

(4) the possibilities of savings are persuasive, and (5) there is conspicuous support by the Congress, the Office of the Secretary of Defense, and the Joint Chiefs of Staff.

We also believe that there is a better likelihood for success under the following:

--One way to encourage the joint acquisition strategy would be to deny funds to services which seek to withdraw from approved joint programs and pursue their own individual designs.

--Another way would be to capitalize on productive interservice rivalry by encouraging the prospective service partners to compete their rival system concepts in early development and collaborate on completing the best choice.

DEFENSE ACQUISITION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM

In 1981 DOD adopted a comprehensive plan to implement some 32 specific management initiatives directed toward reducing costs, stabilizing acquisition time, and improving the overall acquisition process. The January 1982 status