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WASHINGTON (AP) - DEFENSE SECRETARY CASPAR WEINBERGER ANNOUNCED TODAY HE HAS RECOMMENDED AN \$11.3 BILLION REDUCTION IN DEFENSE BUDGET AUTHORITY FOR NEXT FISCAL YEAR; CLAIMING MUCH OF THIS WAS MADE POSSIBLE BY THE REAGAN ADMINISTRATION'S 'EFFECTIVE' CAMPAIGN TO BRING DOWN INFLATION.

EARLIER; DEFENSE SOURCES SAID WEINBERGER WAS FIGHTING TO HOLD THE CUTS TO \$1 BILLION OR \$2 BILLION. BUT WHITE HOUSE BUDGET OFFICIALS HAD BEEN PRESSING FOR DEEPER REDUCTIONS TO HELP NARROW HUGE PROJECTED FEDERAL DEFICITS.

WEINBERGER MADE HIS ANNOUNCEMENT PERSONALLY AT AN UNSCHEDULED BRIEFING FOR REPORTERS.

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