Act,¹¹ which requires, among other things, that the NASD's rules be designed to prevent fraudulent and manipulative acts and practices, promote just and equitable principles of trade, and, in general, protect investors and the public interest. The NASD believes that extending the expiration date of IM-2210-5 and Rule 2210(c)(3) will provide the additional experience necessary to fully analyze and evaluate the provisions.

B. Self-Regulatory Organization's Statement on Burden on Competition

The NASD does not believe that the proposed rule change will result in any burden on competition that is not necessary or appropriate in furtherance of the purposes of the Act, as amended.

C. Self-Regulatory Organization's Statement on Comments on the Proposed Rule Change Received from Members, Participants, or Others

Written comments were neither solicited nor received.

III. Date of Effectiveness of the Proposed Rule Change and Timing for **Commission Action**

Because the foregoing proposed rule change does not:

(i) Significantly affect the protection of investors or the public interest;

(ii) impose any significant burden on

competition; and

(iii) become operative for 30 days from the date on which it was filed, or such shorter time as the Commission may designate, it has become effective pursuant to section 19(b)(3)(A) of the Act 12 and Rule 19b-4(f)(6) thereunder.13 At any time within 60 days of the filing of the proposed rule change, the Commission may summarily abrogate such rule change if it appears to the Commission that such action is necessary or appropriate in the public interest, for the protection of investors, or otherwise in furtherance of the purposes of the Act.

The NASD has asked the Commission to waive the 30-day operative delay. The Commission believes waiving the 30day operative delay is consistent with the protection of investors and the public interest. Such waiver will allow the pilot to operate without interruption through August 31, 2005. For these reasons, the Commission designates the proposal to be effective and operative upon filing with the Commission.¹⁴

IV. Solicitation of Comments

Interested persons are invited to submit written data, views, and arguments concerning the foregoing, including whether the proposal is consistent with the Act. Persons making written submissions should file six copies thereof with the Secretary, Securities and Exchange Commission, 450 Fifth Street, NW., Washington, DC 20549-0609. Copies of the submission, all subsequent amendments, all written statements with respect to the proposed rule change that are filed with the Commission, and all written communications relating to the proposed rule change between the Commission and any person, other than those that may be withheld from the public in accordance with the provisions of 5 U.S.C. 552, will be available for inspection and copying in the Commission's Public Reference Room. Copies of such filing will also be available for inspection and copying at the principal office of the NASD. All submissions should refer to file number SR-NASD-2003-126 and should be submitted by September 11, 2003.

For the Commission, by the Division of Market Regulation, pursuant to delegated authority.15

Margaret H. McFarland,

Deputy Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF STATE

[Public Notice 4454]

Culturally Significant Objects Imported for Exhibition Determinations: Cultural **Artifacts From Iraq**

AGENCY: Department of State.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given of the following determinations: Pursuant to the authority vested in me by the Act of October 19, 1965 (79 Stat. 985; 22 U.S.C. 2459), Executive Order 12047 of March 27, 1978, the Foreign Affairs Reform and Restructuring Act of 1998 (112 Stat. 2681, et seq.; 22 U.S.C. 6501 note, et seq.), Delegation of Authority No. 234 of October 1, 1999, and Delegation of Authority No. 236 of October 19, 1999, as amended, I hereby determine that the historic and modern books, documents, parchment scrolls, and other items discovered in early May 2003 in the basement of the Mukhabahrat in

Baghdad, most of which pertain to the Jewish community, imported from abroad for temporary exhibition in the United States, including restoration necessary thereto, are of cultural significance. The objects are imported pursuant to an agreement with the foreign owner or custodian. I also determine that their temporary exhibition or display by the National Archives and Records Administration, or another educational or cultural institution, is in the national interest. Public Notice of these Determinations is ordered to be published in the Federal Register.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For further information, including available descriptive materials, contact Lorie J. Nierenberg, Assistant Legal Adviser for Public Diplomacy and Public Affairs, Office of the Legal Adviser, U.S. Department of State (telephone: (202) 619-5078). The address is U.S. Department of State, SA-44, 301 4th Street, SW., Room 700, Washington, DC 20547-0001.

Dated: August 18, 2003

Patricia S. Harrison,

Assistant Secretary for Educational and Cultural Affairs, Department of State. [FR Doc. 03-21573 Filed 8-20-03; 8:45 am]

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DEPARTMENT OF STATE

[Public Notice 4453]

Bureau of Political—Military Affairs: Directorate of Defense Trade Controls: Notifications to the Congress of Proposed Commercial Export Licenses

AGENCY: Department of State.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that the Department of State has forwarded the attached Notifications of Proposed Export Licenses to the Congress on the dates shown on the attachments pursuant to sections 36(c) and 36(d) and in compliance with section 36(f) of the Arms Export Control Act (22 U.S.C. 2776).

EFFECTIVE DATE: As shown on each of the twenty-eight letters.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. Peter J. Berry, Director, Office of Defense Trade Controls Licensing, Directorate of Defense Trade Controls, Bureau of Political-Military Affairs, Department of State (202 663-2700).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Section 36(f) of the Arms Export Control Act mandates that notifications to the Congress pursuant to sections 36(c) and

^{11 15} U.S.C. 780-3(b)(6).

^{12 15} U.S.C. 78s(b)(3)(A).

^{13 17} CFR 240.19b-4(f)(6).

¹⁴ For purposes only of accelerating the operative date of this proposal, the Commission has considered the proposed rule's impact on

efficiency, competition, and capital formation. 15

^{15 17} CFR 200.30-3(a)(12).

36(d) must be published in the **Federal Register** when they are transmitted to Congress or as soon thereafter as practicable.

Dated: August 11, 2003.

Terry L. Davis,

Acting Director, Office of Defense Trade Controls Licensing, Directorate of Defense Trade Controls, Bureau of Political—Military Affairs, Department of State. (TG)

United States Department of State

Washington, DC 20520 June 23, 2003.

The Honorable J. Dennis Hastert, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Dear Mr. Speaker: Pursuant to Section 36(c) of the Arms Export Control Act, I am transmitting, herewith, certification of a proposed license for the export of defense articles or defense services sold commercially under a contract in the amount of \$100,000,000 or more.

The transaction contained in the attached certification involves the export of technical data and defense services to Belgium, Canada, Denmark, France, Germany, Ireland, Italy, Norway and the United Kingdom related to an improved Air Defense Ground Environment (ADGE) System for use by NATO.

The United States Government is prepared to license the export of these items having taken into account political, military, economic, human rights and arms control considerations.

More detailed information is contained in the formal certification which, though unclassified, contains business information submitted to the Department of State by the applicant, publication of which could cause competitive harm to the United States firm concerned.

Sincerely,

Paul V. Kelly,

Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs. Enclosure: Transmittal No. DDTC 010–03

United States Department of State

Washington, DC 20520 June 23, 2003.

The Honorable J. Dennis Hastert, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Dear Mr. Speaker: Pursuant to Section 36(d) of the Arms Export Control Act, I am transmitting, herewith, certification of a proposed manufacturing license agreement for the manufacture of significant military equipment abroad.

The transaction described in the attached certification involves the transfer of technical data and assistance to Canada for the manufacture of Optomechanical major assemblies components and sub-assemblies for the Stringer Missile Weapons System Launch Tube Assembly. The Optomechanical assemblies will be for end-use in the United States.

The United States Government is prepared to license the export of these items having taken into account political, military, economic, human rights and arms control considerations.

More detailed information is contained in the formal certification which, though unclassified, contains business information submitted to the Department of State by the applicant, publication of which could cause competitive harm to the United States firm concerned.

Sincerely, Paul V. Kelly,

Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs. Enclosure: Transmittal No. DDTC 012–03

United States Department of State

Washington, D.C. 20520 June 23, 2003.

The Honorable J. Dennis Hastert, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Dear Mr. Speaker: Pursuant to Section 36(c) and (d) of the Arms Export Control Act, I am transmitting, herewith, certification of a proposed manufacturing license agreement for the manufacture of significant military equipment abroad and the export of defense articles or defense services in the amount of \$50,000,000 or more.

The transaction contained in the attached certification involves the export of defense services, technical data and defense articles to South Korea to support the manufacture, assembly and testing of six (6) Mk 45 Mod 4 Naval Gun Mounts for the Government of the Republic of Korea.

The United States Government is prepared to license the export of these items having taken into account political, military, economic, human rights and arms control considerations.

More detailed information is contained in the formal certification which, though unclassified, contains business information submitted to the Department of State by the applicant, publication of which could cause competitive harm to the United States firm concerned.

Sincerely, Paul V. Kelly,

Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs. Enclosure: Transmittal No. DDTC 034–03

United States Department of State

Washington, D.C. 20520 June 23, 2003.

The Honorable J. Dennis Hastert, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Dear Mr. Speaker: Pursuant to Section 36(c) of the Arms Export Control Act, I am transmitting, herewith, certification of a proposed license for the export of defense articles or defense services sold commercially under the contract in the amount of \$100,000,000 or more.

The transaction contained in the attached certification involves the export of technical information, hardware and services to Japan to support the manufacture, test and interface of the JQ–70 console for use by the Japanese Defense Agency on Japanese military ships.

The United States Government is prepared to license the export of these items having taken into account political, military, economic, human rights and arms control considerations.

More detailed information is contained in the formal certification which, though unclassified, contains business information submitted to the Department of State by the applicant, publication of which could cause competitive harm to the United States firm concerned. Sincerely,

Paul V. Kelly,

Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs. Enclosure: Transmittal No. DDTC 035–03

United States Department of State

Washington, D.C. 20520 June 23, 2003

The Honorable J. Dennis Hastert, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Dear Mr. Speaker: Pursuant to Section 36(c) of the Arms Export Control Act, I am transmitting, herewith, certification of a proposed license for the export of defense articles or defense services sold commercially under a contract in the amount of \$100,000,000 or more.

The transaction contained in the attached certification involves the export of technical information, hardware and services to Japan to support the manufacture, test and interface of the JQ–70 console for use by the Japanese Defense Agency on Japanese military ships.

The United States Government is prepared to license the export of these items having taken into account political, military, economic, human rights and arms control considerations.

More detailed information is contained in the formal certification which, though unclassified, contains business information submitted to the Department of State by the applicant, publication of which could cause competitive harm to the United States firm concerned.

Sincerely, Paul V. Kelly,

Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs. Enclosure: Transmittal No. DDTC 036–03

United States Department of State

Washington, D.C. 20520 June 23, 2003.

The Honorable J. Dennis Hastert, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Dear Mr. Speaker: Pursuant to Section 36(c) of the Arms Export Control Act, I am transmitting, herewith, certification of a proposed license for the export of defense articles or defense services sold commercially under a contract in the amount of \$100,000,000 or more.

The transaction contained in the attached certification involves the export of technical data, defense services and defense hardware to Japan to support the manufacture of nonsignificant military equipment including the AN/ASQ-212/CP-2044 Data Processing System for the Japan Defense Agency's P-3C Transition Program.

The United States Government is prepared to license the export of these items having taken into account political, military, economic, human rights and arms control considerations.

More detailed information is contained in the formal certification which, though unclassified, contains business information submitted to the Department of State by the applicant, publication of which could cause competitive harm to the United States firm concerned.

Sincerely, Paul V. Kelly,

Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs. Enclosure: Transmittal No. DDTC 037–03

United States Department of State

Washington, D.C. 20520 June 23, 2003.

The Honorable J. Dennis Hastert, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Dear Mr. Speaker: Pursuant to Section 36(c) of the Arms Export Control Act, I am transmitting, herewith, certification of a proposed technical assistance agreement for the export of defense articles or defense services sold commercially under a contract in the amount of \$50,000,000 or more.

The transaction contained in the attached certification involves the export of technical information, hardware and services to Israel to support the development of the Israeli Arrow Weapon System (AWS) Program and Modified Arrow Radar Seeker (MARS) Program.

The United States Government is prepared to license the export of these items having taken into account political, military, economic, human rights and arms control considerations.

More detailed information is contained in the formal certification which, though unclassified, contains business information submitted to the Department of State by the applicant, publication of which could cause competitive harm to the United States firm concerned.

Sincerely, Paul V. Kelly,

Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs. Enclosure: Transmittal No. DDTC 038–03

United States Department of State

Washington, D.C. 20520 June 23, 2003.

The Honorable J. Dennis Hastert, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Dear Mr. Speaker: Pursuant to Section 36(c) of the Arms Export Control Act, I am transmitting, herewith, certification of a proposed license for the export of defense articles or defense services sold commercially under a contract in the amount of \$100,000,000 or more.

The transaction contained in the attached certification involves the export of production, manufacturing hardware and services to Japan to add one additional ship set of the MK 41 Vertical Launching Systems (VLS) to the new Japanese Navy Guided Missile Destroyer, DDG2317.

The United States Government is prepared to license the export of these items having taken into account political, military, economic, human rights and arms control considerations.

More detailed information is contained in the formal certification which, though, unclassified contains business information submitted to the Department of State by the applicant, publication of which could cause competitive harm to the United States firm concerned.

Sincerely, Paul V. Kelly,

Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs. Enclosure: Transmittal No. DDTC 039–03

United States Department of State

Washington, DC 20520 June 23, 2003. The Honorable J. Dennis Hastert, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Dear Mr. Speaker: Pursuant to Section 36(c) of the Arms Export Control Act, I am transmitting, herewith, certification of a proposed license for the export of defense services, technical data and defense articles sold commercially under a contract in the amount of \$50,000,000 or more.

The transaction contained in the attached certification involves the export to South Korea of tooling and kits to support the manufacture, assembly and repair abroad of non-significant military equipment associated with the AH–64 Apache helicopter fuselage, fuselage components and spare parts, which will be re-exported back to the United States.

The United States Government is prepared to license the export of these items having taken into account political, military, economic, human rights and arms control considerations.

More detailed information is contained in the formal certification which, though unclassified, contains business information submitted to the Department of State by the applicant, publication of which could cause competitive harm to the United States firm concerned.

Sincerely, Paul V. Kelly,

Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs. Enclosure: Transmittal No. DDTC 043–03

United States Department of State

Washington, DC 20520 July 7, 2003.

The Honorable J. Dennis Hastert, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Dear Mr. Speaker: Pursuant to Section 36(c) of the Arms Export Control Act, I am transmitting, herewith, certification of a proposed technical assistance agreement for the export of defense services, technical data and defense articles in the amount of \$100,000,000 or more.

The transaction contained in the attached certification involves the export to the NATO AEW&C Programme Management Organization (NAPMO) in The Netherlands of defense services, technical data and defense articles required to upgrade the NATO E–3A fleet with new or enhanced capabilities.

The United States Government is prepared to license the export of these items having taken into account political, military, economic, human rights and arms control considerations.

More detailed information is contained in the formal certification which, though unclassified, contains business information submitted to the Department of State by the applicant, publication of which could cause competitive harm to the United States firm concerned.

Sincerely,

Paul V. Kelly,

Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs. Enclosure: Transmittal No. DDTC 045–03

United States Department of State

Washington, DC 20520 July 7, 2003.

The Honorable J. Dennis Hastert, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Dear Mr. Speaker: Pursuant to Section 36(c) of the Arms Export Control Act, I am transmitting, herewith, certification of a proposed license for the export of defense articles or defense services sold commercially under a contract in the amount of \$100,000,000 or more.

The transaction contained in the attached certification involves the export to Greece of F–16 Block–52 Advanced Self Protection Integrated Suites (ASPIS), AN/ALQ–187 Jammers and the retrofit of previously exported AN/ALQ–187 Jammers to Digital RF Memory configuration in support of the Greek F–16 upgrade program.

The United States Government is prepared to license the export of these items having taken into account political, military, economic, human rights and arms control considerations.

More detailed information is contained in the formal certification which, though unclassified, contains business information submitted to the Department of State by the applicant, publication of which could cause competitive harm to the United States firm concerned.

Sincerely,

Paul V. Kelly,

Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs. Enclosure: Transmittal No. DDTC 054–03

United States Department of State

Washington, D.C. 20520 July 7, 2003.

The Honorable J. Dennis Hastert, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Dear Mr. Speaker: Pursuant to Section 36(c) of the Arms Export Control Act, I am transmitting, herewith, certification of a proposed license for the export of defense articles that are firearms controlled under Category I of the United States Munitions List sold commercially under a contract in the amount of \$1,000,000 or more.

The transaction contained in the attached certification involves the export of 2,500 9mm pistols and associated equipment to the National Police of Ecuador.

The United States Government is prepared to license the export of these items having taken into account political, military, economic, human rights and arms control considerations.

More detailed information is contained in the formal certification which, though unclassified, contains business information submitted to the Department of State by the applicant, publication of which could cause competitive harm to the United States firm concerned.

Sincerely,

Paul V. Kelly,

Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs. Enclosure: Transmittal No. DDTC 056–03

United States Department of State

Washington, D.C. 20520 July 9, 2003.

The Honorable J. Dennis Hastert, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Dear Mr. Speaker: Pursuant to Section 36(c) of the Arms Export Control Act, I am transmitting, herewith, certification of a proposed license for the export of major

defense equipment and defense articles in the amount of \$25,000,000 or more.

The transaction contained in the attached certification involves the export to Denmark of three C–130J–30 aircraft, a basic logistics support program, spare parts and ground support equipment.

The United States Government is prepared to license the export of these items having taken into account political, military, economic, human rights and arms control considerations.

More detailed information is contained in the formal certification which, though unclassified, contains business information submitted to the Department of State by the applicant, publication of which could cause competitive harm to the United States firm concerned.

Sincerely, Paul V. Kelly,

Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs. Enclosure: Transmittal No. DDTC 044–03

United States Department of State

Washington, D.C. 20520 July 9, 2003.

The Honorable J. Dennis Hastert, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Dear Mr. Speaker: Pursuant to Section 36(c) of the Arms Export Control Act, I am transmitting, herewith, certification of a proposed license for the export of defense articles that are firearms controlled under Category I of the United States Munitions List sold commercially under a contract in the amount of \$1,000,000 or more.

The transaction contained in the attached certification involves the export of 472 M240 7.62mm caliber machine guns and supporting equipment to the Israeli Ministry of Defense for use by the Israeli Armed Forces.

The United States Government is prepared to license the export of these items having taken into account political, military, economic, human rights and arms control considerations.

More detailed information is contained in the formal certification which, though unclassified, contains business information submitted to the Department of State by the applicant, publication of which could cause competitive harm to the United States firm concerned.

Sincerely, Paul V. Kelly,

Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs. Enclosure: Transmittal No. DDTC 046–03

United States Department of State

Washington, DC 20520 July 9, 2003.

The Honorable J. Dennis Hastert, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Dear Mr. Speaker: Pursuant to Section 36(c) of the Arms Export Control Act, I am transmitting, herewith, certification of a proposed license for the export of defense articles or defense services sold commercially under a contract in the amount of \$50,000,000 or more.

The transaction contained in the attached certification involves the export of technical data and assistance for the manufacture of Infrared Detecting Sets in Japan for end-use by the Japanese Defense Agency.

The United States Government is prepared to license the export of these items having taken into account political, military, economic, human rights and arms control considerations.

More detailed information is contained in the formal certification which, though unclassified, contains business information submitted to the Department of State by the applicant, publication of which could cause competitive harm to the United States firm concerned.

Sincerely,

Paul V. Kelly,

Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs. Enclosure: Transmittal No. DDTC 047–03

United States Department of State

Washington, DC 20520 July 9, 2003.

The Honorable J. Dennis Hastert, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Dear Mr. Speaker: Pursuant to Section 36(c) of the Arms Export Control Act, I am transmitting, herewith, certification of a proposed technical assistance agreement for the export of defense articles or defense services sold commercially under a contract in the amount of \$100,000,000 or more.

The transaction contained in the attached certification involves the export of technical data and assistance in the manufacture of AGM-65 Maverick Weapon System in the United Kingdom for end-use by the United Kingdom Ministry of Defense.

The United States Government is prepared to license the export of these items having taken into account political, military, economic, human rights and arms control consideration.

More detailed information is contained in the formal certification which, though unclassified, contains business information submitted to the Department of State by the applicant, publication of which could cause competitive harm to the United States firm concerned.

Sincerely,

Paul V. Kelly,

Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs. Enclosure: Transmittal No. DDTC 049–03

United States Department of State

Washington, DC 20520 July 9, 2003.

The Honorable J. Dennis Hastert, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Dear Mr. Speaker: Pursuant to Section 36(c) of the Arms Export Control Act, I am transmitting, herewith, certification of a proposed amendment to a license for the export of defense services, technical data and defense articles abroad in the amount of \$100,000,000 or more.

The transaction contained in the attached certification involves the export of United Kingdom of defense services, technical data and defense articles related to the integration of weapon systems in a Tactical Command and Sensor System for the MRA4 Maritime Patrol Aircraft.

The United States Government is prepared to license the export of these items having taken into account political, military, economic, human rights and arms control considerations.

More detailed information is contained in the formal certification which, though unclassified, contains business information submitted to the Department of State by the applicant, publication of which could cause competitive harm to the United States firm concerned.

Sincerely, Paul V. Kelly,

Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs. Enclosure: Transmittal No. DDTC 052–03

United States Department of State

Washington, D.C. 20520 July 11, 2003.

The Honorable J. Dennis Hastert, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Dear Mr. Speaker: Pursuant to Section 36(d) of the Arms Export Control Act, I am transmitting, herewith, certification of a proposed manufacturing license agreement for the manufacture of significant military equipment abroad.

The transaction contained in the attached certification involves the export of defense services, technical data and defense articles to the United Kingdom to support the manufacture and assembly of the Javelin missile seeker system as part of the United Kingdom Ministry of Defence's Light Forces Anti-Tank Guided Weapon system program.

The United States Government is prepared to license the export of these items having taken into account political, military, economic, human rights and arms control considerations.

More detailed information is contained in the formal certification which, though unclassified, contains business information submitted to the Department of State by the applicant, publication of which could cause competitive harm to the United States firm concerned.

Sincerely,

Paul V. Kelly,

Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs. Enclosure: Transmittal No. DDTC 067–03

United States Department of State

Washington, D.C. 20520 July 14, 2003.

The Honorable J. Dennis Hastert, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Dear Mr. Speaker: Pursuant to Section 36(c) of the Arms Export Control Act, I am transmitting, herewith, certification of a proposed license for the export of defense articles or defense services sold commercially under a contract in the amount of \$50,000,000 or more.

The transaction contained in the attached certification involves the export of technical information, hardware and defense services to Saudi Arabia, Norway and France to support the development of the Saudi Ministry of Defense and Aviation (MODA) Command, Control, Communications, Computers and Intelligence (C4I) System (Project Al Diriyah).

The United States Government is prepared to license the export of these items having taken into account political, military, economic, human rights and arms control considerations.

More detailed information is contained in the formal certification which, though unclassified, contains business information submitted to the Department of State by the applicant, publication of which could cause competitive harm to the United States firm concerned.

Sincerely, Paul V. Kelly,

Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs. Enclosure: Transmittal No. DDTC 016–03

United States Department of State

Washington, D.C. 20520 July 14, 2003.

The Honorable J. Dennis Hastert, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Dear Mr. Speaker: Pursuant to Section 36(c) of the Arms Export Control Act, I am transmitting, herewith, certification of a proposed license for the export of defense articles that are firearms controlled under category I of the United States Munitions List sold commercially under a contract in the amount of \$1,000,000 or more.

The transaction contained in the attached certification involves the export of 267 .50 caliber M82A1 Rifle Systems and associated equipment to the Norwegian Armed Forces for use by the Norwegian Army.

The United States Government is prepared to license the export of these items having taken into account political, military, economic, human rights, and arms control considerations.

More detailed information is contained in the formal certification which, though unclassified, contains business information submitted to the Department of State by the applicant, publication of which could cause competitive harm to the United States firm concerned.

Sincerely,

Paul V. Kelly,

Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs. Enclosure: Transmittal No. DDTC 055–03

United States Department of State

Washington, D.C. 20520 July 14, 2003.

The Honorable J. Dennis Hastert, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Dear Mr. Speaker: Pursuant to Section 1504 of the Emergency Wartime Supplemental Appropriations Act, 2003, P.L. 108–11, I am transmitting, herewith, notification that the Deputy Secretary of State (as delegated by the Secretary of State) has determined that the export to Iraq of the certain body armor, nuclear, biological and chemical protective equipment, and military equipment (such as small arms and ammunition) for use in reconstituting the Iraqi military or police forces (or interim forces), is in the national interest of the United States.

The exports described in the attached notification represent the category of exports for which this notification applies. It includes the specific exports to Iraq of equipment that consists of protective gear under a Department of State contract to help organize effective Iraqi civilian law enforcement, judicial and correctional agencies and small arms and ammunition for use in reconstituting Iraqi military or police forces.

The United States Government is prepared to license the export of such items having

taken into account political, military, economic, human rights and arms control considerations.

More detailed information is contained in the formal notification that, though unclassified, contains business information ; submitted to the Department of State by the applicant, publication of which could cause competitive harm to the United States firm concerned.

Sincerely,

Paul V. Kelly,

Assist Secretary, Legislative Affairs.

Enclosure: Transmittal No. DTC 01IZ-03

United States Department of State

Washington, D.C. 20520 July 15, 2003.

The Honorable J. Dennis Hastert, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Dear Mr. Speaker: Pursuant to Section 36(c) of the Arms Export Control Act, I am transmitting, herewith, certification of a proposed license for the export of defense articles that are firearms controlled under category I of the United States Munitions List sold commercially under a contract in the amount of \$1,000,000 or more.

The transaction contained in the attached certification involves the export of 10,000 M4, 5.56MM caliber, semi-/full automatic carbines and minor associated equipment to the U.A.E. Armed Forces.

The United States Government is prepared to license the export of these items having taken into account political, military, economic, human rights and arms control considerations.

More detailed information is contained in the formal certification which, though unclassified, contains business information submitted to the Department of State by the applicants, publication of which could cause competitive harm to the United States firm concerned.

Sincerely,

Paul V. Kelly,

Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs. Enclosure: Transmittal No. DDTC 065–03

United States Department of State

Washington, D.C. 20520 July 17, 2003.

The Honorable J. Dennis Hastert, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Dear Mr. Speaker: Pursuant to Section 36(c) of the Arms Export Control Act, I am transmitting, herewith, certification of a proposed license for the export of defense articles or defense services sold commercially under a contract in the amount of \$50,000,000 or more.

The transaction contained in the attached certification involves the export of technical data, defense services and defense articles to Jordan for the installation and maintenance of the Integrated Fire Control System (IFCS) for the AB9B1 M60 Tank Upgrade Program for use by the Jordanian Armed Forces.

The United States Government is prepared to license the export of these items having taken into account political, military, economic, human rights and arms control considerations.

More detailed information is contained in the formal certification which, though unclassified, contains business information submitted to the Department of State by the applicant, publication of which could cause competitive harm to the United States firm concerned.

Sincerely,

Paul V. Kelly,

Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs. Enclosure: Transmittal No. DDTC 032–03

United States Department of State

Washington, D.C. 20520 July 17, 2003.

The Honorable J. Dennis Hastert, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Dear Mr. Speaker: Pursuant to Section 36(c) of the Arms Export Control Act, I am transmitting, herewith, certification of a proposed license for the export of defense articles or defense services sold commercially under a contract in the amount of \$50,000,000 or more.

The transaction contained in the attached certification involves the export to Malaysia of one MEASAT-3 Commercial Communications Satellite.

The United States Government is prepared to license the export of these items having taken into account political, military, economic, human rights and arms control considerations.

More detailed information is contained in the formal certification which, though unclassified, contains business information submitted to the Department of State by the applicant, publication of which could cause competitive harm to the United States firm concerned.

Sincerely,

Paul V. Kelly,

Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs. Enclosure: Transmittal No. DDTC 051–03

United States Department of State

Washington, D.C. 20520 July 18, 2003.

The Honorable: J. Dennis Hastert, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Dear Mr. Speaker: Pursuant to Section 36(c) of the Arms Export Control Act, I am transmitting, herewith, certification of a proposed license for the export of defense articles that are firearms controlled under category I of the United States Munitions List Sold commercially under a contract in the amount of \$1,000,000 or more.

The transaction contained in the attached certification involves the export of 5,344 Model 37, .38 caliber revolvers to the National Polices Agency of Japan.

The United States Government is prepared to license the export of these items having taken into account political, military, eoncomic, human rights and arms control considerations.

More detailed information is contained in the formal certification which, though unclassified, contains business information submitted to the Department of State by the applicant, publication of which could cause competitive harm to the United States firm concerned.

Sincerely,

Paul V. Kelly,

Assistant Secretary Legislative Affairs. Enclosure: Transmittal No. DDTC 084–03

United States Department of State

Washington, D.C. 20520 July 21, 2003.

The Honorable J. Dennis Hastert, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Dear Mr. Speaker: Pursuant to Section 36(c) of the Arms Export Control Act, I am transmitting, herewith, certification of a proposed license for the export of defense articles or defense services sold commercially under a contract in the amount of \$100,000,000 or more.

The transaction contained in the attached certification concerns exports of technical data and defense services for delivery of the JCSAT-9 commercial communications satellite to Japan.

The United States Government is prepared to license the export of these items having taken into account political, military, economic, human rights, and arms control considerations.

More detailed information is contained in the formal certification which, though unclassified, contains business information submitted to the Department of State by the applicant, publication of which could cause competitive harm to the United States firm concerned.

Sincerely, Paul V. Kelly,

Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs. Enclosure: Transmittal No. DDTC 063-03

United States Department of State

Washington, D.C. 20520 July 21, 2003.

The Honorable J. Dennis Hastert, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Dear Mr. Speaker: Pursuant to Section 36(c) of the Arms Export Control Act, I am transmitting, herewith, certification of a proposed license for the export of defense articles in the amount of \$25,000,000 or

The transaction contained in the attached certification involves the export of a commercial communications satellite to be launched from an Ariane 5 launch vehicle from Kourou, French Guiana.

The United States Government is prepared to license the export of these items having taken into account political, military, economic, human rights and arms control considerations.

More detailed information is contained in the formal certification which, though unclassified, contains business information submitted to the Department of State by the applicant, publication of which could cause competitive harm to the United States firm concerned.

Sincerely, Paul V. Kelly,

Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs. Enclosure: Transmittal No. DDTC 064-03

United States Department of State

Washington, D.C. 20520 July 21, 2003.

The Honorable J. Dennis Hastert, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Dear Mr. Speaker: Pursuant to Section 36(c) of the Arms Export Control Act, I am transmitting, herewith, certification of a

proposed license for the export of defense articles or defense services sold commercially under a contract in the amount of \$50,000,000 or more.

The transaction contained in the attached certification involves the export of technical data, technical assistance, and hardware to Egypt related to the refurbishment, maintenance, and operating of Chaparral Air Defense Missile Launch Stations and vehicles for ultimate end use by the Arab Republic of Egypt Government.

The United States Government is prepared to license the export of these items having taken into account political, military, economic, human rights and arms control considerations.

More detailed information is contained in the formal certification which, though unclassified, contains business information submitted to the Department of State by the applicant, publication of which could cause competitive harm to the United States firm concerned.

Sincerely, Paul V. Kelly,

Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs. Enclosure: Transmittal No. DDTC 064-03

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DEPARTMENT OF STATE

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Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs Request for Grant Proposals (RFGPs): FY2004 Educational Partnerships Program

SUMMARY: The Office of Global Educational Programs of the Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs announces an open competition for the Educational Partnerships Program. Accredited U.S. post-secondary educational institutions meeting the provisions described in Internal Revenue Code section 26 U.S.C. 501(c)(3) may submit proposals to support the Program's goals of encouraging mutual understanding, educational reform, economic development, and civil society through educational cooperation in higher education with targeted countries and regions that are of high priority to the Department of State.

Program Overview

To encourage mutual understanding, educational reform, economic development, and civil society in the targeted countries, the Educational Partnerships Program enables U.S. colleges and universities and foreign counterpart institutions to pursue objectives cooperatively through exchange visits of faculty, administrators, highly advanced foreign students, and advanced U.S. graduate

students who can demonstrate the ability to work independently. The Educational Partnerships Program is not designed to support study abroad activities for undergraduate students or less advanced graduate students.

Applicants are strongly encouraged to discuss their project ideas during the proposal development process with the relevant Bureau program officer for guidance. (Please see "For further information" section for contact details.)

U.S. and foreign colleges and universities that have hosted, enrolled, or employed State Department sponsored grantees or alumni as professors, students, or administrators are especially encouraged to develop proposals that build on the achievements of these individual grantees and extend their impact.

A separate Request for Grant Proposals under the Freedom Support Educational Partnerships Program with Eurasia has been issued for Fiscal Year 2004 and is accessible on the State Department Web site at http:// exchanges.state.gov/education/rfgps. For information about the Freedom Support Educational Partnerships Program with Eurasia, which supports partnerships with countries previously recognized as belonging to the Soviet Union, contact the Humphrey Fellowships and Institutional Linkages Branch, Office of Global Educational Programs (ECA/A/S/U), Room 349, U.S. Department of State, State Annex 44, 301 4th Street, SW., Washington, DC 20547, phone: (202) 619-5289, fax: (202) 401-1433.

Additional RFGPs for educational partnerships to be funded in FY2004 with specific world regions may be published later this year or early in 2004 and will be accessible on the State Department Web site at http:// exchanges.state.gov/education/rfgps.

Foreign Country and Location Eligibility

The eligibility of foreign countries and locations is limited and varies from year to year. Proposals to increase the understanding of the United States in countries and societies with significant Muslim populations are especially encouraged, as are proposals to increase the understanding of these countries and societies in the United States. Except as noted below for the Western Hemisphere and for North Africa and the Middle East, a proposal may not include more than one of the foreign countries or locations listed below.

(1) East Asia and the Pacific

Eligible for FY 2004: Indonesia, Malaysia, Philippines.