

plete the equipping of the Marine Corps fighter squadrons, we have increased the fiscal year 1967-68 F-4 procurement programs substantially over the number previously planned. This will permit the replacement of the last Marine Corps F-8 squadron in fiscal year 1968.

Since we plan to retain a number of F-8 aircraft in both the Active Fleet (for the *Essex*-class CVA's) and the Reserve Forces for some time beyond fiscal year 1968, we have decided to rework a substantial number of the latest models, providing them with new wings and other life-extension modifications. The program was initiated last spring, using about \$17 million of fiscal year 1966 funds; \$70 million is included in the revised fiscal year 1967 budget; another \$70 million is requested for fiscal year 1968.

In the attack category we now plan to increase substantially the fiscal year 1967-68 procurement program envisioned a year ago. We have added A-4F's and A-6A's to the fiscal year 1967 program, and A-6A's to the fiscal year 1968 program. The A-7 program for fiscal year 1967-68 is about the same as presented a year ago.

Last year we had planned on buying the first 100 OV-10 aircraft for the Marine Corps in fiscal year 1967. However, the need for certain design changes has delayed the award of the contract and has caused us to reduce the fiscal year 1967 quantity. Additional OV-10's will be procured in fiscal year 1968.

For the ASW mission, another increment of the P-3's with A-NEW will be procured in fiscal year 1968.

To provide for the higher tempo of operations and future combat attrition in Vietnam, we are increasing our procurement of helicopters in fiscal year 1967, and buying more in fiscal year 1968.

In the fleet tactical and mission support category, we have added some C-130 radio relay aircraft to the fiscal year 1967 program and canceled the previously planned C-2A procurement.

The increase in planned pilot production from 2,200 to 2,525 per year will require the procurement of additional training aircraft.

Accordingly, we have canceled the previously planned procurement of 72 T-28C's in fiscal year 1966 and 58 in fiscal year 1967, and instead we now propose to procure 36 T-2B's and 94 TA-4's in fiscal year 1967, and 90 T-37B's in fiscal year 1968. We have also included in the fiscal year 1967 program 9 TC-4C's (a version of the Grumman Gulfstream) for navigator bombardier training. This will reduce the requirement for A-6A's now being used for this purpose.

For helicopter training we will be able to utilize UH-1E's as they are released by new OV-10's phasing into the force, thus permitting the cancellation of the 20 TH-1E planned for procurement in fiscal year 1967. In addition, we plan to buy 40 new instrumented light turbine helicopters (LTH's) in fiscal year 1968 to provide the increased training capacity mentioned earlier.

Other Navy procurement

In order to build toward our logistics objectives and to provide for projected combat consumption in southeast Asia, we are requesting \$1,389 million in fiscal year 1967 (of which \$164 million is included in the supplemental request) for Navy missiles, ordnance, and ammunition; and \$1,723 million more is requested in the fiscal year 1968 budget for this purpose.