POLICY JUSTIFICATION

Germany - Tornado Aircraft Training and Logistics Support

The Government of Germany has requested a possible sale for the continuation of base services for the German Air Force Tornado aircraft operations at Holloman Air Force Base (AFB), New Mexico. Base services provided will be for operations and logistics support including training, fuel, munitions, base operating support, and other related operational/logistics requirements. The estimated cost is $250 million.

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

Holloman AFB is the only location where the German Air Force trains aircrews in Tornado aircraft operations and tactics. These operations began at U.S. Air Force facilities in 1989.

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

There is no prime contractor involved in this program. There are no known offset agreements proposed in connection with this potential sale.

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

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 Nos. 08–53]

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. B. English, DSCA/DBO/CFM, (703) 601–3740.

The following is a copy of a letter to the Speaker of the House of Representatives, Transmittals 08–53 with attached transmittal, policy justification, and Sensitivity of Technology.

Dated: July 18, 2008.

Patricia L. Toppings,

OSD Federal Register Liaison Officer, Department of Defense.

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DEFENSE SECURITY COOPERATION AGENCY
WASHINGTON, DC 20301-2800

JUL 09 2008

In reply refer to:
USP003995-08

The Honorable Nancy Pelosi
Speaker of the House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515-6501

Dear Madam Speaker:

Pursuant to the reporting requirements of Section 36(b)(1) of the Arms Export Control Act, as amended, we are forwarding herewith Transmittal No. 08-53, concerning the Department of the Air Force's proposed Letter(s) of Offer and Acceptance to Qatar for defense articles and services estimated to cost $400 million. After this letter is delivered to your office, we plan to issue a press statement to notify the public of this proposed sale.

Sincerely,

Richard J. Millies
Deputy Director

Enclosures:
1. Transmittal
2. Policy Justification
3. Sensitivity of Technology

Same ltr to:

House	Senate
Committee on Foreign Affairs	Committee on Foreign Relations
Committee on Armed Services	Committee on Armed Services
Committee on Appropriations	Committee on Appropriations

Transmittal No. 08-53

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

(i) Prospective Purchaser: Qatar

(ii) Total Estimated Value:

Major Defense Equipment*	$ 0 million
Other	$400 million
TOTAL	$400 million

(iii) Description and Quantity or Quantities of Articles or Services under Consideration for Purchase: logistics support and training for two (2) C-17 Globemaster III aircraft being procured through a Direct Commercial Sale, spare and repair parts, support equipment, publications and technical data, flight engineer training, communications equipment, maintenance, personnel training and training equipment, U.S. Government and contractor engineering and logistics support services, preparation of aircraft for shipment, and other related elements of logistics support.

(iv) Military Department: Air Force (QAB)

(v) Prior Related Cases, if any: none

(vi) Sales Commission, Fee, etc., Paid, Offered, or Agreed to be Paid: none

(vii) Sensitivity of Technology Contained in the Defense Article or Defense Services Proposed to be Sold: see Annex attached

(viii) Date Report Delivered to Congress: JUL 09 2008

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

POLICY JUSTIFICATION

Qatar – Logistics Support for C-17 Globemaster Aircraft

The Government of Qatar has requested a possible sale of logistics support and training for two (2) C-17 Globemaster III aircraft being procured through a Direct Commercial Sale, spare and repair parts, support equipment, publications and technical data, flight engineer training, communications equipment, maintenance, personnel training and training equipment, U.S. Government and contractor engineering and logistics support services, preparation of aircraft for shipment, and other related elements of logistics support. The estimated cost is $400 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 that has been, and continues to be, an important force for political stability and economic progress in the Middle East.

The proposed sale will provide Qatar the ability to fully operate and maintain the C-17s, giving them the capability to transport equipment and troops in the region, as well as, participation in humanitarian operations in the Middle East and South Asia regions.

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

The prime contractor will be the Boeing Company of St. Louis, Missouri. There are no known offset agreements proposed in connection with this potential sale.

Implementation of this proposed sale will require the assignment of up to 10 U.S. Government and contractor representatives to participate in training, and technical reviews for one-week intervals, twice annually.

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

Transmittal No. 08-53

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Pursuant to Section 36(b)(1)
of the Arms Export Control Act

Annex
Item No. vii

(vii) Sensitivity of Technology:

1. The AN/ALE-47 Countermeasures Dispenser System (CMDS) is an integrated, threat-adaptive, software-programmable dispensing system capable of dispensing chaff, flares, and active radio frequency expendables. The threats countered by the CMDS include radar-directed anti-aircraft artillery, radar command-guided missiles, radar homing guided missiles, and infrared guided missiles. The system is internally mounted and may be operated as a stand-alone system or may be integrated with other on-board electronic warfare and avionics systems. CMDS uses threat data received over the aircraft interfaces to assess the threat situation and to determine a response. Expendable routines tailored to the immediate aircraft and threat environment may be dispensed using one of four operational modes. The hardware is Unclassified. The software is classified Secret. Technical data and documentation to be provided is Unclassified.

2. The AN/AAR-47 missile warning system is a small, lightweight, passive, electro-optic, threat warning device used to detect surface-to-air missiles fired at helicopters and low-flying fixed-wing aircraft and automatically provide countermeasures, as well as, audio and visual-sector warning messages to the aircrew. The basic system consists of multiple Optical Sensor Converter (OSC) units, a Computer Processor (CP) and a Control Indicator (CI). The set of OSC units, which normally consist of four, is mounted on the aircraft exterior to provide omnidirectional protection. The OSC detects the rocket plume of missiles and sends appropriate signals to the CP for processing. The CP analyzes the data from each OSC and automatically deploys the appropriate countermeasures. The CP also contains comprehensive BIT circuitry. The CI displays the incoming direction of the threat, so that the pilot can take appropriate action. The hardware is Unclassified. The software is classified Secret. Technical data and documentation to be provided is Unclassified.

3. If a technologically advanced adversary were to obtain knowledge of the specific hardware and software elements, 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 advanced capabilities.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Office of the Secretary

[Transmittal Nos. 08–74]

36(b)(1) Arms Sales Notification

AGENCY: Department of Defense, Defense Security Cooperation Agency.

ACTION: Notice.

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