

DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Office of the Secretary

[Transmittal No. 98-14]

36(b)(1) Arms Sales 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)(1) arms sales notification. This is published to fulfill the requirements of section 155 of Public Law 104-164 dated 21 July 1996.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Ms. J. Hurd, DSAA/COMPT/RM, (703) 604-6575.

The following is a copy of a letter to the Speaker of the House of Representatives, Transmittal 98-14, with attached transmittal and policy justification pages.

Dated: November 20, 1997.

L. M. Bynum,

Alternate OSD Federal Register Liaison Officer, Department of Defense.

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DEFENSE SECURITY ASSISTANCE AGENCY

WASHINGTON, DC 20301-2800

12 NOV 1997

In reply refer to:

I-56116/97

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. 98-14, concerning the Department of the Air Force's proposed Letter(s) of Offer and Acceptance (LOA) to Singapore for defense articles and services estimated to cost \$287 million. Soon after this letter is delivered to your office, we plan to notify the news media.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "MS Davison", is located below the "Sincerely," text.

MICHAEL S. DAVISON, JR.
LIEUTENANT GENERAL, USA
DIRECTOR

Attachments

Transmittal No. 98-14

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

- (i) Prospective Purchaser: Singapore
- (ii) Total Estimated Value:
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|--------------------------|-----------------------|
| Major Defense Equipment* | \$ 1 million |
| Other | \$ <u>286 million</u> |
| TOTAL | \$ 287 million |
- (iii) Description of Articles or Services Offered:
Services and support for F-16C/D aircraft, 12 M61A1 20mm guns, modification kits, maintenance, flight training, spare and repair parts, support equipment, program management, publications and documentation, personnel training and training equipment, logistics personnel services and other related elements of program support.
- (iv) Military Department: Air Force (NCL)
- (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: 12 NOV 1997

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

POLICY JUSTIFICATIONSingapore - F-16C/D Aircraft Support with M61A1 Guns

The Government of Singapore has requested a possible sale of services and support for F-16C/D aircraft, 12 M61A1 20mm guns, modification kits, maintenance, flight training, spare and repair parts, support equipment, program management, publications and documentation, personnel training and training equipment, logistics personnel services and other related elements of program support. The estimated cost is \$287 million.

This proposed sale will contribute to the foreign policy and national security of the United States by helping to improve the security of a friendly country which has been and continues to be an important force for economic progress in Southeast Asia.

This proposed sale will support Singapore's current and future F-16 aircraft inventory. The training portion is for a long term pilot training program in CONUS. Singapore will have no difficulty absorbing this support into its armed forces.

The proposed sale of this equipment and support will not affect the basic military balance in the region.

There are no offset agreements proposed to be entered into in connection with this potential sale.

Implementation of this proposed sale will not require the assignment of any additional U.S. Government personnel or contractor representatives to Singapore.

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