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## The Illinois Delegation

Washington, DC 20510

February 26, 1986



The Honorable Les Aspin  
Chairman  
House Armed Services Committee  
U.S. House of Representatives  
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Les:

Since 1978, the Congressional Modernization Program for the Air Reserve Forces has provided eighty-eight new C-130H tactical airlift aircrafts to eight Air Guard and three Air Force Reserve units in ten states. These modern airlifters have effectively replaced older C-130A models in the tactical airlift inventory.

The Air Force Reserve 928th Tactical Airlift Group (TAG) at the Chicago O'Hare International Airport has been operating 30-year old C-130A models since October 1970.

These aircraft are very expensive to maintain, are seriously deficient in mission capability and cannot be supported outside the continental United States for an extended period.

As you know, for most military equipment there is a normal flow-down process from the Active Force to the Reserves. This does not hold true for tactical airlift. The Active Air Force, itself suffering from a serious shortfall in tactical airlift assets, cannot provide any assets to alleviate a 19 aircraft shortfall in the Air Reserve Forces. Of the 88 new C-130Hs provided by the Congressional Modernization Program, only 24 have been assigned to the Air Force Reserve.

The Illinois delegation requests your support for the C-130H Congressional Modernization Program. We strongly urge that Senate and House Armed Services Committees authorize 8 C-130Hs for the 928th TAG at the Chicago O'Hare International Airport in the FY 1987 Department of Defense Bill.

Sincerely,

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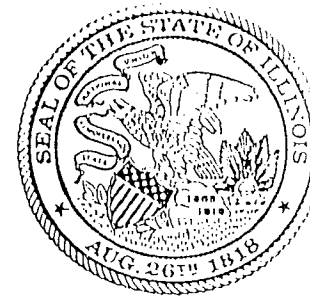
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cc: The Honorable William Dickinson, Ranking Minority, House  
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The Honorable James Exon, Ranking Minority, Senate  
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