

REPROGRAMMING ACTION - NOTIFICATION

Appropriation Account Title: Aircraft Procurement, Navy, 99/01

DoD Serial Number:
FY 99-005 N

Component Serial Number:
FY 99-2 N

(Amounts in Thousands of Dollars)

LINE ITEM	Program Base Reflecting Congressional Action		Program Previously Approved by Sec Def		Reprogramming Action		Revised Program	
	Quantity	Amount	Quantity	Amount	Quantity	Amount	Quantity	Amount
a	b	c	d	e	f	g	h	i

This reprogramming action is submitted for notification of a new start program within Aircraft Procurement, Navy, 99/01. This action meets all administrative and legal requirements of the Congress and has not been denied by the Congress. This action does not affect Joint Military Intelligence Programs, the National Foreign Intelligence Program, or the Tactical Intelligence and Related Activities. The modification is reflected as an FY 2000 new start in the FY 2000 President's budget.

Aircraft Procurement, Navy, 99/01

Budget Activity 5: Modification of Aircraft

F-14 Series Modification	216,361	216,361	0	216,361
Precision Strike, OSIP 42-95			+4,300	
Structural Improvements, OSIP 152-83			-4,300	

Explanation: Funding is required for production engineering efforts to modify the F-14 Low Altitude and Navigation Targeting Infrared for Night (LANTIRN) pod to allow the existing laser within the pod to operate at higher altitudes and increased standoff ranges. This urgent, high priority survivability F-14 aircraft war fighting requirement was identified by the Commander In Chief, U.S. Atlantic Fleet and Commander In Chief, U.S. Pacific Fleet. It will expand the Precision Strike program to modify existing weapon replaceable assemblies within the F-14 LANTIRN pod to allow laser operation at 40,000 feet. The current laser is not designed to function effectively above 25,000 feet. With hostile threat systems becoming increasingly sophisticated, the risk to U.S. aircraft is increasing when delivering laser guided munitions. The ability to employ precision guided weapons at higher altitudes will greatly enhance the survivability of the F-14 aircraft. The need for this enhanced capability has been demonstrated during air operations in Iraq and Yugoslavia. Funding in FY 1999 is required for hardware and software testing and validation related to the modification of the LANTIRN pod. Funding for the LANTIRN pod modification is reflected in the FY 2000 President's budget, with \$5.5 million in FY 2000. Accelerating this engineering effort from FY 2000 to FY 1999 is critical to meeting desired initial operating capability (IOC) in mid-2000, thereby reducing the risk to F-14 pilots and aircraft.

FY 1999 funding is available for reprogramming due to savings in the Structural Improvement OSIP 152-83.

Approved (Signature and Date)
Signed by Mr. William J. Lynn, June 7, 1999