

## **POLICY JUSTIFICATION**

### **France - E-3F Radar System Improvement Program**

The Government of France has requested a possible sale of the manufacture and integration of USAF/NATO Radar System Improvement Program (RSIP) modification kits for installation in the French E-3F AWACS aircraft fleet; program will include four RSIP modification kits, modification kit installation, system integration and ground/flight testing of the RSIP hardware, an RSIP modification kit for installation in a ground based support facility, system software development and installation, spare and repair parts, publications and technical documentation, support equipment, personnel training and training equipment, U.S. Government and contractor engineering and technical services and other related program elements to ensure desired radar system performance. The estimated cost is \$190 million.

This proposed sale will contribute to the foreign policy and national security objectives of the United States by improving the military capabilities of France while enhancing weapon system standardization and interoperability with U.S. forces.

France will use this radar modification program to enhance the capability of its E-3F AWACS aircraft by providing increased air defense and command and control through significant improvements in radar sensitivity and Electronic Counter-Counter Measures performance, radar performance monitoring and control, and reliability/maintainability. France will have no difficulty absorbing the radar changes to its AWACS aircraft program.

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

The principal contractors will be Boeing Defense and Space Group in Seattle, Washington and Northrop-Grumman in Baltimore, Maryland. One or more proposed offset agreements may be related to this proposed sale.

Implementation of this proposed sale will require the assignment of 15 contractor representatives for two years to France.

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

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#### **DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE**

##### **Office of the Secretary**

[Transmittal No. 01-11]

##### **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 01-11 with attached transmittal and policy justification.

Dated: June 5, 2001.

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Officer, Department of Defense.*



## DEFENSE SECURITY COOPERATION AGENCY

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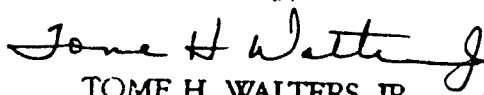
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The Honorable J. Dennis Hastert  
Speaker of the House of  
Representatives  
Washington, D.C. 20515-6501

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. 01-11, concerning the Department of the Air Force's proposed Letter(s) of Offer and Acceptance (LOA) to Australia for defense articles and services estimated to cost \$64 million. Soon after this letter is delivered to your office, we plan to notify the news media.

Sincerely,

  
TOME H. WALTERS, JR.  
LIEUTENANT GENERAL, USAF  
DIRECTOR

Same ltr to: House Committee on International Relations  
Senate Committee on Appropriations  
Senate Committee on Foreign Relations  
House Committee on Armed Services  
Senate Committee on Armed Services  
House Committee on Appropriations

Attachments

## **POLICY JUSTIFICATION**

### **Australia - Joint Tactical Information Distribution Systems Class 2H Airborne Terminals**

The Government of Australia has requested a possible sale for 16 Joint Tactical Information Distribution Systems (JTIDS) Class 2H Airborne Terminals, personnel training and training equipment, support of electronic support measures, broadcast intelligence, electronic counter measures, tactical data link testing, software development/integration, support and test equipment, communications software and software support, publications and technical data, spare and repair parts, U.S. Government and contractor technical and logistics assistance and other related elements of logistics and program support. The estimated cost is \$64 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 Asia Pacific region.

This notification is transmitted in conjunction with a 36(c) notification of a commercial sale for 737 Airborne Early Warning and Control (AEW&C) aircraft and radar. The JTIDS will be installed on the proposed commercial aircraft, software integration lab, and the remaining will be used for replacement. The AEW&C capability will enhance surveillance, reconnaissance, air defense and theater stability.

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

The principal contractors will be Boeing Company in Seattle, Washington and the Northrop-Grumman Company in Baltimore, Maryland. There are no offset agreements proposed in connection with this potential sale.

There will be four U.S. Government representatives for one-week intervals twice annually to participate in program management and technical reviews.

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

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#### **DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE**

##### **Office of the Secretary of Defense**

##### **Meeting of the DOD Advisory Group on Electron Devices**

**AGENCY:** Department of Defense, Advisory Group on Electron Devices.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** Working Group A (Microwave Devices) of the DOD Advisory Group on Electron Devices (AGED) announces a closed session meeting.

**DATES:** The meeting will be held at 0900, Thursday, June 28, 2001.

**ADDRESSES:** The meeting will be held at Palisades Institute for Research Services, Inc., 1745 Jefferson Davis

Highway, Suite 500, Arlington, VA 22202.

#### **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

David Cox, AGED Secretariat, 1745 Jefferson Davis Highway, Crystal Square Four, Suite 500, Arlington, Virginia 22202.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The mission of the Advisory Group is to provide advice to the Under Secretary of Defense for Acquisition and Technology, to the Director of Defense Research and Engineering (DDR&E), and through the DDR&E to the Director, Defense Advanced Research Projects Agency (ARPA) and the Military Departments in planning and managing an effective and economical research and development program in the area of electron devices.

The Working Group A meeting will be limited to review of research and development programs which the

Military Departments propose to initiate with industry, universities or in their laboratories. This microwave device area includes programs on developments and research related to microwave tubes, solid state microwave devices, electronic warfare devices, millimeter wave devices, and passive devices. The review will include details of classified defense programs throughout.

In accordance with section 10(d) of Pub. L. No. 92-463, as amended, (5. U.S.C. App. 10(d)(1994), it has been determined that this Advisory Group meeting concerns matters listed in 5 U.S.C. 552b(c)(1)(1994), and that accordingly, this meeting will be closed to the public.