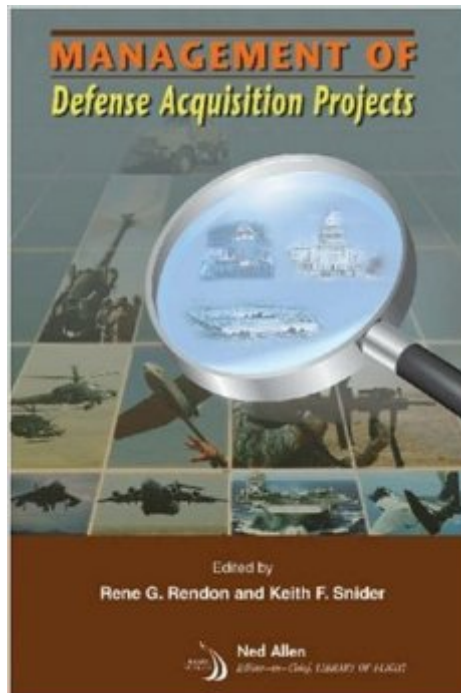# Management Of Defense Acquisition Projects (Library Of Flight Series)

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