

Transmittal No. 00-60
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 classification of the SPS-48 radar system and all associated hardware and software is Unclassified. The SPS-48E Electronic Counter-Counter Measures (ECCM) is critical technology, the ECCM is Unclassified. Threat and security concerns relative to the SPS-48E are founded solely upon the system's operational employment. There is significant anticipated consequence due to loss of this hardware technology to an advance or competent adversary.

2. If a technologically advanced adversary were to obtain knowledge of the specific hardware 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.

3. 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.

DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE**Office of the Secretary****[Transmittal No. 00–58]****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 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 00–58 with attached transmittal and policy justification.

Dated: July 26, 2000.

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Alternate OSD Federal Register Liaison Officer, Department of Defense.

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DEFENSE SECURITY COOPERATION AGENCY

WASHINGTON, DC 20301-2800

20 JUL 2000

In reply refer to:
I-00/007952

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. 00-58 and under separate cover the classified annex thereto. This Transmittal concerns 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 \$475 million. Soon after this letter is delivered to your office, we plan to notify the news media of the unclassified portion of this Transmittal.

Sincerely,



A.R. KELTZ
DEPUTY DIRECTOR

Attachments

Separate Cover:
Classified Annex

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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- (i) **Prospective Purchaser:** Saudi Arabia
- (ii) **Total Estimated Value:**
 - Major Defense Equipment* \$350 million
 - Other \$125 million
 - TOTAL \$475 million
- (iii) **Description of Articles or Services Offered:** Five hundred AIM-120C Advanced Medium Range Air to Air Missiles (AMRAAM), software updates to support AMRAAM operational and training devices, missile containers, LAU-128 missile launchers, Captive Air Training Missiles, spare and repair parts, publications and technical documentation, maintenance and pilot training, and other related elements of logistical and program support
- (iv) **Military Department:** Air Force (YPY)
- (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:** 20 JUL 2000

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

POLICY JUSTIFICATION

Saudi Arabia - AIM-120C Advanced Medium Range Air-to-Air Missiles

The Government of Saudi Arabia has requested a possible sale of 500 AIM-120C Advanced Medium Range Air to Air Missiles (AMRAAM), software updates to support AMRAAM operational and training devices, missile containers, LAU-128 missile launchers, Captive Air Training Missiles, spare and repair parts, publications and technical documentation, maintenance and pilot training, and other related elements of logistical and program support. The estimated cost is \$475 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 East.

Saudi Arabia needs these missiles to replace their current inventory of AIM-7F missiles, which are rapidly becoming obsolete and unsupportable logistically (1960's technology), and enhance the air-to-air self defense capability of its F-15 fleet. Saudi Arabia will have no difficulty absorbing this equipment into its armed forces.

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

The principal contractors will be Raytheon Missile Systems, Tucson, Arizona and Boeing Aircraft, St. Louis, Missouri. There are no offset agreements proposed in connection with this potential sale.

Implementation of this proposed sale will not require the assignment of any additional U.S. Government or contractor representatives to Saudi Arabia.

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