

AF Rehires C-5A Critic Fitzgerald

WASHINGTON

A. Ernest Fitzgerald, fired nearly three years ago after disclosing a \$2 billion overrun on the C-5A transport plane, has been assigned a new job with the Air Force, the Pentagon said yesterday.

Fitzgerald, after waging a constant fight for reinstatement, returns to the Pentagon only after the Civil Service Commission ordered him reinstated with back pay.

On September 18, the commission ruled that the Air Force acted improperly when it dismissed the controversial cost analyst.

Reached shortly after the Pentagon announcement, Fitzgerald said the Air Force has made no specific job offer to him, although he has an appointment scheduled at the Pentagon Monday.

He will be paid \$36,000 annually in a position described roughly the same as the one he held when he was fired Jan. 5, 1970.

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