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<p>By <b>LESLIE H. WHITTEN</b>  <b>Examiner Washington</b>  <b>Bureau</b></p> <p>WASHINGTON — The Defense Department has quietly cut its controversial pro-</p>	<p>gram for giving ammunition to civilian marksmen from \$1.1 million to a mere \$85,000. Federally-supported national matches at Camp Perry, Ohio, were dropped with</p>	<p>much fanfare last November. However, the National Rifle Association (NRA) had hoped to keep the ammunition program intact. The ammunition program,</p>	<p>run by the Defense Department's office of civilian marksmanship has been embarrassed in the last few years by revelations that government "ammo" went to</p>
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<p>right-and left-wing fanatics. Nevertheless, in fiscal 1968, the government handed out \$1.1 million worth of .30 and .22 caliber bullets for use in training civilians and for</p>	<p>shooting matches, all under the auspices of the NRA. But congressmen, angered at the NRA opposition to bills to regulate indiscriminate firearms sale, have kept a</p>	<p>steady drumfire of pressure on the Defense Department to wash out the ammunition program and thus to dampen the NRA's appeals for new members. The Defense Department,</p>	<p>already in budget trouble, yielded in February to the pressure, but made no public announcement. Today, the department acknowledged the program has been almost curtailed out of existence.</p>
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