

POLICY JUSTIFICATION

Israel - JP-8 Aviation Jet Fuel

The Government of Israel has requested a possible purchase of JP-8 aviation jet fuel. The estimated cost is \$111 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 Middle East.

The proposed sale of the JP-8 aviation fuel will enable Israel to maintain the operational capability of its aircraft inventory. Israel will have no difficulty absorbing this additional fuel into their armed forces.

The proposed sale of this JP-aviation fuel will not affect the basic military balance in the region.

Procurement of the aviation jet fuel will be from the same contractors providing aviation fuel to the U.S. armed forces. There are no offset agreements proposed in connection with this potential sale.

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

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

Defense Science Board

ACTION: Notice of Advisory Committee meetings.

SUMMARY: The Defense Science Board (DSB) Task Force on High Energy Laser Weapon Systems Applications will meet in closed session on October 19-20, 2000, at Strategic Analysis Inc., 3601 Wilson Boulevard, Arlington, VA 22201.

The mission of the Defense Science Board is to advise the Secretary of Defense and the Under Secretary of Defense for Acquisition, Technology & Logistics on scientific and technical matters as they affect the perceived needs of the Department of Defense. At this meeting, the Task Force will review on-going or proposed programs in high energy laser (HEL) applications; examine recent supporting technology advancements and their applications with respect to supporting military HEL weapon system developments; develop potential military and strategic HEL

system applications and identify processes required to implement these potentials; determine what needs to be done to "weaponize" these systems; and assess HEL operational concepts, impacts and limitations, considering legal, treaty and policy issues concerning HEL employment.

In accordance with Section 10(d) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act, Public Law 92-463, as amended (5 U.S.C. App. II, (1994)), it has been determined that these Defense Science Board meetings, concern matters listed in 5 U.S.C. § 552b(c)(1) (1994), and that accordingly these meetings will be closed to the public.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Office of the Secretary

U.S. Strategic Command Strategic Advisory Group

AGENCY: Department of Defense, USSTRATCOM.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Strategic Advisory Group (SAG) will meet in closed session on November 2 and 3, 2000. The mission of the SAG is to provide timely advice on scientific, and policy-related issues to the Commander in Chief, U.S. Strategic Command, during the development of the nation's strategic war plans.

At this meeting, the SAG will discuss strategic issues that relate to the development of the Single Integrated Operational Plan (SIOP). Full development of the topics will require discussion of information classified TOP SECRET in accordance with Executive Order 12958, April 17, 1995. Access to this information must be strictly limited to personnel having requisite security clearances and specific need-to-know. Unauthorized disclosure of the information to be discussed at the SAG meeting could