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NEWS from Congressman CHARLES W. WHALEN, Jr.

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FOR RELEASE UPON RECEIPT

Congressman Charles W. Whalen, Jr. (R-Ohio) today announced that B-52E jet bombers based at Wright-Patterson AFB, Dayton, Ohio, will be retired in August and replaced by later-model B-52H models from Homestead AFB, Fla.

A squadron of AGM-28B "Hound Dog" air-to-surface missiles will accompany the bombers to the 17th Bomb Wing at Wright-Patterson, increasing the unit's strength by 80 men.

The equipment change, however, is not expected to have any effect on previously-announced Air Force plans to deactivate the 17th Bomb Wing between now and an unspecified time in fiscal year 1970.

At that time, the H models will be transferred to another base for retention on active duty, according to present plans.

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