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: Candidate Procedures; USMA Forms 21–26, 21–23, 21–25, 21–16, 5– 520, 5–518, 5–497, FL 481, FL 546, FL 5–2, FL 5–26, FL 480–1, FL 520, 21–14, 21–8; OMB Number 0702–0061.

Type of Request: Reinstatement. Number of Respondents: 85,225. Responses Per Respondent: 1. Annual Responses: 85,225. Average Burden Per Response: 12.4 minutes (average).

Annual Burden Hours: 17,603.

Needs and Uses: West Point
candidates provide personal background
information which allows the West
Point Admissions Committee to make
subjective on academic and nonacademic experiences to determine
qualification for admission to West
Point. Approximately 12,000 to 13,000
applicant files are opened each year and
about 4,500 are evaluated by the
Admissions Committee during each
admissions cycle. Data are also used by
West Point's Office of Institutional

Research for correlation with success in graduation and military careers.

Affected Public: Individuals or households.

Frequency: On occasion.

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: June 8, 1999.

## Patricia L. Toppings,

Alternate OSD Federal Register Liaison Officer, Department of Defense. [FR Doc. 99–14947 Filed 6–11–99; 8:45 am] BILLING CODE 5000–10–M

## **DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE**

## Office of the Secretary

[Transmittal No. 99-18]

#### 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 99–18, with attached transmittal, policy justification, and Sensitivity of Technology.

Dated: June 7, 1999.

## L.M. Bynum,

Alternate OSD Federal Register Liaison Officer, Department of Defense.

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# **DEFENSE SECURITY COOPERATION AGENCY**

WASHINGTON, DC 20301-2800

26 MAY 1999 In reply refer to: I-99/06053

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. 99-18, concerning the Department of the Army's proposed Letter(s) of Offer and Acceptance (LOA) to the Taipei Economic and Cultural Representative Office for defense articles and services estimated to cost \$23 million. Soon after this letter is delivered to your office, we plan to notify the news media.

Sincerely,

A.R. KELTZ ACTING DIDTE

## 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. 99-18

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

- (i) <u>Prospective Purchaser</u>: Taipei Economic and Cultural Representative Office (TECRO) in the United States pursuant to P.L. 96-8
- (ii) Total Estimated Value:

Major Defense Equipment\* \$ 22 million
Other \$ 1 million
TOTAL \$ 23 million

- (iii) <u>Description of Articles or Services Offered</u>: Two hundred forty AGM-114K3 HELLFIRE II Air-to-Surface Anti-Armor missiles, containers, spare parts, support equipment, publications, and other related elements of logistics support.
- (iv) Military Department: Army YVF
- (v) Sales Commission, Fee, etc., Paid, Offered, or Agreed to be Paid: None
- (vi) <u>Sensitivity of Technology Contained in the Defense Article or Defense</u> Services Proposed to be Sold: See Annex attached.
- (vii) Date Report Delivered to Congress: 26 MAY 1999

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

## **POLICY JUSTIFICATION**

# <u>Taipei Economic and Cultural Representative Office in the United States - HELLFIRE II Air-to-Surface Anti-Armor Missiles</u>

The Taipei Economic and Cultural Representative Office (TECRO) in the United States has requested a possible sale of 240 AGM-114K3 HELLFIRE II Air-to-Surface Anti-Armor missiles, containers, spare parts, support equipment, publications, and other related elements of logistics support. The estimated cost is \$23 million.

This proposed sale is consistent with United States law and policy, as expressed in Public Law 96-8.

The recipient will use these missiles on its AH-1W Super Cobra helicopters and OH-58D KIOWA helicopters. The missiles will enhance the recipient's anti-armor capabilities. The recipient, which already has HELLFIRE missiles in its inventory, will have no difficulty absorbing these additional missiles.

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

The prime contractor will be Lockheed Martin Electronics and Missiles, Orlando, Florida. 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 the recipient.

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

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## Annex Item No. vi

## (vi) Sensitivity of Technology:

- 1. The AGM-114K3 HELLFIRE air-to-surface missile hardware and documentation are unclassified. Missile performance parameters and characteristics, including susceptibility to countermeasures, are classified up to Secret and considered very sensitive. Missile hardware is considered sensitive and knowledge of the warhead timing mechanism would be useful in development of countermeasures. Technology contained within the missile is sensitive and Unclassified. The sensitivity of the system is primarily in the software programs which enable the missile to operate in a countermeasures environment. Training, maintenance, operations and related documentation are unclassified and not considered sensitive.
- 2. Missile design features minimize the possibility of reverse engineering U.S. capabilities.
- 3. If a technologically advanced adversary were to obtain knowledge of the specific hardware in this 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.
- 4. This 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 sale, as outlined in the Policy Justification, outweigh the potential damage that could result if the sensitive technology were revealed to unauthorized persons.

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