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Report says Reagan traded weapons for hostages

A report from the Senate Intelligence Committee says President Reagan's administration did make a direct deal to sell weapons to Iran so hostages would be freed. Reagan has said the weapons



Lt. Colonel Oliver North is accused of lying about his involvement with Iran.

deal was made to improve relations with the Iranian government.

White House officials say the committee's report helps clear Reagan of involvement in the deal because his aides had not fully informed him of the weapons sales.

The report lacks key testimonies from former National Security Adviser John Poindexter and former National Security aide Lt. Colonel Oliver North. Many believe these men could reveal a clearer picture of what happened and who was involved.

Information from the committee has changed North's image from a national hero to a liar. Different stories have been told about what North had done with the Central Intelligence Agency.

Some officials feel Poindexter's and North's statements would reveal Reagan was more involved in the deal.

Since the various committees are investigating the Iran weapons sales, President Reagan has stepped aside from the issue. He wants to let aides, commissions, prosecutors, and Congress find out what happened.

Waite hopes for hostage release

A French photographer was kidnapped by gunmen in Beirut, Lebanon. Roger Auque had been photographing Terry Waite.

Waite, an Anglican church representative, has returned to Beirut for the fifth time. He is trying to get hostages released by talking with Moslem leaders in Lebanon. He was last there in early November.

Waite says he is hopeful for the release of more hostages but doesn't know when. He will not discuss any plans for future releases.

Although he feels encouraged by the support he is receiving, Waite has

warned foreigners who live in Beirut to be very careful of kidnappers.



Terry Waite

Marines isn't for queen's youngest



Britain's Prince Edward

Britain's Prince Edward has broken years of tradition for the royal family. He does not want a career in the military, the choice of the queen's other sons.

Edward, 22, has a history degree from Cambridge University and is interested in art, theatre, literature and industry. He is the youngest of four children of Queen Elizabeth II and Prince Philip, the captain general of the Royal Marines.

Military officials said Edward "was doing well" in what is said to be the world's toughest marine training course.

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