POLICY JUSTIFICATION

Thailand - UH-60L BLACK HAWK Helicopters

The Government of Thailand has requested a possible sale of two UH-60L BLACK HAWK helicopters with engines, spare and repair parts, support equipment, publications and technical data, personnel training and training equipment, contractor engineering and technical support services and other related elements of logistics support. The estimated cost is $46 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 in the war on drugs.

The Royal Thai Navy (RTN) requires the helicopters to fulfill utility lift requirements. This was emphasized during the heightened operation tempo during the recent tsunami search and rescue operations. The RTN intends to reduce the variety of airframe platforms in its inventory. Thailand, which already has UH-60 model helicopters in its inventory, will have no difficulty absorbing these additional aircraft.

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

The prime contractor will be Sikorsky Aircraft Corporation of Stratford, Connecticut. There are no known offset agreements proposed in connection with this potential sale.

When the helicopters arrive, implementation will require eight U.S. contractor representatives for two weeks and one field service representative for up to two years in Thailand.

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

[Transmittal No. 05–34]

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 Public Law 104–164 dated July 21, 1996.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ms. J. Hurd, DSCA/DBO/ADM, (703) 604–6575.

The following is a copy of a letter to the Speaker of the House of Representatives, Transmittal 05–34 with attached transmittal, policy justification, and Section 484(a)(2).

Dated: July 27, 2005.

Jeannette Owings-Ballard,

OSD Federal Register Liaison Officer, Department of Defense.

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DEFENSE SECURITY COOPERATION AGENCY

WASHINGTON, DC 20301-2800

22 JUL 2005
In reply refer to:
I-05/007177

The 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, as amended, we are forwarding herewith Transmittal No. 05-34, concerning the Department of the Army's proposed Letter(s) of Offer and Acceptance to Colombia for defense articles and services estimated to cost $100 million. Soon after this letter is delivered to your office, we plan to notify the news media.

You will also find attached a determination as required by Section 484(a)(2) of the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961, as amended.

Sincerely,

Richard J. Millies
Deputy Director

Enclosures:
1. Transmittal
2. Policy Justification
3. Section 484(a)(2)

Same ltr to: House Committee on International Relations
Senate Committee on Foreign Relations
House Committee on Armed Services
Senate Committee on Armed Services
House Committee on Appropriations
Senate Committee on Appropriations

Transmittal No. 05-34

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

(i) Prospective Purchaser: Colombia

(ii) Total Estimated Value:

Major Defense Equipment*	$ 97 million
Other	$ 3 million
TOTAL	$100 million

Description and Quantity or Quantities of Articles or Services under Consideration for Purchase: eight UH-60L BLACK HAWK helicopters with engines, spare and repair parts, tools and support equipment, publications and technical data, personnel training and training equipment, U.S. Government and contractor technical assistance and other related elements of logistics support.

Military Department: Army (UXM)

Prior Related Cases, if any:
FMS case UUF - $143 million - 13Jun00
FMS case UTN - $116 million - 24Dec96
FMS case USI - $ 37 million - 28Dec93
FMS case ULY - $ 35 million - 29Jun89
FMS case UKZ - $ 36 million - 30Jul87

(vi) Sales Commission, Fee, etc., Paid, Offered, or Agreed to be Paid: none

Sensitivity of Technology Contained in the Defense Article or Defense Services Proposed to be Sold: none

Date Report Delivered to Congress: 22 JUL 2005

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

POLICY JUSTIFICATION

Colombia - UH-60L BLACK HAWK Helicopters

The Government of Colombia has requested a possible sale of eight UH-60L BLACK HAWK helicopters with engines, spare and repair parts, tools and support equipment, publications and technical data, personnel training and training equipment, U.S. Government and contractor technical assistance and other related elements of logistics support. The estimated cost is $100 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 in the war on drugs.

Colombia needs these helicopters to fulfill its strategic commitments and self-defense within the region and continue its counter narco-terrorist mission. These helicopters will be used to pinpoint and destroy narco-terrorists identified and operating within Colombia. The proposed sale will upgrade its anti-personnel and day/night mission capability, provide for the defense of vital installations, and provide close air support for ground forces. Colombia, which already has UH-60 model helicopters in its inventory, will have no difficulty absorbing these additional aircraft.

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

The principle contractors will be: United Technologies, Sikorsky Aircraft Corporation of Stratford, Connecticut and General Electric of Lynn, Massachusetts. There are no known 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 and contractor representatives to Colombia.

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

DETERMINATION

Pursuant to § 484 of the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961, as amended (22 U.S.C. 2261) (the "Act"), the International Narcotics Control Corrections Act of 1994, Executive Order 12163, as amended, and State Department Delegation of Authority Number 145, I hereby waive the application of § 484(a)(1) of the Act (which requires that the United States retain title to aircraft made available to a foreign country primarily for narcotics-related purposes), for the sale of eight UH-60L BLACK HAWK helicopters to the Government of Colombia because retention of title to the aircraft would be contrary to the national interest of the United States.

This waiver shall be reported to Congress immediately in accordance with the procedures applicable to reprogramming notifications under § 634A of the Act as required by § 484(a)(2)(ii) of the Act.

JUN 27 2005

Date

Robert Joseph
Under Secretary of State for
Arms Control and
International Security

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Office of the Secretary

[Transmittal No. 05–40]

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 Public Law 104–164 dated July 21, 1996.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ms. J. Hurd, DSCA/DBO/ADM, (703) 604–6575.

The following is a copy of a letter to the Speaker of the House of Representatives Transmittal 05–40 with attached transmittal and policy justification.

Dated: July 27, 2005.

Jeannette Owings-Ballard,

OSD Federal Register Liaison Officer, Department of Defense.

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