DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Office of the Secretary

[Transmittal No. 98-45]

36(b)(1) Arms Sales Notification

AGENCY: Defense Security Assistance

Agency, DOD. **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 Pub. L. 104–164 dated July 21, 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 98–45, with attached transmittal and policy justification.

Dated: September 29, 1998.

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Alternate OSD Federal Register Liaison Officer, Department of Defense.

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DEFENSE SECURITY ASSISTANCE AGENCY

WASHINGTON, DC 20301-2800

16 SEP 1998

In reply refer to: I-68292/98

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. 98-45 and under separate cover the classified annex thereto. This Transmittal concerns the Department of the Air Force's proposed Letter(s) of Offer and Acceptance (LOA) to United Arab Emirates for defense articles and services estimated to cost \$2 billion. Soon after this letter is delivered to your office, we plan to notify the news media of the unclassified portion of this Transmittal.

This notification is transmitted in conjunction with a 36(c) notification of a commercial sale of 80 F-16 Block 60 aircraft, services and long term support.

Sincerely,

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

Attachments

Separate Cover: Classified Annex

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Senate Committee on Appropriations
Senate Committee on Foreign Relations
House Committee on National Security
Senate Committee on Armed Services
House Committee on Appropriations

Transmittal No. 98-45

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

- (i) Prospective Purchaser: United Arab Emirates
- (ii) Total Estimated Value:

 Major Defense Equipment* \$.900 billion
 Other \$ 1.100 billion
 TOTAL \$ 2.000 billion
- (iii) Description of Articles or Services Offered: Four hundred ninety-one AIM-120B Advanced Medium Range Airto-Air Missiles (AMRAAM) and 12 AMRAAM training missiles; 267 AIM-9M 1/2 SIDEWINDER missiles and 80 SIDEWINDER training missiles; 163 AGM-88 High Speed Anti-Radiation Missiles (HARM) and four HARM training missiles; 1,163 AGM-65D/G MAVERICK missiles and 20 MAVERICK training missiles; 52 AGM-84 HARPOON missiles; 2,252 MK 82 and 1,231 MK 84 general purpose bombs; 1,700 MK 82 and 560 MK 84 air inflatable retard kits; 250 BLU-109 bombs; 605 GBU-10 and 462 GBU-12 PAVEWAY II laser guided bomb kits; 606 GBU-24 PAVEWAY III laser guided bomb kits; 1,820 CBU-87 combined effects munitions; 20 CBU-58 inert cluster bomb units; 44,312 BDU-33 training bombs; 44,148 MK 106 training bombs; 188,000 20mm and 161,650 20mm inert bullets; 115,000 self protection chaff; 55,000 self protection flares; logistics, technical and management services support; Government Furnished Equipment (gun system, Cartridge/Propellant Actuated Devices, delivery services); alternate mission equipment; personnel training (including support for U.S. operating location) and other related elements of logistics and program support.
- (iv) Military Department: Air Force (SAA)
- (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:
 See Annex under separate cover.
- (vii) Date Report Delivered to Congress: 16 SEP 1998
- * as defined in Section 47(6) of the Arms Export Control Act.

POLICY JUSTIFICATION

United Arab Emirates - Weapons, Munitions and Services

In support of a commercial sale of 80 F-16 Block 60 aircraft, the Government of United Arab Emirates (UAE) has requested a possible sale of 491 AIM-120B Advanced Medium Range Air-to-Air Missiles (AMRAAM) and 12 AMRAAM training missiles; 267 AIM-9M 1/2 SIDEWINDER missiles and 80 SIDEWINDER training missiles; 163 AGM-88 High Speed Anti-Radiation Missiles (HARM) and four HARM training missiles; 1,163 AGM-65D/G MAVERICK missiles and 20 MAVERICK training missiles; 52 AGM-84 HARPOON missiles; 2,252 MK 82 and 1,231 MK 84 general purpose bombs; 1,700 MK 82 and 560 MK 84 air inflatable retard kits; 250 BLU-109 bombs; 605 GBU-10 and 462 GBU-12 PAVEWAY II laser guided bomb kits; 606 GBU-24 PAVEWAY III laser guided bomb kits; 1,820 CBU-87 combined effects munitions; 20 CBU-58 inert cluster bomb units; 44,312 BDU-33 training bombs; 44,148 MK 106 training bombs; 188,000 20mm and 161,650 20mm inert bullets; 115,000 self protection chaff; 55,000 self protection flares; logistics, technical and management services support; Government Furnished Equipment (gun system, Cartridge/Propellant Actuated Devices, delivery services); alternate mission equipment; personnel training (including support for U.S. operating location) and other related elements of logistics and program support. estimated cost is \$2 billion.

This proposed sale, in support of a commercial purchase of 80 F-16, Block 60 aircraft, 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 political stability and economic progress in the Middle East.

The proposed sale of the weapons and munitions will strengthen the UAE as a potential coalition partner, reducing the dependence on U.S. forces in the region while enhancing any coalition operations the U.S. undertake. The commercially-supplied fighters are intended to be used in a variety of roles: air superiority, air and maritime surveillance and regional air defense, and precision ground-attack. The UAE wants to pattern their newly expanding air force on the USAF model, and wants to be seamlessly included in any future coalition efforts with U.S. forces. UAE will have no difficulty absorbing these additional weapons.

The proposed sale of this equipment and support will not affect the basic military balance in the region. The prime contractor will be Raytheon, Lexington, Massachusetts. One or more proposed offset agreements may be related to this proposed sale.

Training of initial pilot cadre will be provided by a unit of the Arizona Air National Guard in Tucson, Arizona, and then by a dedicated U.S. Air Force unit, using the UAE's own aircraft, pilots and contractor maintenance personnel. After a training base is established in the U.S., the number of U.S. Government personnel and contractor representatives required in-country to support the program will be determined in joint negotiations as the program proceeds through the development, production and equipment installation phases.

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

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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 98–47, with attached transmittal, policy justification, sensitivity of technology, and Section 620C(b) of the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961.

Dated: September 29, 1998.

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