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. . . A LOOK AT THE SIZE AND DIMENSIONS OF
U.S. FOREIGN ASSISTANCE

To better understand the dimensions of the U.S. foreign assistance program, the Committee is again including in its report tabular information showing the amounts of resources transferred to foreign nations in fiscal year 1982, fiscal year 1983, and the amount proposed to be transferred in fiscal year 1984. Table I helps to better inform the Congress and the American people about the size of the U.S. foreign assistance effort, which otherwise is only seen in several different parts.

Despite these figures, which show a significant absolute foreign assistance effort, there are many who continually criticize the United States for not providing enough foreign assistance dollars. Usually this criticism is presented in comparisons with other countries on the percentage of gross national product devoted to foreign economic assistance. Such a comparison is grossly misleading, for it presents only a partial reflection of the total contribution made by the American taxpayer to the safety and general welfare of the world's developing countries. It must be underscored, therefore, that in addition to our economic and military assistance programs, the United States continues to shoulder the major burden of defending the free world. In fact, as the following Table II shows, the United States spends more on the defense of itself and the Western world than all of the other Western countries shown on the table combined. It is worth pointing out that several of the countries listed in Table II direct their foreign assistance programs to former colonies, neighboring countries or trading partners, while the United States' program is worldwide in scope and does not exhibit the degree of parochial bias evident in the programs of many other donor countries. As this Committee pointed out in its report accompanying the fiscal year 1980 appropriation legislation, comparisons using only net official development assistance as a percentage of GNP "robs such comparisons of any intelligible meaning and makes it impossible to judge the inadequacy or excessiveness of U.S. foreign assistance."

TABLE I -- Transfer of U.S. Resources to Foreign Nations
(In thousands of dollars)

	Fiscal Year --		
	1982 (actual)	1983 (estimated)	1984 (proposed)
Military Assistance	6,147.4	8,168.5	8,526.0
Economic Assistance	6,188.8	6,643.0	6,603.9
Total Foreign Assistance	12,336.2	14,811.5	15,129.9
Export-Import Bank	9,348.0	11,830.0	13,830.0
Total (Including Export-Import Bank)	21,684.2	26,641.5	28,959.9

Note: Export-Import Bank figures represent gross program authorization figures.

TABLE II -- Defense Expenditures and Development Assistance
(Dollar amounts in millions -- Revised March 11, 1983)

Country	Defense expenditures ¹ (1981)		Net official development assistance ² (1981)	
	Amount	Percent of GNP	Amount	Percent of GNP
United States	\$170,033	5.8	\$5,783	0.20
United Kingdom	24,647	4.9	2,195	.44
France	23,867	4.2	4,177	.73
Germany, Fed. Rep. of	23,094	3.4	3,181	.47
Netherlands	4,527	3.3	1,510	1.08
Norway	1,650	2.9	467	.82
Sweden	3,547	3.2	916	.83
Belgium	3,385	3.5	575	.60
Australia	4,080	2.6	649	.41
Italy	8,681	2.5	666	.19
Denmark	1,436	2.6	403	.73
Switzerland	1,890	1.9	237	.24
Canada	5,245	1.9	1,189	.43
New Zealand	516	2.2	68	.29
Finland	687	1.4	135	.28
Austria	808	1.2	313	.48
Japan	10,811	1.0	3,171	.28

¹Data on defense expenditures in dollars and as a percent of GNP from Office of Technical Review and Information, Agency for International Development. Defense expenditures are on basis of NATO definition of defense expenditures.

²Data on net official development assistance in dollars and as a percent of GNP from Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development, Development Assistance Committee, Chairman's Report for 1982.

HISTORICAL TOTALS OF U.S. ECONOMIC AND
MILITARY ASSISTANCE

The following table presents summary and detail information relating to the totality of U.S. foreign assistance (economic and military) furnished to other nations during the period fiscal years 1946-82. It has been extracted from information assembled and presented by the Agency for International Development in the current edition of its publication, U.S. Overseas Loans and Grants.

U.S. Foreign Assistance, Fiscal Years 1946-82
(In millions of dollars)

	Economic Assistance	Military Assistance	Total
Total economic and military assistance, fiscal years 1946-82	157,019.0	94,910.0	251,929.0
Total other U.S. loans and grants, fiscal years 1946-82	54,449.0	--	54,449.0
Total economic and military assistance, fiscal year 1983 (estimated)	6,643.0	8,168.5	14,811.5
Grand Total	218,111.0	103,078.5	321,189.5