be sent to Mr. Cushing, WHS/DIOR, 1215 Jefferson Davis Highway, Suite 1204, Arlington, VA 22202–4302.

Dated: December 31, 1997.

#### L.M. Bynum,

Alternate OSD Federal Register Liaison Officer, Department of Defense. [FR Doc. 98–414 Filed 1–7–98; 8:45 am]

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## **DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE**

#### Office of the Secretary

# Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

**ACTION:** Notice.

The Department of Defense has submitted to OMB for clearance, the following proposal for collection of information under the provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35).

Title, Associated Form, and OMB Number: Air Force Officer Training School (OTS) Accession Forms; AETC Forms 1413, 1422; OMB Number 0701– 0080.

Type of Request: Reinstatement. Number of Respondents: 2,000. Responses Per Respondent: 1. Annual Responses: 2,000. Average Burden Per Response: 1.25

Annual Burden Hours: 2.500.

Needs and Uses: The information collection requirement is necessary for use by field recruiters in the processing of Officer Training School applications for commissioning in the United States Air Force. Respondents are civilian candidates applying for commissioning as line officers. These forms provide pertinent information to facilitate selection of candidates for a commission by an Officer Selection Board.

Affected Public: Individuals or households.

Frequency: On occasion.

Respondent's Obligation: Required to obtain or retain benefits.

*OMB Desk Officer:* Mr. Edward C. Springer.

Written comments and recommendations on the proposed information collection should be sent to Mr. Springer at the Office of Management and Budget, Desk Officer for DoD, Room 10236, New Executive Office Building, Washington, DC 20503.

DOD Clearance Officer: Mr. Robert Cushing.

Written requests for copies of the information collection proposal should be sent to Mr. Cushing, WHS/DIOR, 1215 Jefferson Davis Highway, Suite 1204, Arlington, VA 22202–4302.

Dated: December 31, 1997.

#### L.M. Bynum,

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#### **DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE**

#### Office of the Secretary

[Transmittal No. 98-23]

## 36(b)(1) Arms Sales Notification

**AGENCY:** Department of Defense, Defense Security Assistance 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, DSAA/COMPT/RM, (703) 604–6575.

The following is a copy of a letter to the Speaker of the House of Representatives, Transmittal 98–23, with attached transmittal, policy justification, and sensitivity of technology pages.

Dated: December 31, 1997.

#### L.M. Bynum,

Alternate OSD Federal Register Liaison Officer, Department of Defense.

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#### DEFENSE SECURITY ASSISTANCE AGENCY

WASHINGTON, DC 20301-2800

23 DEC 1997 In reply refer to: I-57825/97

Honorable Newt Gingrich
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. 98-23, concerning the Department of the Air Force's proposed Letter(s) of Offer and Acceptance (LOA) to Israel for defense articles and services estimated to cost \$41 million. Soon after this letter is delivered to your office, we plan to notify the news media.

As requested in a briefing with SRFC staffers on December 19, 1997, attached is a letter provided by Lockheed Martin on the importance of the recess notification.

Sincerely,

H. Diehl McKalip Acting Director

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

RBm. Halip

Attachments

#### Transmittal No. 98-23

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

- (i) Prospective Purchaser: Israel
- (ii) Total Estimated Value:

  Major Defense Equipment\* \$ 29 million
  Other \$ 12 million
  TOTAL \$ 41 million
- (iii) Description of Articles or Services Offered:
  Forty-five AGM-142D air-to-ground missiles without data
  links (including 37 with Z-seeker heads and eight without
  seeker heads), containers, spare and repair parts,
  publications and technical data, U.S. Government and
  contractor technical and logistics personnel services and
  other related elements of program support. This proposed
  sale includes production start-up support for PGSUS, a
  Joint Venture between Lockheed-Martin Electronics and
  Missiles of Orlando, Florida, and Raphael of Israel.
  - (iv) <u>Military Department</u>: Air Force (YEP)
    - (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: 23 DEC 1997

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

## POLICY JUSTIFICATION

# Israel - AGM-142D Air-to-ground Missiles

The Government of Israel has requested a possible sale of 45 AGM-142D air-to-ground missiles without data links (including 37 with Z-seeker heads and eight without seeker heads), containers, spare and repair parts, publications and technical data, U.S. Government and contractor technical and logistics personnel services and other related elements of program support. This proposed sale includes production start-up support for PGSUS, a Joint Venture between Lockheed-Martin Electronics and Missiles of Orlando, Florida, and Raphael of Israel. The estimated cost is \$41 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.

This proposed sale of the AGM-142D missiles will allow Israel an increased capability to target, strike, and destroy high-value and hardened/buried targets. Israel, which already has AGM-142D air-to-ground missiles in its inventory, will have no difficulty absorbing these missiles.

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

The principal contractors will be Lockheed-Martin Electronics and Missiles of Orlando, Florida, and Raphael of Israel. There are no offset agreements proposed to be entered into in connection with this potential sale.

Implementation of this proposed sale will require the assignment of approximately 12 to 15 U.S. Government personnel and contractor representatives in-country for periodic visits up to three years.

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 AGM-142 stand-off air-to-ground missile hardware and software contain the following sensitive technologies which are classified Confidential: missile seeker hardware, range capability, data link capabilities and launch software (guidance algorithms).
- 2. If a technologically advanced adversary were to obtain knowledge of the specific hardware and software involved in this sale, the information could be used to develop countermeasures or systems which could reduce weapon system effectiveness or be used in the development of a system with similar or advanced capabilities.
- 3. A determination has been made that the recipient country 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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