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Eagerly Anticipated Thriller From Oliver North

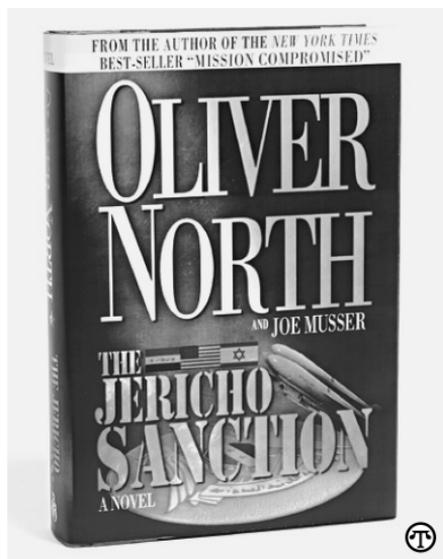
(NAPSA)—The second in a three-book series of thrillers by Oliver North, the highly decorated marine colonel who served on President Reagan's National Security Staff has arrived. *The Jericho Sanction* (Broadman & Holman, \$24.99), a tale of international intrigue set in Israel and Iraq, continues the story of Peter Newman—a Marine lieutenant colonel who had been assigned to the National Security Council to orchestrate the most sensitive covert actions ever undertaken against America's adversaries.

It was an operation that went horribly wrong and Newman continues to pay the price. Delving once again into the chilling issues that have become all the more relevant since the devastating terrorist strikes in New York and Washington, D.C., two years ago, North continues to explore the likelihood that at least some nuclear weapons were stolen in the chaos that followed the collapse of the Soviet Union, and the inevitability of those weapons eventually finding their way into the hands of nations that sponsor terrorism.

When asked why he chose *The Jericho Sanction* as the title for his book, North had this to say.

"Because the ultimate catastrophe in the Middle East is going to be a nuclear exchange. *The Jericho Sanction* is the real-life code name for an Israeli preemptive strike against any hostile nation threatening to attack the Jewish state with a weapon of mass destruction. It takes its name from the Jericho nuclear missiles that Israelis will use to carry out such a strike."

Critics report that North's expe-



A chilling tale of international intrigue set in Israel and Iraq will win new fans for Oliver North.

rience in the field—whether as a Marine rifle platoon commander in Vietnam or as part of the team that traveled to secure the release of the long-held American hostages in the 1980s—gives the grand action of the book an authenticity that can only come from personal experience. North's writing was influenced by the time he spent in Iraq earlier this year as an embedded correspondent for Fox News.

Oliver North was awarded the Silver Star, the Bronze Star and two Purple Hearts during his 22 years of service as a U.S. Marine. *The Jericho Sanction* is already a *New York Times* bestseller as was North's first novel in the series, the award-winning *Mission Accomplished*. *The Jericho Sanction* is available wherever books are sold or by visiting www.broadmanholman.com.