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Covert plans in Panama admitted

From Associated Press reports
 WASHINGTON — The Bush administration was preparing covert action to seize Panamanian leader Gen. Manuel Antonio Noriega during a coup attempt last week but the uprising collapsed before the plan could be executed, top officials said Sunday.

President Bush made the decision near the end of a failed coup Tuesday, and the order was conveyed to the commander of U.S. forces in Panama, Gen. Maxwell Thurman, said Secretary of State James Baker and Brent Scowcroft, the White House national security adviser.

"The message that was sent was that if there were an opportunity to do this, without risking bloodshed and significant loss of American life, and to do so without open military involvement, then he was free to go ahead, the commander on the ground was free to go ahead," Baker said on the NBC-TV program, "Meet the Press."

Defense Secretary Dick Cheney said that at the outset of the coup, he told Thurman to be prepared to use peaceful means to take custody of Noriega, but

the chance never came.

"After the Panamanians had contacted us and told us ... that they had Noriega but that they would not give him to us, I made it clear that our commander on the scene was authorized to get him if he could, without using military force, and that he should develop an option or a plan to use military force to get him," Cheney said on the CBS-TV program, "Face the Nation."

"We never made the decision to use military force, that would have involved going in against the rebels and taking Noriega from them. I never thought that was a very good idea, but we told him to be prepared in case he got the order to do so. Shortly after that, the coup fell apart," said Cheney.

The order to ready non-uniformed U.S. forces for a covert action to grab Noriega was first reported in Sunday editions of The Washington Post.

Although that report did not attribute the decision to the president, Scowcroft said, "President Bush personally was responsible for whatever guidance was sent down, yes, personally ordered whatever guidance was sent to General Thurman."

Baker, Cheney and Scowcroft said top presidential advisers believe they acted correctly during the failed coup, despite criticism from Congress that U.S. forces should have helped the rebels or to have intervened to seize Noriega for trial in the United States on drug charges.

"There is nothing like 20-20 hindsight. Given what we know now about what was actually happening on the ground, then, I think I would not change what we did," Scowcroft said on the ABC-TV program "This Week with David Brinkley."

Nearly a week after the incident, it was still not 100 percent certain that the rebels who seized Noriega's headquarters ever had custody of the strongman, Scowcroft said, and they told the deputy U.S. commander in Panama, Maj. Gen. Marc Cisneros, that they would not hand him over.

"The rebels never asked us, indeed when we had that one meeting with General Cisneros, we asked them to give him, and they said, 'No,'" Scowcroft said.

"At that point, we became fairly certain, although we did not know for sure and still have no positive proof Noriega was there. We had pretty good assurance that Noriega was in fact there," and the decision was made to use non-uniformed U.S. forces to grab him, Scowcroft said.

The indication later Tuesday that Noriega was at his headquarters about 600 yards from the U.S. command center "changed the calculus of what we were prepared to do," said Scowcroft.

Noriega has told reporters that he was never in custody and "the last thing he has said was that, no, he was never there," said Scowcroft.

Throughout the coup, said Scowcroft, the administration was in "the fog of war. ... You are operating without a full deck of intelligence information."

Changes will be made to avoid a repeat, he said, but did not spell out what steps were planned.

"We're not happy. We certainly hope Noriega will not remain in power. ... He is a dangerous symbol."

Gallup Poll finds knowledge lacking on college campuses

From Associated Press reports
 WASHINGTON — A Columbus Day poll suggests one-fourth of American college seniors either never heard or do not remember the childhood ditty: "In 1492, Columbus sailed the ocean blue."

In addition to finding that one in four do not know Christopher Columbus made his famous landing in the Western Hemisphere prior to the year 1500, the Gallup Poll suggests considerable ignorance of other basic facts about history and literature.

Nearly 60 percent did not know the Korean War started when Harry Truman was president, 58 percent did not know that William Shakespeare wrote "The Tempest" and nearly a quarter believed a famous saying from Karl Marx is part of the U.S. Constitution.

"If the students' answers were to be graded, more than half of those tested would have failed," concluded the survey, which was conducted for the National Endowment for the Humanities.

Armed with the survey results, NEH Chairman Lynne Cheney called Sunday for colleges to revise their curricula so undergraduates study "essential areas of knowledge."

News in Brief

was on training exercises about 125 miles southeast of Norfolk.

The crash occurred within sight of the Kennedy, and the surviving crewman was rescued and two bodies were recovered shortly afterward, John said.

Investigators were searching Sunday for the wreckage of the anti-submarine warfare jet, which was based at Cecil Field Naval Air Station in Jacksonville, Fla. John said it was not immediately known why the crew was ejected.

Generators raise protest

CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. — Technicians packed two atomic generators aboard space shuttle Atlantis on Sunday as NASA prepared for a Thursday launch that anti-nuclear activists vow to block legally or physically.

The generators, each containing 24.7 pounds of radioactive plutonium-238 dioxide, were installed in the Galileo space probe stored in the shuttle's cargo bay.

The devices are intended to power the probe after five astronauts release it for a six-year journey to Jupiter.

The National Aeronautics and Space Administration plans to start the countdown at 8 a.m. EDT Monday, aiming for liftoff at 1:29 p.m. Thursday.

The agency decided to begin the count on schedule even though a decision is pending on a federal lawsuit by three citizens' groups, seeking a temporary restraining order to halt the launch. The groups contend that an explosion on liftoff could spread cancer-causing plutonium particles over a large area of east-central Florida.

Democracy protests end in mass arrests

From Associated Press reports
 BERLIN — East German police arrested hundreds of people during democracy protests in East Berlin that lasted into early Sunday, and police broke up huge weekend demonstrations in five other major cities.

In East Berlin, citizens cheered protesters from apartment balconies.

Hundreds of injuries were reported as police swinging truncheons repeatedly charged the demonstrators. Police punched, kicked, beat and dragged the protesters away, and roughed up Western journalists covering the demonstrations in East Berlin.

Clusters of plainclothes and uniformed security forces were stationed throughout East Berlin Sunday to prevent further demonstrations.

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Navy crewmen killed in jet crash

NORFOLK, Va. — A military jet apparently malfunctioned shortly after takeoff from an aircraft carrier, and three crewmen were killed when they ejected before it crashed into the Atlantic Ocean, a Navy spokesman said Sunday.

A fourth crewman was rescued by helicopter minutes later, said Lt. Cmdr. Michael John, spokesman for the Norfolk-based Naval Air Force, Atlantic Fleet.

The crewmen ejected from the S-3 Viking jet Saturday afternoon, shortly after it took off from the carrier USS John F. Kennedy, which

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ted of trespassing charges. The students received a sanction of censure, an official reprimand.

Jones will also face charges of trespassing and obstructing. His case could not be pursued last year because Jones was not a registered UNC student in the 1988-89 academic year.

CIAAC member Joey Templeton, one of the five protesters censured in 1988, said she expected the court to take similar action in Jones' case. "It's the same case I went through. I suppose they'll take the same kind of action."

McKinley will face charges in the Graduate Student Court of trespassing, disorderly conduct and obstructing from the April 1988 incident, plus a charge of obstructing in a Feb. 23, 1988, protest at the University Motor Inn. A CIA recruiter staying at the Inn canceled student interviews after CIAAC members protested there.

McKinley's two previous hearing dates were postponed, and he left UNC during the 1989 spring semester. His

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first hearing was postponed Oct. 20, 1988, when he walked out on the court after it refused to allow him to discuss CIA activities as part of his defense.

The case was again postponed Nov. 22, 1988, when the court ruled McKinley's rights had been violated because the prosecutor in the case, although not a practicing lawyer, had passed the N.C. Bar examination.

McKinley said he expected to be able to defend himself even though the court might not agree with his presentation. "I just want to be able to put on my defense freely and argue why we did what we did and that it has no place in honor court."

Each court will hear from the defense counsel, who represents the defendant, and the investigator, who presents the evidence in the case. Both the counsel and the investigator are members of the Undergraduate Attorney General's staff.

The proceedings are non-adversarial, Dowling said. "The defense knows everything that's going to be presented. The three — the defendant, the defense counsel and the investigator — work together before the hearing."

The hearings have two parts: determination of guilt or innocence, and, if the defendant is found guilty, the sanctioning process.

But if the defendant is found innocent, all documents and statements relating to the case are destroyed, Dowling said.

In the sanctioning process, the defendant may introduce character witnesses to testify for him, Dowling said. "They can also describe their life on campus, what they're involved in. Past cases are also taken into consideration."

For the Record

Thursday's article "Easley becomes first official candidate for 1990 U.S. Senate race" incorrectly stated that former UNC-system President William

Friday would seek the Democratic nomination for senator. Friday will not seek the position. The Daily Tar Heel regrets the error.

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SHOC members last Tuesday) and that was nice. I work in the (Orange County Homeless) Shelter, but that's a temporary solution. We need something permanent.

"I never realized what it would be like to march," Marks continued. "I had never done anything like that. If you believe in something and do it, it makes you realize that even though you're only one person, you can do something."

Loughran said the rally was characterized by a strong sense of purpose.

"When we were crammed into the mall, there was a great feeling of solidarity between different types of people. By people's presence, they were making a statement that something needs to be done."

Davis said he felt that the rally pointed out to the government and the people of the country the injustice of homelessness and emphasized that no one should be without a home.

"People gained a real desire to work together to provide housing and a living wage. The government can't do it all. It must be a unified voice."

Marks said she hoped the rally

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The only major decisions the IFC has to make soon are the rush dates for next semester, Gilreath said.

He added, however, that while the Greek system was not crippled, "the continued lack of an adviser can cripple it."

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