

DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE**Office of the Secretary**

[Transmittal No. 99-33]

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. 104-164 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 99-33 with attached transmittal, policy justification, and Sensitivity of Technology.

Dated: September 17, 1999.

Patricia L. Toppings,

Alternate OSD Federal Register Liaison Officer, Department of Defense.

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. 99-33, concerning the Department of the Army's proposed Letter(s) of Offer and Acceptance (LOA) to Kuwait for defense articles and services estimated to cost \$80 million. Soon after this letter is delivered to your office, we plan to notify the news media.

Sincerely,

Michael S. Davison, Jr.,
Lieutenant General, USA 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

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

- (i) **Prospective Purchaser:** Kuwait
- (ii) **Total Estimated Value:**
 - Major Defense Equipment* \$ 49 million
 - Other \$ 31 million
 - TOTAL \$ 80 million
- (iii) **Description of Articles or Services Offered:** Seven hundred twenty-eight TOW-2B anti-armor guided missiles, 11 lot acceptance missiles, publications, test equipment and other related elements of logistics support.
- (iv) **Military Department:** Army (UKH)
- (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:** See Annex attached
- (vii) **Date Report Delivered to Congress:** 8 Sep 1999

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

POLICY JUSTIFICATION**Kuwait - TOW-2B Anti-Armor Guided Missiles**

The Government of Kuwait has requested a possible sale of 728 TOW-2B anti-armor guided missiles, 11 lot acceptance missiles, publications, test equipment and other related elements of logistics support. The estimated cost is \$80 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.

Kuwait will augment their land forces with these TOW-2B anti-armor guided missiles. This weapon sale will greatly enhance the coalition efforts within the region. Kuwait, which already has TOW-2B missiles in its inventory, will have no difficulty absorbing these additional missiles.

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

The prime contractor will be the Raytheon Corporation, Mesa, Arizona. 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 Kuwait.

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

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**Annex
Item No. vi**

(vi) Sensitivity of Technology:

1. The TOW-2B anti-armor guided missile is a top attack anti-tank missiles. The warhead contains two each tantalum explosively formed penetrators (EFPs). The EFPs provide a much greater amount of behind armor debris than the standard copper shaped charge warheads of the TOW and TOW 2A. The combination of the EFPs characteristics and softer impact points via top attack, result in increased missile lethality.

2. The weapon system detects targets using two sensors, optical and magnetic. The optical sensor contains specific software information which analyzes a target based on known parameters. These parameters must be met before the weapons system will arm. Working in coordination with the optical system is a magnetic sensor which senses the magnetic signature of a target also based on known parameters.

3. The system hardware provided with the sale is Unclassified. However, sensitive technology is contained within the missile system software programs, especially the embedded software in the profilometers and those which instruct the system how to operate in the presence of countermeasures. Sale of the system implies the release of classified Secret information in the area of operating performance of the TOW 2B missile.

4. A determination has been made that Kuwait can provide substantially the same degree of protection for the sensitive technology being released as the U.S. Government. This sale is necessary in furtherance of the U.S. foreign policy and national security objectives outlined in the Policy Justification.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE**Department of the Army****Army Science Board; Notice of Open Meeting**

In accordance with Section 10(a)(2) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. 92-463), announcement is made of the following Committee Meeting:

Name of Committee: Army Science Board (ASB).

Date of Meeting: 4-6 October 1999.

Time of Meeting: 0800-1800.

Place: Ft. Sill, Oklahoma.

Agenda: The Army Science Board's (ASB) membership will receive briefings on

ongoing studies, plan forthcoming studies and will receive presentations regarding major Army initiatives and issues. These meetings will be open to the public. Any interested person may attend, appear before, or file statements with the committee at the time and in the manner permitted by the committee. For further information, please contact Wayne Joyner at (703) 604-7490.

Wayne Joyner,

Program Support Specialist, Army Science Board.

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DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION**Submission for OMB Review;
Comment Request**

AGENCY: Department of Education.

SUMMARY: The Leader, Information Management Group, Office of the Chief Information Officer invites comments on the submission for OMB review as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995.

DATES: Interested persons are invited to submit comments on or before October 25, 1999.

ADDRESSES: Written comments should be addressed to the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Attention: Danny Werfel, Desk Officer, Department of Education, Office of Management and Budget, 725 17th Street, N.W., Room 10235, New Executive Office Building, Washington, D.C. 20503 or should be electronically mailed to the internet address DWERFEL@OMB.EOP.GOV.