

DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Office of the Secretary

[Transmittal No. 00-63]

36(b)(1) Arms Sales Notification

AGENCY: Department of Defense, Defense Security Cooperation 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, DSCA/COMPT/RM, (703) 604-6575.

The following is a copy of a letter to the Speaker of the House of Representatives, Transmittal 00-63 with attached transmittal and policy justification.

Dated: September 13, 2000.

L.M. Bynum,
Alternate OSD Federal Register Liaison Officer, Department of Defense.

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DEFENSE SECURITY COOPERATION AGENCY

WASHINGTON, DC 20301-2800

6 SEP 2000

In reply refer to:
I-00/008867

Honorable J. Dennis Hastert
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. 00-63, concerning the Department of the Air Force's proposed Letter(s) of Offer and Acceptance (LOA) to Saudi Arabia for defense articles and services estimated to cost \$1.6 billion. Soon after this letter is delivered to your office, we plan to notify the news media.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Tome H. Walters, Jr.".

TOME H. WALTERS, JR.
LIEUTENANT GENERAL, USAF
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. 00-63**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:**
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| Major Defense Equipment* | \$ 0 billion |
| Other | \$ <u>1.6 billion</u> |
| TOTAL | \$ 1.6 billion |
- (iii) **Description of Articles or Services Offered:** The continuation of United States Air Force (USAF) and contractor technical services (CTS), spare and repair parts, support equipment, and simulators in support of the Royal Saudi Air Force (RSAF) F-15 aircraft.
- (iv) **Military Department:** Air Force (GIH and QBD)
- (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:** 6 SEP 2000

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

POLICY JUSTIFICATION**Saudi Arabia - Contractor Technical Services and Logistical Support**

The Government of Saudi Arabia has requested a possible sale for the continuation of United States Air Force (USAF) and contractor technical services (CTS), spare and repair parts, support equipment, and simulators in support of the Royal Saudi Air Force (RSAF) F-15 aircraft. The estimated cost is \$1.6 billion.

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 political stability and economic progress in the Middle East.

The USAF and contractor technical support and services will not alter the basic military balance in the region.

The RSAF will use these support services for the day-to-day operation and maintenance of all their F-15 aircraft. The contractor services and logistics support will provide for a continuation of the required logistics support through CY 03.

The prime contractor will be determined in joint negotiations as the program proceeds. There are no offset agreements proposed in connection with this potential sale.

Implementation of this proposed sale will require the assignment of 10 U.S. Government and 1,000 contractor representatives to Saudi over the life of the three year program for technical assistance services and support. This is a reduction of approximately 275 representatives from the current CTS program.

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