATING THE SUPPLY OF MILITARY AID TO SOMALIA WITH MIDDLE EASTERN AND EUROPEAN COUNTRIES. OTHER OFFICIALS WERE UNHAPPY OVER THE VITRIOLIC NATURE OF MENGISTU'S SPEECH.

REPORTS FROM THE SOMALI CAPITAL, MOGADISHU, HAVE SAID THAT AMERICAN-MADE M-48 TANKS ORIGINALLY SOLD TO IRAN HAD REACHED THERE THROUGH OMAN, A COUNTRY THAT IRAN HELPED PUT DOWN A COMMUNIST-BACKED REBELLION.

THE STATE DEPARTMENT DENIED THAT AUTHORIZATION TO TRANSFER U.S. ARMS HAS BEEN GIVEN TO ANY COUNTRY SUPPLIED BY WASHINGTON. IT WAS UNCLEAR, HOWEVER, WHETHER A ROUTE THROUGH OMAN MIGHT HAVE CIRCUMVENTED THE USUAL PROHIBITION

Sheryl P. Walter Declassified/Released US Department of State E0 Systematic Review  
20 Mar 2014

Sheryl P. Walter Declassified/Released US Department of State E0 Systematic Review  
20 Mar 2014

ON TRANSFER.

WHEN THE U.S. MILITARY ASSISTANCE PROGRAM FOR ETHIOPIA WAS HALTED, THE GOVERNMENT HAD TAKEN TITLE TO MILITARY SPARE PARTS, TRUCKS AND SOME UNARMED NAVAL PATROL BOATS, BUT THEY HAD NOT LEFT U.S. PORTS.

THEY REMAINED IN WAREHOUSES AWAITING SHIPPING INSTRUCTIONS AND PAYMENT OF SHIPPING CHARGES BY ADDIS ABABA. A SPOKESMAN FOR THE NEW YORK FREIGHT FORWARDING COMPANY SAID YESTERDAY IT EXPECTES TO HAVE SHIPPING ARRANGEMENTS WORKED OUT WITHIN TWO WEEKS.

THE AIRCRAFT SPARES AND TECHNICAL MANUALS ON THEM HAVE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE  
LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

PAGE 04

STATE 027297

BEEN ORDERED SENT BY AIR FREIGHT, THE SPOKESMAN SAID. OTHER GOODS WILL GO LATER BY SEA, PROBABLY IN THREE OR FOUR WEEKS, EXCEPT FOR THE PATROL BOATS, WHICH ARE STILL HUNG UP IN BALTIMORE WITH PAYMENTS PROBLEMS, HE SAID. THAT GAVE THE ADMINSITRATION TWO WEEKS OR LESS IN WHICH TO REVIEW ITS POSITION. AN OFFICIAL AT THE WHITE HOUSE SAID RECOMMENDATIONS WERE BEING AWAITED FROM THE STATE DEPARTMENT AND THE PENTAGON.  
VANCE

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

NNN

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

PAGE 01

STATE 027297

ORIGIN NEA-03

INFO OCT-01 ISO-00 /004 R



66011  
DRAFTED BY NEA/ARP:DMWINN  
APPROVED BY NEA/ARP:JW TWINAM  
-----014570 022124Z /64  
O 022110Z FEB 78  
FM SECSTATE WASHDC

Sheryl P. Walter Declassified/Released US Department of State E0 Systematic Review  
20 Mar 2014

Sheryl P. Walter Declassified/Released US Department of State E0 Systematic Review  
20 Mar 2014  
TO AMEMBASSY MUSCAT IMMEDIATE

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE STATE 027297  
FOLLOWING REPEAT STATE 027297 ACTION ADDIS ABABA MOGADISCIO  
TEHRAN JIDDA 01 FEB 78

QUOTE

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE STATE 027297

E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: MASS, SOPN, ET, US, SO

SUBJECT: WASHINGTON STAR ARTICLE ON ARMS IN HORN

WASHINGTON STAR CARRIED FOLLOWING ARTICLE FEBRUARY 1:

BEGIN TEXT: ETHIOPIA HAS PAID A NEW YORK AGENT TO SEND BY

AIR FREIGHT SOME AMERICAN SPARE PARTS FOR ITS WARPLANES,

FORCING THE CARTER ADMINISTRATION TO MAKE A HARD CHOICE

ON WHETHER TO LET A LONG-PENDING SHIPMENT OF MILITARY

EQUIPMENT GO TO THE SOVIET-AIDED REGIME IN ADDIS ABABA.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE SHIPPING COMPANY SAID ETHIOPIA HAD ALSO

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

PAGE 02

STATE 027297

PAID FOR OCEAN SHIPMENT OF OTHER MILITARY EQUIPMENT THAT  
WAS PURCHASED HERE BEFORE ARMAMENT SALES TO THAT COUNTRY  
WERE CUT OFF LAST YEAR. THE EQUIPMENT HAD BEEN IN WAREHOUSES SINCE THEN.

THE EXPORT LICENSES FOR THEM HAVE REMAINED VALID DESPITE A

MASSIVE SUPPLY OF SOVIET ARMAMENTS TO ETHIOPIA IN RECENT

MONTHS AND INCREASING SOVIET AND CUBAN INFLUENCE ON ITS

MILITARY JUNTA. THE ARMAMENTS HAVE BEEN USED TO FIGHT

AN INVASION BY SOMALIA AND A REBELLION IN ERITREA.

THE ETHIOPIAN PAYMENT OF SHIPPING CHARGES IN RECENT DAYS

HAS CAUSED THE ADMINISTRATION TO RECONSIDER THE SITUATION.

ONE OFFICIAL SAID THAT QUESTION OF PERMITTING THE SHIPMENTS WAS RECEIVING TOP-

LEVEL ATTENTION AT THE STATE

DEPARTMENT.

DECIDING WHETHER TO CANCEL THE EXPORT LICENSES IS A

PAINFUL CHOICE, ANOTHER OFFICIAL SAID. THE ADMINISTRATION

HAS BEEN TRYING TO AVOID TAKING ANY ACTION THAT WOULD

WORSEN ITS ALREADY DIFFICULT RELATIONS WITH ETHIOPIA,

Sheryl P. Walter Declassified/Released US Department of State E0 Systematic Review  
20 Mar 2014



Sheryl P. Walter Declassified/Released US Department of State E0 Systematic Review  
20 Mar 2014

BUT AT THE SAME TIME IT IS RELUCTANT TO ALLOW ANY  
AMERICAN CONTRIBUTION TO ETHIOPIA'S MILITARY STRENGTH  
IN THE PRESENT SITUATION.

SPARE PARTS INCLUDE SOME OF F-5 FIGHTERS THAT THE UNITED  
STATES HAD PROVIDED TO ETHIOPIA IN A \$227 MILLION MILITARY  
ASSISTANCE PROGRAM FROM 1953 UNTIL LAST APRIL. THE  
PROGRAM WAS HALTED WHEN THE JUNTA EXPELLED U.S. MILITARY  
ADVISERS AND TURNED TO MOSCOW.

ISRAELI TECHNICIANS HAD BEEN HELPING KEEP THE F-5S  
FLYING, AND ISRAEL HAS SUPPLIED NAPALM AND CLUSTER BOMBS

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

PAGE 03

STATE 027297

FOR THEM TO DROP ON ERITREAN SEPARATISTS AND HAS  
SPECIALLY ADAPTED ROCKETS FOR THE F-5S TO SHOOT AT  
SOMALI TANKS. SOVIET-MADE WARPLANES ARE ALSO BEING USED  
BY ETHIOPIA, SOME REPORTEDLY FLOWN BY CUBAN PILOTS.  
THE UNITED STATES HAS TAKEN THE PUBLIC POSITION THAT IT  
WILL NOT PROVIDE "DIRECTLY OR INDIRECTLY...ANYTHING OF  
MILITARY USE" TO EITHER SIDE IN THE ETHIOPIA-SOMALIA WAR.  
STATE DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN HODDING CARTER YESTERDAY  
DENIED A CHARGE BY THE HEAD OF THE ETHIOPIAN JUNTA, LT.  
COL. MENGISTU HAILE MARIAM THAT PRESIDENT CARTER HAS BEEN  
COORDINATING THE SUPPLY OF MILITARY AID TO SOMALIA WITH  
MIDDLE EASTERN AND EUROPEAN COUNTRIES. OTHER OFFICIALS  
WERE UNHAPPY OVER THE VITRIOLIC NATURE OF MENGISTU'S  
SPEECH.

REPORTS FROM THE SOMALI CAPITAL, MOGADISHU, HAVE SAID  
THAT AMERICAN-MADE M-48 TANKS ORIGINALLY SOLD TO IRAN  
HAD REACHED THERE THROUGH OMAN, A COUNTRY THAT IRAN  
HELPED PUT DOWN A COMMUNIST-BACKED REBELLION.  
THE STATE DEPARTMENT DENIED THAT AUTHORIZATION TO TRANSFER  
U.S. ARMS HAS BEEN GIVEN TO ANY COUNTRY SUPPLIED BY  
WASHINGTON. IT WAS UNCLEAR, HOWEVER, WHETHER A ROUTE  
THROUGH OMAN MIGHT HAVE CIRCUMVENTED THE USUAL PROHIBITION  
ON TRANSFER.

WHEN THE U.S. MILITARY ASSISTANCE PROGRAM FOR ETHIOPIA  
WAS HALTED, THE GOVERNMENT HAD TAKEN TITLE TO MILITARY  
SPARE PARTS, TRUCKS AND SOME UNARMED NAVAL PATROL BOATS,  
BUT THEY HAD NOT LEFT U.S. PORTS.  
THEY REMAINED IN WAREHOUSES AWAITING SHIPPING INSTRUCTIONS  
AND PAYMENT OF SHIPPING CHARGES BY ADDIS ABABA. A SPOKES-

Sheryl P. Walter Declassified/Released US Department of State E0 Systematic Review  
20 Mar 2014

Sheryl P. Walter Declassified/Released US Department of State E0 Systematic Review  
20 Mar 2014

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE



LIMITED OFFICIAL USE  
PAGE 04

STATE 027297

MAN FOR THE NEW YORK FREIGHT FORWARDING COMPANY SAID  
YESTERDAY IT EXPECTES TO HAVE SHIPPING ARRANGEMENTS WORKED  
OUT WITHIN TWO WEEKS.

THE AIRCRAFT SPARES AND TECHNICAL MANUALS ON THEM HAVE  
BEEN ORDERED SENT BY AIR FREIGHT, THE SPOKESMAN SAID.  
OTHER GOODS WILL GO LATER BY SEA, PROBABLY IN THREE OR  
FOUR WEEKS, EXCEPT FOR THE PATROL BOATS, WHICH ARE STILL  
HUNG UP IN BALTIMORE WITH PAYMENTS PROBLEMS, HE SAID.  
THAT GAVE THE ADMINSITRATION TWO WEEKS OR LESS IN WHICH  
TO REVIEW ITS POSITION. AN OFFICIAL AT THE WHITE HOUSE  
SAID RECOMMENDATIONS WERE BEING AWAITED FROM THE STATE  
DEPARTMENT AND THE PENTAGON.

VANCE  
UNQUOTE VANCE".

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

NNN

\*\*\* Current Handling Restrictions \*\*\* n/a  
\*\*\* Current Classification \*\*\* LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

@@@OASYS@@@<CONCATENATED>

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

PAGE 01

STATE 027297

ORIGIN AF-10

INFO OCT-01 NEA-10 ISO-00 PA-01 PRS-01 /023 R

DRAFTED BY AF/E:KPGARLAND:JJ

APPROVED BY AF/E:RPOST

-----124922 012344Z /41

0 012325Z PEB 78

FM SECSTATE WASHDC

TO AMEMBASSY ADDIS ABABA IMMEDIATE

AMEMBASSY MOGADISCIO IMMEDIATE

AMEMBASSY TEHRAN IMMEDIATE

AMEMBASSY JIDDA IMMEDIATE

Sheryl P. Walter Declassified/Released US Department of State E0 Systematic Review  
20 Mar 2014

Sheryl P. Walter Declassified/Released US Department of State E0 Systematic Review  
20 Mar 2014

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE STATE 027297

E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: MASS, SOPN, ET, US, SO

SUBJECT: WASHINGTON STAR ARTICLE ON ARMS IN HORN

WASHINGTON STAR CARRIED FOLLOWING ARTICLE FEBRUARY 1:

BEGIN TEXT: ETHIOPIA HAS PAID A NEW YORK AGENT TO SEND BY  
AIR FREIGHT SOME AMERICAN SPARE PARTS FOR ITS WARPLANES,



FORCING THE CARTER ADMINISTRATION TO MAKE A HARD CHOICE ON WHETHER TO LET A LONG-PENDING SHIPMENT OF MILITARY EQUIPMENT GO TO THE SOVIET-AIDED REGIME IN ADDIS ABABA. A SPOKESMAN FOR THE SHIPPING COMPANY SAID ETHIOPIA HAD ALSO PAID FOR OCEAN SHIPMENT OF OTHER MILITARY EQUIPMENT THAT WAS PURCHASED HERE BEFORE ARMAMENT SALES TO THAT COUNTRY WERE CUT OFF LAST YEAR. THE EQUIPMENT HAD BEEN IN WAREHOUSES SINCE THEN.

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

PAGE 02

STATE 027297

THE EXPORT LICENSES FOR THEM HAVE REMAINED VALID DESPITE A MASSIVE SUPPLY OF SOVIET ARMAMENTS TO ETHIOPIA IN RECENT MONTHS AND INCREASING SOVIET AND CUBAN INFLUENCE ON ITS MILITARY JUNTA. THE ARMAMENTS HAVE BEEN USED TO FIGHT AN INVASION BY SOMALIA AND A REBELLION IN ERITREA. THE ETHIOPIAN PAYMENT OF SHIPPING CHARGES IN RECENT DAYS HAS CAUSED THE ADMINISTRATION TO RECONSIDER THE SITUATION. ONE OFFICIAL SAID THAT QUESTION OF PERMITTING THE SHIPMENTS WAS RECEIVING TOP-LEVEL ATTENTION AT THE STATE

DEPARTMENT.

DECIDING WHETHER TO CANCEL THE EXPORT LICENSES IS A PAINFUL CHOICE, ANOTHER OFFICIAL SAID. THE ADMINISTRATION HAS BEEN TRYING TO AVOID TAKING ANY ACTION THAT WOULD WORSEN ITS ALREADY DIFFICULT RELATIONS WITH ETHIOPIA, BUT AT THE SAME TIME IT IS RELUCTANT TO ALLOW ANY AMERICAN CONTRIBUTION TO ETHIOPIA'S MILITARY STRENGTH IN THE PRESENT SITUATION.

SPARE PARTS INCLUDE SOME OF F-5 FIGHTERS THAT THE UNITED STATES HAD PROVIDED TO ETHIOPIA IN A \$227 MILLION MILITARY ASSISTANCE PROGRAM FROM 1953 UNTIL LAST APRIL. THE PROGRAM WAS HALTED WHEN THE JUNTA EXPELLED U.S. MILITARY

Sheryl P. Walter Declassified/Released US Department of State E0 Systematic Review  
20 Mar 2014

Sheryl P. Walter Declassified/Released US Department of State E0 Systematic Review  
20 Mar 2014

ADVISERS AND TURNED TO MOSCOW.

ISRAELI TECHNICIANS HAD BEEN HELPING KEEP THE F-5S FLYING, AND ISRAEL HAS SUPPLIED NAPALM AND CLUSTER BOMBS FOR THEM TO DROP ON ERITREAN SEPARATISTS AND HAS SPECIALLY ADAPTED ROCKETS FOR THE F-5S TO SHOOT AT SOMALI TANKS. SOVIET-MADE WARPLANES ARE ALSO BEING USED BY ETHIOPIA, SOME REPORTEDLY FLOWN BY CUBAN PILOTS.

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

PAGE 03

STATE 027297

THE UNITED STATES HAS TAKEN THE PUBLIC POSITION THAT IT WILL NOT PROVIDE "DIRECTLY OR INDIRECTLY...ANYTHING OF



MILITARY USE" TO EITHER SIDE IN THE ETHIOPIA-SOMALIA WAR. STATE DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN HODDING CARTER YESTERDAY DENIED A CHARGE BY THE HEAD OF THE ETHIOPIAN JUNTA, LT. COL. MENGISTU HAILE MARIAM THAT PRESIDENT CARTER HAS BEEN COORDINATING THE SUPPLY OF MILITARY AID TO SOMALIA WITH MIDDLE EASTERN AND EUROPEAN COUNTRIES. OTHER OFFICIALS WERE UNHAPPY OVER THE VITRIOLIC NATURE OF MENGISTU'S SPEECH.

REPORTS FROM THE SOMALI CAPITAL, MOGADISHU, HAVE SAID THAT AMERICAN-MADE M-48 TANKS ORIGINALLY SOLD TO IRAN HAD REACHED THERE THROUGH OMAN, A COUNTRY THAT IRAN HELPED PUT DOWN A COMMUNIST-BACKED REBELLION. THE STATE DEPARTMENT DENIED THAT AUTHORIZATION TO TRANSFER U.S. ARMS HAS BEEN GIVEN TO ANY COUNTRY SUPPLIED BY WASHINGTON. IT WAS UNCLEAR, HOWEVER, WHETHER A ROUTE THROUGH OMAN MIGHT HAVE CIRCUMVENTED THE USUAL PROHIBITION ON TRANSFER.

WHEN THE U.S. MILITARY ASSISTANCE PROGRAM FOR ETHIOPIA WAS HALTED, THE GOVERNMENT HAD TAKEN TITLE TO MILITARY SPARE PARTS, TRUCKS AND SOME UNARMED NAVAL PATROL BOATS, BUT THEY HAD NOT LEFT U.S. PORTS. THEY REMAINED IN WAREHOUSES AWAITING SHIPPING INSTRUCTIONS AND PAYMENT OF SHIPPING CHARGES BY ADDIS ABABA. A SPOKESMAN FOR THE NEW YORK FREIGHT FORWARDING COMPANY SAID YESTERDAY IT EXPECTES TO HAVE SHIPPING ARRANGEMENTS WORKED OUT WITHIN TWO WEEKS. THE AIRCRAFT SPARES AND TECHNICAL MANUALS ON THEM HAVE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

Sheryl P. Walter Declassified/Released US Department of State E0 Systematic Review 20 Mar 2014

Sheryl P. Walter Declassified/Released US Department of State E0 Systematic Review 20 Mar 2014

PAGE 04

STATE 027297

BEEN ORDERED SENT BY AIR FREIGHT, THE SPOKESMAN SAID. OTHER GOODS WILL GO LATER BY SEA, PROBABLY IN THREE OR FOUR WEEKS, EXCEPT FOR THE PATROL BOATS, WHICH ARE STILL HUNG UP IN BALTIMORE WITH PAYMENTS PROBLEMS, HE SAID. THAT GAVE THE ADMINSITRATION TWO WEEKS OR LESS IN WHICH TO REVIEW ITS POSITION. AN OFFICIAL AT THE WHITE HOUSE SAID RECOMMENDATIONS WERE BEING AWAITED FROM THE STATE DEPARTMENT AND THE PENTAGON. VANCE

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

NNN  
LIMITED OFFICIAL USE  
PAGE 01





STATE 027297  
ORIGIN NEA-03  
INFO OCT-01 ISO-00 /004 R  
66011  
DRAFTED BY NEA/ARP:DMWINN  
APPROVED BY NEA/ARP:JW TWINAM  
-----014570 022124Z /64  
O 022110Z FEB 78  
FM SECSTATE WASHDC  
TO AMEMBASSY MUSCAT IMMEDIATE

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE STATE 027297  
FOLLOWING REPEAT STATE 027297 ACTION ADDIS ABABA MOGADISCIO  
TEHRAN JIDDA 01 FEB 78  
QUOTE  
LIMITED OFFICIAL USE STATE 027297  
E.O. 11652: N/A  
TAGS: MASS, SOPN, ET, US, SO  
SUBJECT: WASHINGTON STAR ARTICLE ON ARMS IN HORN

Sheryl P. Walter Declassified/Released US Department of State E0 Systematic Review  
20 Mar 2014

Sheryl P. Walter Declassified/Released US Department of State E0 Systematic Review  
20 Mar 2014

WASHINGTON STAR CARRIED FOLLOWING ARTICLE FEBRUARY 1:  
BEGIN TEXT: ETHIOPIA HAS PAID A NEW YORK AGENT TO SEND BY  
AIR FREIGHT SOME AMERICAN SPARE PARTS FOR ITS WARPLANES,  
FORCING THE CARTER ADMINISTRATION TO MAKE A HARD CHOICE  
ON WHETHER TO LET A LONG-PENDING SHIPMENT OF MILITARY  
EQUIPMENT GO TO THE SOVIET-AIDED REGIME IN ADDIS ABABA.  
A SPOKESMAN FOR THE SHIPPING COMPANY SAID ETHIOPIA HAD ALSO  
LIMITED OFFICIAL USE  
LIMITED OFFICIAL USE  
PAGE 02

STATE 027297

PAID FOR OCEAN SHIPMENT OF OTHER MILITARY EQUIPMENT THAT  
WAS PURCHASED HERE BEFORE ARMAMENT SALES TO THAT COUNTRY  
WERE CUT OFF LAST YEAR. THE EQUIPMENT HAD BEEN IN WAREHOUSES SINCE THEN.  
THE EXPORT LICENSES FOR THEM HAVE REMAINED VALID DESPITE A  
MASSIVE SUPPLY OF SOVIET ARMAMENTS TO ETHIOPIA IN RECENT  
MONTHS AND INCREASING SOVIET AND CUBAN INFLUENCE ON ITS  
MILITARY JUNTA. THE ARMAMENTS HAVE BEEN USED TO FIGHT  
AN INVASION BY SOMALIA AND A REBELLION IN ERITREA.  
THE ETHIOPIAN PAYMENT OF SHIPPING CHARGES IN RECENT DAYS  
HAS CAUSED THE ADMINISTRATION TO RECONSIDER THE SITUATION.  
ONE OFFICIAL SAID THAT QUESTION OF PERMITTING THE SHIPMENTS WAS RECEIVING TOP-  
LEVEL ATTENTION AT THE STATE  
DEPARTMENT.  
DECIDING WHETHER TO CANCEL THE EXPORT LICENSES IS A  
PAINFUL CHOICE, ANOTHER OFFICIAL SAID. THE ADMINISTRATION  
HAS BEEN TRYING TO AVOID TAKING ANY ACTION THAT WOULD  
WORSEN ITS ALREADY DIFFICULT RELATIONS WITH ETHIOPIA,



BUT AT THE SAME TIME IT IS RELUCTANT TO ALLOW ANY AMERICAN CONTRIBUTION TO ETHIOPIA'S MILITARY STRENGTH IN THE PRESENT SITUATION.

SPARE PARTS INCLUDE SOME OF F-5 FIGHTERS THAT THE UNITED STATES HAD PROVIDED TO ETHIOPIA IN A \$227 MILLION MILITARY ASSISTANCE PROGRAM FROM 1953 UNTIL LAST APRIL. THE PROGRAM WAS HALTED WHEN THE JUNTA EXPELLED U.S. MILITARY ADVISERS AND TURNED TO MOSCOW.

ISRAELI TECHNICIANS HAD BEEN HELPING KEEP THE F-5S FLYING, AND ISRAEL HAS SUPPLIED NAPALM AND CLUSTER BOMBS

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

PAGE 03

STATE 027297

Sheryl P. Walter Declassified/Released US Department of State E0 Systematic Review  
20 Mar 2014

Sheryl P. Walter Declassified/Released US Department of State E0 Systematic Review  
20 Mar 2014

FOR THEM TO DROP ON ERITREAN SEPARATISTS AND HAS SPECIALLY ADAPTED ROCKETS FOR THE F-5S TO SHOOT AT SOMALI TANKS. SOVIET-MADE WARPLANES ARE ALSO BEING USED BY ETHIOPIA, SOME REPORTEDLY FLOWN BY CUBAN PILOTS. THE UNITED STATES HAS TAKEN THE PUBLIC POSITION THAT IT WILL NOT PROVIDE "DIRECTLY OR INDIRECTLY...ANYTHING OF MILITARY USE" TO EITHER SIDE IN THE ETHIOPIA-SOMALIA WAR. STATE DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN HODDING CARTER YESTERDAY DENIED A CHARGE BY THE HEAD OF THE ETHIOPIAN JUNTA, LT. COL. MENGISTU HAILE MARIAM THAT PRESIDENT CARTER HAS BEEN COORDINATING THE SUPPLY OF MILITARY AID TO SOMALIA WITH MIDDLE EASTERN AND EUROPEAN COUNTRIES. OTHER OFFICIALS WERE UNHAPPY OVER THE VITRIOLIC NATURE OF MENGISTU'S SPEECH.

REPORTS FROM THE SOMALI CAPITAL, MOGADISHU, HAVE SAID THAT AMERICAN-MADE M-48 TANKS ORIGINALLY SOLD TO IRAN HAD REACHED THERE THROUGH OMAN, A COUNTRY THAT IRAN HELPED PUT DOWN A COMMUNIST-BACKED REBELLION. THE STATE DEPARTMENT DENIED THAT AUTHORIZATION TO TRANSFER U.S. ARMS HAS BEEN GIVEN TO ANY COUNTRY SUPPLIED BY WASHINGTON. IT WAS UNCLEAR, HOWEVER, WHETHER A ROUTE THROUGH OMAN MIGHT HAVE CIRCUMVENTED THE USUAL PROHIBITION ON TRANSFER.

WHEN THE U.S. MILITARY ASSISTANCE PROGRAM FOR ETHIOPIA WAS HALTED, THE GOVERNMENT HAD TAKEN TITLE TO MILITARY SPARE PARTS, TRUCKS AND SOME UNARMED NAVAL PATROL BOATS, BUT THEY HAD NOT LEFT U.S. PORTS. THEY REMAINED IN WAREHOUSES AWAITING SHIPPING INSTRUCTIONS AND PAYMENT OF SHIPPING CHARGES BY ADDIS ABABA. A SPOKESLIMITED OFFICIAL USE

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

PAGE 04

STATE 027297



MAN FOR THE NEW YORK FREIGHT FORWARDING COMPANY SAID  
YESTERDAY IT EXPECTES TO HAVE SHIPPING ARRANGEMENTS WORKED  
OUT WITHIN TWO WEEKS.

THE AIRCRAFT SPARES AND TECHNICAL MANUALS ON THEM HAVE  
BEEN ORDERED SENT BY AIR FREIGHT, THE SPOKESMAN SAID.  
OTHER GOODS WILL GO LATER BY SEA, PROBABLY IN THREE OR  
FOUR WEEKS, EXCEPT FOR THE PATROL BOATS, WHICH ARE STILL  
HUNG UP IN BALTIMORE WITH PAYMENTS PROBLEMS, HE SAID.  
THAT GAVE THE ADMINSITRATION TWO WEEKS OR LESS IN WHICH  
TO REVIEW ITS POSITION. AN OFFICIAL AT THE WHITE HOUSE

Sheryl P. Walter Declassified/Released US Department of State E0 Systematic Review  
20 Mar 2014

Sheryl P. Walter Declassified/Released US Department of State E0 Systematic Review  
20 Mar 2014

SAID RECOMMENDATIONS WERE BEING AWAITED FROM THE STATE  
DEPARTMENT AND THE PENTAGON.

VANCE  
UNQUOTE VANCE".

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

NNN

\*\*\* Current Handling Restrictions \*\*\* n/a  
\*\*\* Current Classification \*\*\* LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

Sheryl P. Walter Declassified/Released US Department of State E0 Systematic Review  
20 Mar 2014

Sheryl P. Walter Declassified/Released US Department of State E0 Systematic Review  
20 Mar 2014



**Automatic DecapTIONing:** X  
**Capture Date:** 01 jan 1994  
**Channel Indicators:** n/a  
**Current Classification:** UNCLASSIFIED  
**Concepts:** ARMS, MILITARY ASSISTANCE  
**Control Number:** n/a  
**Copy:** <CONCATENATED>  
**Draft Date:** 01 feb 1978  
**DecapTION Date:** 01 jan 1960  
**DecapTION Note:** -- N/A or Blank --  
**Disposition Action:** RELEASED  
**Disposition Approved on Date:** -- N/A or Blank --  
**Disposition Case Number:** n/a  
**Disposition Comment:** 25 YEAR REVIEW  
**Disposition Date:** 20 Mar 2014  
**Disposition Event:** -- N/A or Blank --  
**Disposition History:** n/a  
**Disposition Reason:** -- N/A or Blank --  
**Disposition Remarks:** -- N/A or Blank --  
**Document Number:** 1978STATE027297  
**Document Source:** CORE  
**Document Unique ID:** 00  
**Drafter:** KPGARLAND:JJ  
**Enclosure:** n/a  
**Executive Order:** n/a  
**Errors:** n/a  
**Expiration:** -- N/A or Blank --  
**Film Number:** D780049-0064  
**Format:** TEL  
**From:** STATE  
**Handling Restrictions:** n/a  
**Image Path:** -- N/A or Blank --  
**ISecure:** 1  
**Legacy Key:** link1978/newtext/t197802110/aaaafofc.tel  
**Line Count:** 611 Litigation Code IDs:  
**Litigation Codes:** -- N/A or Blank --  
**Litigation History:** -- N/A or Blank --  
**Locator:** TEXT ON MICROFILM, TEXT ON-LINE  
**Message ID:** 228e08ce-c288-dd11-92da-001cc4696bcc  
**Office:** ORIGIN AF  
**Original Classification:** LIMITED OFFICIAL USE  
**Original Handling Restrictions:** n/a  
**Original Previous Classification:** n/a  
**Original Previous Handling Restrictions:** n/a  
**Page Count:** 12  
**Previous Channel Indicators:** n/a  
**Previous Classification:** LIMITED OFFICIAL USE  
**Previous Handling Restrictions:** n/a  
**Reference:** n/a  
**Retention:** -- N/A or Blank --  
**Review Action:** RELEASED, APPROVED  
**Review Content Flags:** ANOMALY  
**Review Date:** 21 apr 2005  
**Review Event:** -- N/A or Blank --  
**Review Exemptions:** n/a



**Review Media Identifier:** -- N/A or Blank --

**Review Release Date:** n/a

**Review Release Event:** n/a

**Review Transfer Date:** -- N/A or Blank --

**Review Withdrawn Fields:** n/a

**SAS ID:** 3452563

**Secure:** OPEN

**Status:** <DBA CORRECTED> gwr 970826

**Subject:** WASHINGTON STAR ARTICLE ON ARMS IN HORN WASHINGTON  
FOLLOWING ARTICLE FEBRUARY 1: BEGIN TEXT: ETHIOPIA HAS  
AGENT TO

STAR CARRIED  
PAID A NEW YORK

**TAGS:** MASS, SOPN, ET, SO, US, SOPN

**To:** ADDIS ABABA MOGADISCIO MULTIPLE

**Type:** TE

**vdkgwkey:** odbc://SAS/SAS.dbo.SAS\_Docs/228e08ce-  
c288-dd11-92da-001cc4696bcc

**Review Markings:** Sheryl P. Walter Declassified/Released US  
Department of State E0 Systematic Review 20 Mar 2014

**Markings:** Sheryl P. Walter Declassified/Released US Department of State  
E0 Systematic Review 20 Mar 2014 Sheryl P. Walter Declassified/Released  
US Department of State E0 Systematic Review 20 Mar 2014