

Subject: F/A-18E/F Correction of Discrepancies OSIP						DoD Serial Number: FY 01-24 PA	
Appropriation Title: Aircraft Procurement, Navy, 01/03						Includes Transfer? No	

Component Serial Number: FY 01-12 PA	<i>(Amounts in Thousands of Dollars)</i>								
	Program Base Reflecting Congressional Action		Program Previously Approved by Sec Def		Reprogramming Action		Revised Program		
	Quantity	Amount	Quantity	Amount	Quantity	Amount	Quantity	Amount	
Line Item	a	b	c	d	e	f	g	h	i

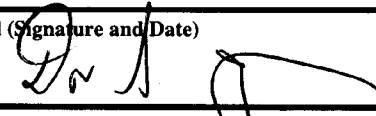
This reprogramming action is submitted for prior approval of a new start program within the Aircraft Procurement, Navy, 01/03, appropriation. Funding supports a higher priority item based on unforeseen military requirements than that for which the funds were originally appropriated. This action meets all administrative and legal requirements of the Congress, and has not previously been denied by the Congress.

<u>Aircraft Procurement, Navy, 01/03</u>						=	
<u>Budget Activity 5: Modification of Aircraft</u>						<u>+10,623</u>	
F-18 Series		261,789		261,789	+10,623		272,412

Explanation: Funds are required to initiate the F/A-18E/F Correction of Discrepancies Operational Safety Improvement Program (OSIP). Throughout development of the F/A-18E/F aircraft, discrepancies identified during testing and evaluation have been corrected and are being incorporated into production aircraft. These incremental design corrections could not all be forward fit into the Low Rate Initial Production (LRIP) I/II/III aircraft due to the concurrent development and production schedule for the F/A-18E/F aircraft. Specifically, Engineering Change Proposals (ECPs) required as a result of Engineering and Manufacturing Development flight testing and Full Scale Fatigue Testing (FT50) could not all be incorporated into LRIP I aircraft already in production and LRIP II/III aircraft which were on contract with their configuration defined. This program will retrofit these ECPs into the LRIP I/II/III aircraft thereby extending their safe-life limits to 2,000 flight hours. Without incorporating these ECPs, these LRIP I/II/III aircraft will prematurely reach their life limits, which will cause an unanticipated increase in fleet inspection work-hours and may result in grounding aircraft. The specific ECPs recommended for the F/A-18E/F Correction of Discrepancies OSIP incorporate those required to achieve 2,000 flight hours. The total cost of the program is estimated at \$38.131 million over 6 years. The remaining \$27.508 million requirement is currently being addressed.

<u>Budget Activity 1: Combat Aircraft</u>						<u>-10,623</u>			
F/A-18E/F (Fighter) Hornet (MYP)		42	2,749,551	42	2,749,551	-3	-10,623	39	2,738,928

Explanation: The FY 2001 F/A-18E/F quantity was reduced from 42 to 39 to adequately finance higher priority multiyear contract, support equipment and correction of discrepancy requirements. These funds are available for the higher priority F/A-18 Correction of Discrepancies OSIP as a result of the aircraft quantity reduction.

Approved (Signature and Date)  JUN - 8 2001