

Sincerely,  
Richard Steinkamp,  
*Acting Chairman, Committee for the  
Implementation of Textile Agreements.*  
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**DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE****Office of the Secretary****[Transmittal No. 00-62]****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. 104-614 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 00-62 with attached transmittal and policy justification.

Dated: September 13, 2000.

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## DEFENSE SECURITY COOPERATION AGENCY

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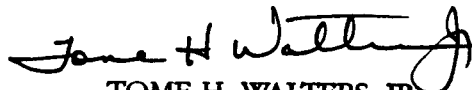
**6 SEP 2000****In reply refer to:  
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**Honorable J. Dennis Hastert  
Speaker of the House of  
Representatives  
Washington, D.C. 20515-6501**

**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. 00-62, concerning 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 \$690 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**

**Attachments**

**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**

**Transmittal No. 00-62****Notice of Proposed Issuance of Letter of Offer  
Pursuant to Section 36(b)(1)  
of the Arms Export Control Act**

- (i) **Prospective Purchaser: Saudi Arabia**
- (ii) **Total Estimated Value:**  
Major Defense Equipment\* \$ 0 million  
Other \$ 690 million  
TOTAL \$ 690 million
- (iii) **Description of Articles or Services Offered: A continuation of contractor maintenance and training technical services, spare and repair parts, support equipment, modification facilities, and labor to accomplish programmed depot maintenance on their F-15 aircraft.**
- (iv) **Military Department: Air Force (QBC)**
- (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: none**
- (vii) **Date Report Delivered to Congress: 6 SEP 2000**

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

## **POLICY JUSTIFICATION**

### **Saudi Arabia - Programmed Depot Maintenance for F-15 Aircraft**

**The Government of Saudi Arabia has requested a possible sale for a continuation of contractor maintenance and training technical services, spare and repair parts, support equipment, modification facilities, and labor to accomplish programmed depot maintenance (PDM) on their F-15 aircraft. The estimated cost is \$690 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.**

**The contractor maintenance and training technical services will not alter the basic military balance in the region.**

**Saudi Arabia remains a highly valued, friendly nation and continues to lead the way for improvements in US-Arab relations. Its strategic location, proven oil reserves and moderate stance in the Arab world link its international interests and security with those of the United States. The Royal Saudi Air Force (RSAF) was a valuable participant in the Gulf War coalition and provides a tested deterrent force against aggression in the region.**

**The Royal Saudi Air Force will use contractor provided organizational and intermediate level maintenance and training services to maintain the operational capabilities of the F-15 aircraft. The PDM effort involves tear down and inspection of complete aircraft components. Any aircraft components will be repaired or replaced if they are found defective. The contractor services will provide for a continuation of the required logistics support through 2008.**

**The prime contractor will be Al-Salam Aircraft Co. (50% owned by Boeing Co.) of Saudi Arabia. There are no offset agreements proposed in connection with this potential sale.**

**Implementation of this proposed sale will require the assignment of six U.S. Government and 50 contractor representatives in-country to support the program.**

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