

operate effectively in the 1970's. This new program together with the Hawk improvement program will provide a hedge against possible slippage in the development of the SAM-D which is tentatively planned as a replacement for both Hercules and Hawk.

Last year we had tentatively planned to start procurement of the Improved Hawk in fiscal year 1968. However, the project has encountered some development problems and the program has slipped. Meanwhile we will go ahead with production preparations using the funds provided in fiscal year 1967 and those requested in fiscal year 1968 for production engineering and production prototype missiles.

Three types of operational gun/Chaparral battalions are being formed: a fully self-propelled battalion for the armored and mechanized divisions; a modified self-propelled version (including one towed gun battery which can be airlifted) for the infantry division; and an all-towed version for the airmobile and airborne division.

Army procurement

The revised fiscal year 1967 Army procurement program now totals \$5,863 million, of which \$2,130 million is included in the supplemental. The 1968 program totals \$5,881 million.

The fiscal year 1967 program now totals \$1,202 million for 2,697 aircraft, of which \$533 million is included in the supplemental request. The fiscal year 1968 program includes \$769 million for 1,479 aircraft. The aircraft to be procured include the UH-1B/D (Iroquois) tactical utility transport helicopter, the AH-1G (Cobra) armed helicopter, the CH-47 (Chinook) transport helicopter, the OH-6A observation helicopter, the CH-54A heavy lift helicopter, the U-21A administrative support aircraft, the OV-1C (Mohawk) fixed-wing observation aircraft, as well as a large number of training helicopters.

Funds are also requested for the procurement of long leadtime components for the AH-56A advanced aerial fire support system (AAFSS) to permit early initiation of production, when development warrants such a decision.

Army missile procurement (including spares) will total \$561 million in fiscal year 1967 and \$769 million in fiscal year 1968. The fiscal year 1968 program provides for ground support equipment for the Quick Reaction Alert Pershing battalions deployed in Europe; Lance missiles and related ground support equipment; initial procurement of the TOW missile system; a large quantity of Shillelagh missiles; Redeye and Chaparral air defense missiles; and ground support and training equipment for the Hawk missile system.

The revised fiscal year 1967 program for weapons and combat vehicles totals \$589 million (\$83 million in the supplemental request), and \$554 million is included in the fiscal year 1968 budget request. These funds will provide for completion of the planned procurement of the M-139 (HS-820) 20 mm. gun; substantial quantities of the 20 mm. Vulcan air defense gun and the 5.56 mm. rifle; and additional 81 mm. mortars and self-propelled 155 mm. howitzers. The funds requested will also provide for procurement of the M-578 light recovery vehicle, the General Sheridan armored reconnaissance and airborne assault vehicle, the M-113 armed personnel carrier, the 81 mm. and 107 mm. self-propelled mortars, the M-577 command post carrier and the M-54 cargo carrier. We have also included funds for M-60's with the 105 mm. gun, M-60's with the Shillelagh 152 mm.