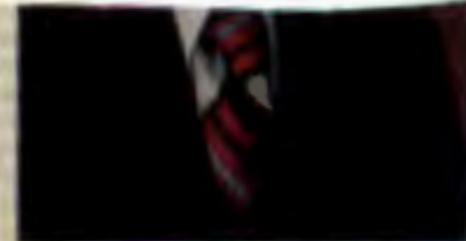




ay of striking technological advances. Development and procurement costs could exceed \$40 billion, with spending continuing through the 80s well into the 90s.

The major companies in this field, ranked by 1982 sales include: Sikorsky Division of United Technologies (Stratford, Conn.), Bell Helicopter Division of Textron (Fort Worth, Tex.), Boeing Vertol (Philadelphia), and Hughes Helicopters (Culver City, Calif.). All are in good shape.

"If we could make heliports come to life throughout this country—and



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justify proceeding according to Richard, secretary of defense, engineering. The first program will take complete, after which a contractor to plan a \$4 billion development.

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