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## PRESIDENTIAL REPORT

As you are aware, our current contract expires on April 15th, 2010. I realize this is a very stressful time for everyone and their families. It also didn't help to wake up this morning and see in bold letters in the Press-Telegram that President Obama has decided that no more C-17's are needed and has proposed ending the program (once again). This is not a surprise; it also happened last year. If you read the article, it also went on to say that with the 10 planes from India we would have work until mid-2013. The article also went on to say that the Company is aggressively seeking International sales and want to make it a global plane. The good news is that 42 states build the C-17 and it has proven it's weight in gold. There is no plane that currently exists that can do what the C-17 does. Everyone has seen what it has done to help the people in Haiti, as well as other National disasters like Katrina and the Indian Ocean Tsunami. It has also been instrumental in the wars going on in Afghanistan and Iraq.

We are also aware that Airbus is having numerous cost overruns in the billions of dollars on the A400M and is years behind schedule. The C5A cargo plane is also experiencing problems with cost overruns as well as reliability issues. These could potentially help Boeing to sell more C-17's. The Company is also looking at possibly building an advanced version of the C-17 in the future as well.

Do not give up hope. Once again, this is not unexpected news. The article also makes very clear that a veto can be overridden by a two-thirds majority of both houses. I know there is nothing I can say to make this any easier, but I personally believe that we will be making C-17's well into the future.

Fraternally,

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