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: Acquisition Management Systems and Data Requirements Control List (AMSDL); Numerous Forms; OMB Number 0704–0188.

Type of Request: Revision. Number of Respondents: 886. Responses per Respondent: 540. Annual Responses: 478,440. Average Burden Per Response: 110 hours.

Annual Burden Hours: 52,628,400. Needs and Uses: The Acquisition Management Systems and Data Requirements Control List (AMSDL) is a list of data requirements used in Department of Defense (DoD) contracts. The information collected will be used by DoD personnel and other DoD contractors to support the design, test, manufacture, training, operation, and maintenance of procured items, including weapon systems critical to the national defense. Information collection requests are contained in DoD contract actions for supplies, services, hardware, and software. The collection of such

data is essential to accomplishing the assigned mission of the Department of Defense. Failure to collect this information would have a detrimental effect on the DoD acquisition programs and the National Security.

Affected Public: Business or Other For Profit; Not-For-Profit Institutions.

Frequency: On occasion.

Respondent's Obligation: Required to Obtain or Retain Benefits.

OMB Desk Officer: Mr. Peter N. Weiss. Written comments and

recommendations on the proposed information collection should be sent to Mr. Weiss 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 23, 1999.

Patricia L. Toppings,

Alternate OSD Federal Register Liaison Officer, Department of Defense.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Office of the Secretary

[Transmittal No. 99-21]

36(b)(1) Arms Sales Notification

AGENCY: Department of Defense, Defense Security Cooperation Agency.

ACTION: None.

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 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 99–21, with attached transmittal, policy justification, and Sensitivity of Technology.

Dated: June 22, 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

16 JUN 1999 In reply refer to: I-99/07095

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. 99-21, concerning the Department of the Navy's proposed Letter(s) of Offer and Acceptance (LOA) to Egypt for defense articles and services estimated to cost \$210 million. Soon after this letter is delivered to your office, we plan to notify the news media.

Sincerely,

A.R. KELTZ

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

Transmittal No. 99-21

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>: Egypt
- (ii) Total Estimated Value:

Major Defense Equipment* \$ 60 million
Other \$ 150 million
TOTAL \$ 210 million

- (iii) Description of Articles or Services Offered: The upgrade of five E-2C Update Group II Mission Suite retrofit kits including AN/APS-145 Radar (Category XII) for existing E-2C aircraft, spare and repairs parts, support equipment, personnel training and training equipment, technical data and publications, system software development and installation, testing of new system modifications, U.S. Government and contractor engineering and logistics services and other related elements of program support.
- (iv) Military Department: Navy (SBJ)
- (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> <u>Services Proposed to be Sold:</u> See Annex attached
- (vii) Date Report Delivered to Congress: 16 JUN 1999

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

POLICY JUSTIFICATION

Egypt - Upgrade of E-2C Update Group II Mission Suite Retrofit Kits

The Government of Egypt (GOE) has requested a possible sale for the upgrade of five E-2C Update Group II Mission Suite retrofit kits including AN/APS-145 Radar (Category XII) for existing E-2C aircraft, spare and repairs parts, support equipment, personnel training and training equipment, technical data and publications, system software development and installation, testing of new system modifications, U.S. Government and contractor engineering and logistics services and other related elements of program support. The estimated cost is \$210 million.

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 Eastern region.

The GOE needs this upgrade of the retrofit kits to help maintain the operational readiness of its extended Airborne Early Warning (AEW) system and continue the interoperability with United States. Egypt will have no difficulty absorbing this logistics support into its armed forces.

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

The prime contractor will be Northrop Grumman Aircraft Corporation, Bethpage, New York. 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 approximately seven contractor representatives in-country the first year for installation technical assistance. Six contractor personnel will be required at the main operation base for one year after the completion of the first installation to assist with training, operation, and maintenance. U.S. Government personnel will be required for an additional period to implement the system.

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 E-2C contains sensitive state-of-the-art technology. Some of the hardware, publications, performance specifications, operational capability, parameters, vulnerabilities to countermeasures, and software documentation are classified Secret. The classified information to be provided consists of that which is necessary for the operation, maintenance, and repair (through depot level) of the E-2C aircraft and its installed systems and related software.
- 2. If a technologically advanced adversary were to obtain knowledge of the specific hardware and software elements, the information could be used to develop countermeasures or equivalent systems which might reduce weapon system effectiveness or be used in the development of a system with similar or advanced capabilities.
- 3. A determination has been made that Egypt can provide substantially the same degree of protection for the sensitive technology being released as the U.S. Government. This sale is necessary in furtherance of the U.S. foreign policy and national security objectives outlined in the Policy Justification.

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