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France - E-3F Radar System Improvement Program

On 24 May, the Defense Security Cooperation Agency notified Congress of a possible Foreign Military Sale for the manufacture and integration of USAF/NATO Radar System Improvement Program (RSIP) modification kits for installation in the French E-3F AWACS aircraft fleet. The estimated cost is \$190 million.

The 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.

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.