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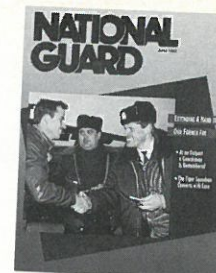


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Coming to the aid of a former foe shouldn't be unexpected. The United States has a long history of helping those in need. For 2d Lt Don Gee, C-141B co-pilot for the 183d MAS, Mississippi Air Guard, it is bringing medical supplies to Moldavian government officials. Photo, SSgt Dean Wagner. Design, Johnson Design

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