Written requests for copies of the information collection proposal should be sent to Mr. Cushing, WHS/DIOR, 1215 Jefferson Davis Highway, Suite 1204, Arlington, VA 22202–4302.

Dated: December 1, 1998.

Patricia L. Toppings,

Alternate OSD Federal Register Liaison Officer, Department of Defense. [FR Doc. 98–32753 Filed 12–9–98; 8:45 am] BILLING CODE 5000–04–M

DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Office of the Secretary

Submission for OMB review; comment request

Action: Notice.

The Department of Defense has submitted to OMB for clearance, the following proposal for collection of information under the provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35).

Title, Associated Form, and OMB Number: Child Annuitant's School Certification; DD Form 2788; OMB Number 0730–0001.

Type of Request: Reinstatement. Number of Respondents: 3,600. Responses Per Respondent: 1. Annual Responses: 3,600. Average Burden Per Response: 12 minutes.

Annual Burden Hours: 720. Needs and Uses: In accordance with 10 USC 1435 and 10 USC 1447 and DoD Financial Management Regulation, 7000.14–R, Volume 7B, a child

annuitant between the age of 18 and 22 years of age must provide evidence of intent to continue study or training at a recognized educational institution. The certificate is required for the school semester or other period in which the school year is divided. The Child Annuitant's School Certification form is submitted to the child for completion and return to the Defense Finance and Accounting Service. The child will certify as to his or her intent for future enrollment and a school official must certify on the past or present school enrollment of the child. If information is not received after the end of each school enrollment, over-disbursements of an annuity would be made to a child who elected not to continue further training or study.

Affected Public: Individuals or households.

Frequency: Semi-Annually.

Respondent's Obligation: Required to obtain or retain benefits.

OMB Desk Officer: Mr. Edward C. Springer.

Written comments and recommendations on the proposed information collection should be sent to Mr. Springer at the Office of Management and Budget, Desk Officer for DoD, Room 10236, New Executive Office Building, Washington, DC 20503.

DoD Clearance Officer: Mr. Robert Cushing.

Written requests for copies of the information collection proposal should be sent to Mr. Cushing, WHS/DIOR, 1215 Jefferson Davis Highway, Suite 1204, Arlington, VA 22202–4302.

Dated: December 1, 1998.

Patricia L. Toppings,

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Office of the Secretary

[Transmittal No. 99-04]

36(b)(1) Arms Sales Notification

AGENCY: Defense Security Cooperation Agency, Department of Defense.

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 P.L. 104–164 dated 21 July 1996.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Ms. J. Hurd, DSCA/COMPT/RM, (703) 604–6575.

The following is a copy of a letter to the Speaker of the House of Representatives, Transmittal 99–04, with attached transmittal, policy justification, sensitivity of technology, and Section 620C(d) of the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961.

Dated: December 2, 1998.

L.M. Bynum,

Alternate OSD Federal Register Liaison Officer, Department of Defense.

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DEFENSE SECURITY COOPERATION AGENCY

WASHINGTON, DC 20301-2800

16 NOV 1998 In reply refer to: I-75112/98

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. 99-04, concerning the Department of the Navy's proposed Letter(s) of Offer and Acceptance (LOA) to Turkey for defense articles and services estimated to cost \$205 million. Soon after this letter is delivered to your office, we plan to notify the news media.

You will also find attached a certification as required by Section 620C(d) of the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961, as amended, that this action is consistent with Section 620C(b) of that statute.

Sincerely,

MICHAEL S. DAVISON, JR. 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

Transmittal No. 99-04

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

- (i) Prospective Purchaser: Turkey
- (ii) Total Estimated Value:

 Major Defense Equipment* \$ 133 million
 Other \$ 72 million
 TOTAL \$ 205 million
- Description of Articles or Services Offered:
 Three FFG-7 PERRY class frigates and eight currently leased FF 1052 KNOX class frigates for service with the Turkish Navy. Also included are: 20,000 rounds of 20mm cartridges, other ammunition items, "cold ship" transfer reactivations, U.S. Government and contractor engineering and logistics personnel support services, publications, repair and calibration services for shipboard equipment, publications and technical data/drawings, training and training equipment, support equipment, spare and repair parts and other elements of logistics necessary to prepare the frigates for transfer to Turkey in a "Safe to Steam" condition with all shipboard and weapon systems operational.
 - (iv) Military Department: Navy (AHL, AHM, BIN, GHS, JBY, JKN, SCP, and SCQ)
 - (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 NOV 1998
- * as defined in Section 47(6) of the Arms Export Control Act.

POLICY JUSTIFICATION

Turkey - FFG-7 PERRY and FF-1052 KNOX Class Frigates

The Government of Turkey has requested a possible sale of three FFG-7 PERRY class frigates and eight currently leased FF 1052 KNOX class frigates for service with the Turkish Navy. Also included are: 20,000 rounds of 20mm cartridges, other ammunition items, "cold ship" transfer reactivations, U.S. Government and contractor engineering and logistics personnel support services, publications, repair and calibration services for shipboard equipment, publications and technical data/drawings, training and training equipment, support equipment, spare and repair parts and other elements of logistics necessary to prepare the frigates for transfer to Turkey in a "Safe to Steam" condition with all shipboard and weapon systems operational. The estimated cost is \$205 million.

This proposed sale will contribute to the foreign policy and national security objectives of the United States by improving the military capabilities of Turkey, while enhancing weapon system standardization and interoperability.

Turkey already has three U.S. Navy PERRY class frigates in its Navy fleet. Turkey needs these frigates to continue its naval modernization program and enhance its Anti-Submarine Warfare (ASW) capability. The frigates will be provided in accordance with, and subject to the limitation on use and transfer provided under the Arms Export Control Act, as embodied in the terms of sale. This sale will not adversely affect either the military balance in the region or U.S. efforts to encourage a negotiated settlement of the Cyprus question.

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

The PERRY vessels will be transferred on a "cold ship" basis because the decommissioning has occurred prior to approval of the enacting legislation. The primary efforts for transfer will be completed through the Naval Sea Systems Command by a contract crew. There are no prime contractors for provision of the weapon systems applicable to these platforms. There are no offset agreements proposed to be entered into in connection with this potential sale.

Implementation of this proposed sale will require the assignment of contractor representatives for the purpose of providing engineering technical support to Turkey.

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

Transmittal No. 99-04

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

Annex Item No. vi

(vi) Sensitivity of Technology:

- 1. The PHALANX Close-In Weapon System crystals which contain the operating frequencies of the weapon system are considered critical technology and are classified Confidential. Select maintenance and operation publications are also classified Confidential.
- 2. The guidance and control system and the Target Detecting Device represent technology which if compromised could reveal areas of missile performance and potentially result in the development of countermeasures or equivalent systems capable of reducing weapon system effectiveness. This information could also be used in the development of a system with similar or advanced capabilities.
- 3. AN/SLQ-32A(V)3 Improved ECM Set: Secret hardware. Due to USN requirements, this system must be removed and replaced with the basic AN/SLQ-32(V)2 system. Removal includes hardware, software, and technical manuals. When replaced with the basic AN/SLQ-32(V)2, the following release considerations apply: (1) hardware is Secret, (2) software is Confidential, (3) U.S. threat libraries are Secret and will not be released, and (4) technical manuals are Confidential and need to be sanitized.
- 4. If a technologically advanced adversary were to obtain knowledge of the specific hardware and software in this proposed sale, the information could be used to develop countermeasures which might reduce weapon system effectiveness or be used in the development of a system with similar or advance capabilities. For this reason, the U.S. threat libraries will not be released.
- 5. This proposed sale is necessary in furtherance of the U.S. foreign policy and national security objectives outlined in the Policy Justification. Moreover, the benefits to be derived from this proposed sale, as outlined in the Policy Justification, outweigh the potential damage that could result if the sensitive technology were revealed to unauthorized persons.

November 16, 1998

Of The Foreign Assistance Act of 1961, As Amended

Pursuant to section 620C(d) of the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961, as amended (the Act), Executive Order 12163 (sec. 1-201(a)(13)) and the Secretary of State's memorandum of December 15, 1997, I hereby certify that the furnishing to Turkey of three FFG-7 PERRY-class frigates and eight currently leased FF-1052 KNOX-class frigates for service with the Turkish Navy is consistent with the principles contained in section 620C(b) of Also included as part of the transfer are: 50 SM-1 BLOCK VI STANDARD missiles, 20,000 rounds of 20mm cartridges, other ammunition items, "cold ship" transfer reactivations, U.S. Government and contractor engineering and logistics personnel support services, publications, repair and calibration services for shipboard equipment publications and technical data/drawings, training and training equipment, support equipment, spare and repair parts and other elements of logistics necessary to prepare the frigates for transfer to Turkey in a "Safe to Steam" condition with all shipboard and weapons systems operational at an estimated cost of \$205 million.

This certification will be made part of the notification to the Congress under section 36(b) of the Arms Export Control Act regarding the proposed sale of the above-named articles and services, and is based on the justification accompanying said notification, of which said justification constitutes a full explanation.

John D. Holum

Acting Under Secretary for Arms Control and International Security Affairs and Director, U.S. Arms Control and Disarmament Agency