

**[Transmittal No. 96-60]****36(b) Notification**

**AGENCY:** Department of Defense, Defense Security Assistance Agency.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** The Department of Defense is publishing the unclassified text of a

section 36(b) arms sales notification.

This is published to fulfill the requirements of section 155 of P.L. 104-164 dated 21 July 1996.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Mr. A. Urban, DSAA/COMPT/FPD, (703) 604-6575.

The following is a copy of the letter to the Speaker of the House of Representatives, Transmittal 96-60, with attached transmittal and policy justification pages.

Dated: September 12, 1996.

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**DEFENSE SECURITY ASSISTANCE AGENCY**

WASHINGTON, DC 20301-2800

05 SEP 1996

In reply refer to:  
I-02700/96ct

Honorable Newt Gingrich  
Speaker of the House of  
Representatives  
Washington, D.C. 20515-6501

Dear Mr. Speaker:

Pursuant to the reporting requirements of Section 36(b)(1) of the Arms Export Control Act, we are forwarding herewith Transmittal No. 96-60, concerning the Department of the Navy's proposed Letter(s) of Offer and Acceptance (LOA) to Saudi Arabia for defense articles and services estimated to cost \$176 million. Soon after this letter is delivered to your office, we plan to notify the news media.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Thomas G. Rhame".

Thomas G. Rhame  
Lieutenant General, USA  
Director

**Attachments**

Same ltr to: House Committee on International Relations  
Senate Committee on Appropriations  
Senate Committee on Foreign Relations  
House Committee on National Security  
Senate Committee on Armed Services  
House Committee on Appropriations

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Notice of Proposed Issuance of Letter of Offer  
Pursuant to Section 36(b)(1)  
of the Arms Export Control Act

- (i) Prospective Purchaser: Saudi Arabia
- (ii) Total Estimated Value:

Major Defense Equipment*	\$ 0 million
Other	<u>\$176 million</u>
TOTAL	\$176 million
- (iii) Description of Articles or Services Offered:

A Royal Saudi Naval Forces (RSNF) personnel training program in CONUS and in-country to include pilot training/qualification, operator and maintenance training for Marine force equipment and fast patrol boats, professional military education assistance for the RSNF Naval Academy and general courses of instruction in the English language, fleet training center operations, curriculum development, ADP/computers and safety.
- (iv) Military Department: Navy (TBW)
- (v) Sales Commission, Fee, etc., Paid, Offered, or Agreed to be Paid: None
- (vi) Sensitivity of Technology Contained in the Defense Article or Defense Services Proposed to be Sold:

None
- (vii) Date Report Delivered to Congress: **05 SEP 1996**

\* as defined in Section 47(6) of the Arms Export Control Act.

POLICY JUSTIFICATIONSaudi Arabia - Navy Personnel Training

The Government of Saudi Arabia has requested a Royal Saudi Naval Forces (RSNF) personnel training program in CONUS and in-country to include pilot training/qualification, operator and maintenance training for Marine force equipment and fast patrol boats, professional military education assistance for the RSNF Naval Academy and general courses of instruction in the English language, fleet training center operations, curriculum development, ADP/computers and safety. The estimated cost is \$176 million.

This sale is consistent with the stated U.S. policy of assisting friendly nations to provide for their own defense by allowing the transfer of reasonable amounts of defense articles and services.

The Royal Saudi Naval Forces need this training program to ensure a well trained cadre of personnel will be available in the future to operate and maintain military equipment of U.S. origin.

The training services and support will be provided by U.S. Government and U.S. contractor instructor personnel who provide similar services to the U.S. forces. There are no offset agreements proposed in connection with this potential sale.

Implementation of this program will require the assignment of approximately 100 U.S. military, government and government contractor personnel to Saudi Arabia on an annual basis over a three year period.

There will be no adverse impact on U.S. defense readiness as a result of this sale.