

**DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE**

**Office of the Secretary**

[Transmittal No. 97-27]

**36(b)(1) Arms Sales Notification**

**AGENCY:** Defense Security Assistance Agency, DoD.

**ACTION:** Notice.

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**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/CPD, (703) 604-6575.

The following is a copy of a letter to the Speaker of the House of Representatives, Transmittal 97-27, with attached transmittal and policy justification.

Dated: October 29, 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

21 JUL 1997

In reply refer to:  
I-50566/97

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. 97-27, concerning the Department of the Army's proposed Letter(s) of Offer and Acceptance (LOA) to Saudi Arabia for defense articles and services estimated to cost \$53 million. Soon after this letter is delivered to your office, we plan to notify the news media.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "H. Diehl McKalip", is positioned above the typed name.

H. Diehl McKalip  
Acting 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:
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|--------------------------|--------------|
| Major Defense Equipment* | \$30 million |
| Other                    | \$23 million |
| TOTAL                    | \$53 million |
- (iii) Description of Articles or Services Offered:  
Communications equipment including 465 AN/VRC-90, 355 AN/VRC-92 and 404 AN/VRC-119 radios, 42 RT-1702C receiver transmitter, high frequency radios, installation kits, spare and repair parts, support equipment, publications and technical documentation, contractor engineering and technical assistance, personnel training and other related elements of logistics support for the Saudi Arabian National Guard (SANG).
- (iv) Military Department: Army (WFW, Amendment 2)
- (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: 21 JUL 1997

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

POLICY JUSTIFICATIONSaudi Arabia - Communications Equipment

The Saudi Arabian Government requested the purchase of communications equipment including 465 AN/VRC-90, 355 AN/VRC-92 and 404 AN/VRC-119 radios, 42 RT-1702C receiver transmitter, high frequency radios, installation kits, spare and repair parts, support equipment, publications and technical documentation, contractor engineering and technical assistance, personnel training and other related elements of logistics support for the Saudi Arabian National Guard (SANG). The estimated cost is \$53 million.

This 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.

This equipment will provide common hardware down to the platoon level within the SANG light brigades. It will augment SANG strategic communications between the light armored brigades, light brigades and headquarters components. Saudi Arabia will have no difficulty absorbing this communications equipment.

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

The principal contractors will be ITT, Fort Wayne, Indiana and Harris Corporation, Rochester, New York. There are no offset agreements proposed to be entered into in connection with this potential sale.

Implementation of this sale will not require the assignment of any additional U.S. Government personnel; however, there will be four field service representatives for two years in-country.

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