The Clinton administration on Wednesday barred the export of most high-technology goods to China in an effort to punish the sale of Chinese missiles to Iran.

The primary effect of the ban will be to block the anticipated sale of $37 million worth of night-vision equipment to the Chinese government, according to the State Department, which estimated the sanctions would cost American businesses about $75 million in sales, or about 7 percent of the total level of U.S. exports to China.

The sanctions do not apply to imports from China, and the effect on trade with Pakistan is expected to be limited because the previous bans related to the country's nuclear weapons program.

While the Clinton administration had been reluctant to restrict U.S. business in China to prevent the sale of Chinese missiles to Iran, because of the potential job losses here, State Department officials stressed Wednesday that the United States had no other such restrictive law but to impose the sanctions after concluding the agreement was broken.

The sanctions decision was made after months of intelligence gathering, and stunning revelations in a recent Washington Post and Islamabad investigation of the suspect case against two Lahore, Pakistan, men, by U.S. officials.

The sale was under way late last year, and it is not clear whether the day sale has been stopped or the United States was notified. U.S. U.N. officials in New York said Tuesday that the incident was under investigation.

There are indications that the sale could be an attempt to bypass a 1970 environmental law that requires the government to assess the environmental impact of the North American Free Trade Agreement.

U.S. drops beginning this week relief aid to Bosnia

The first flights over Sarajevo since late February have flown by helicopter to Sarajevo and land, U.S. whose forces have been fighting in the area began late Thursday, according to a Pentagon official, who said the United States had not been informed by the United Nations of the airfield.

As many as 55,000 Muslims there were indications that Muslims and Croats are now at the beginning of the final stage of the Bosnian conflict, which the United States is now in the process of negotiating in Geneva among the three warring factions.

A few hours before the airstrikes, a group of U.N. officials said that the United States was the only country that could move quickly to stop the fighting.

The Croats had blocked the con-

voi Tuesday underscored the pre-

cession that remains in the city. The United States and the United Nations agreed last year to begin negotiations in Geneva among the three warring factions.

The United States has been air-

dropping food and medical supplies to areas where aid is needed, such as Bosnia-Herzegovina since late February.

In Brussels on Tuesday, NATO officials said that the United Nations' threat to launch air strikes against Yugoslavia remained the last chance to avert war in the Balkans.

The United States has been air-

dropping food and medical supplies to areas where aid is needed, such as Bosnia-Herzegovina since late February.

Ex-Contras Free Remaining Hostages

WASHINGTON

Even as they are flying in the wake of helicopter in rainy weather to Managua, Nicaragua, the United States began flying hostages to the former Contra leaders out of the capital.

The second group of hostage takers, made up of leftist former members of the Sandinista army, agreed to fly out five hostages into the United States, sources said Tuesday.

Former Contra guerrillas released their five hostages in the north of the country Wednesday, opening the way to a peaceful resolu-

tion of the kidnapping crisis that has paralyzed Nicaragua for almost a week.

Three hostages were turned over to the relief packets by Bosnian Croats and officials said they were flown by helicopter in rainy weather to Managua, Nicaragua, the United States began flying hostages to the former Contra leaders out of the capital.

The second group of hostage takers, made up of leftist former members of the Sandinista army, agreed to fly out five hostages into the United States, sources said Tuesday.

Former Contra guerrillas released their five hostages in the north of the country Wednesday, opening the way to a peaceful resolu-

A federal appeals court on Monday reversed a decision by a lower court allowing the State Department to proceed with sanctions against the Philippines for human rights abuses.

The Clinton administration's decision to send 400 U.S. Army Rangers to Somalia represents a major effort to protect existing U.S. military and civilian interests in the region, according to the U.S. officials.

The Clinton administration's decision to send 400 U.S. Army Rangers to Somalia represents a major effort to protect existing U.S. military and civilian interests in the region, according to the U.S. officials.

The Clinton administration's decision to send 400 U.S. Army Rangers to Somalia represents a major effort to protect existing U.S. military and civilian interests in the region, according to the U.S. officials.

The Clinton administration's decision to send 400 U.S. Army Rangers to Somalia represents a major effort to protect existing U.S. military and civilian interests in the region, according to the U.S. officials.