The proposed sale will also provide SANG with additional command, control, and communications equipment needed to operate in a secure communications environment that will facilitate the performance of its mission within Saudi Arabia. It is consistent with the National Command Authority's intent for stability in the Central Command Area of Operation. The radios will modernize equipment and provide the critical VHF and HF links necessary for a large fast moving force and integration with the SINCGAR radios SANG already has fielded in its Light Armored Vehicle and Light Infantry Brigades.

The proposed sale of this equipment and support will not affect the basic military balance in the region. Saudi Arabia is capable of absorbing and maintaining this additional MDE equipment in its inventory.

The principle contractors will be:

Fabrique Nationale Herstal, USA	**McLean, Virginia**
ITT Aerospace/Communications	**Fort Wayne, Indiana**
Harris Corporation	**Rochester, New York**
Motorola Corporation	**Schaumburg, Illinois**

There are no known offset agreements proposed in connection with this potential sale.

At present, there are approximately 219 U.S. Government personnel and 541 contractor representatives in country supporting the SANG modernization program.

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. 06–04]

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 21 July 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 06–04 with attached transmittal, policy justification, and Sensitivity of Technology.

Dated: October 31, 2005.

L.M. Bynum,

OSD Federal Register Liaison Officer, Department of Defense.

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DEFENSE SECURITY COOPERATION AGENCY

WASHINGTON, DC 20301-2800

3 OCT 2005
In reply refer to:
I-05/001703

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. 06-04, concerning the Department of the Air Force's proposed Letter(s) of Offer and Acceptance to Saudi Arabia for defense articles and services estimated to cost $401 million. Soon after this letter is delivered to your office, we plan to notify the news media.

Sincerely,

JEFFREY B. KOHLER
LIEUTENANT GENERAL, USAF
DIRECTOR

Enclosures:
1. Transmittal
2. Policy Justification
3. Sensitivity of Technology

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

Transmittal No. 06-04

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: Saudi Arabia**

(ii) **Total Estimated Value:**

Major Defense Equipment*	$ 92 million
Other	$309 million
TOTAL	$401 million

(iii) **Description and Quantity or Quantities of Articles or Services under Consideration for Purchase: 165 Link 16 Multifunctional Information Distribution System/Low Volume Terminals (Fighter Data Link terminals), 25 Joint Tactical Information Distribution System terminals, installation, testing, spare and repair parts, support equipment, personnel training, training equipment, contractor engineering and technical support, and other related elements of program support.**

(iv) **Military Department: Air Force (QAB)**

(v) **Prior Related Cases, if any: none**

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

(vii) **Sensitivity of Technology Contained in the Defense Article or Defense Services Proposed to be Sold: See Annex attached**

(viii) **Date Report Delivered to Congress: 3 OCT 2005**

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

POLICY JUSTIFICATION

Saudi Arabia - Multifunctional Information Distribution System/Low Volume Terminals

The Government of Saudi Arabia has requested a possible sale of 165 Link 16 Multifunctional Information Distribution System (MIDS)/Low Volume Terminals (Fighter Data Link terminals), 25 Joint Tactical Information Distribution System (JTIDS) terminals, installation, testing, spare and repair parts, support equipment, personnel training, training equipment, contractor engineering and technical support, and other related elements of program support. The estimated cost is $401 million.

This sale will contribute to the foreign policy and national security of the United States by helping to improve the security of a friendly country that has been and continues to be an important force for political stability and economic progress in the Middle East.

The MIDS terminals will increase pilot operational effectiveness by at-a-glance portrayal of targets, threats, and friendly forces on an easy-to-understand relative position display. This proposed system will increase combat effectiveness while reducing the threat of friendly fire. The system will increase benefits of joint training exercises and foster interoperability with the U.S Air Force and other countries. Combined with AWACS and ground Command and Control, MIDS/JTIDS will provide allied forces greater situational awareness in any coalition operation.

The proposed sale of this equipment and support will not affect the basic military balance in the region. Saudi Arabia is capable of absorbing and maintaining these additional MIDS/JTIDS terminals in its inventory.

The prime contractor will be Data Link Solutions of Wayne, New Jersey. There are no known offset agreements proposed in connection with this potential sale.

Implementation of this proposed sale will require the assignment of 10 each U.S. Government and contractor representatives for one-week intervals annually to participate in training, program management and technical review. There will be up to 12 contractor representatives in Saudi Arabia to provide technical assistance on a permanent basis.

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

Transmittal No. 06-04

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

Classified Annex Item No. vii

(vii) Sensitivity of Technology:

1. The Multifunctional Information Distribution System (MIDS)/Low Volume Terminals Fighter Data Link (FDL) COMSEC device provides improved situational awareness and sensor cueing in support of air superiority and interdiction missions. The FDL provides Link 16 data link networking with other Link 16 capable aircraft, command, and control systems. The FDL shares a number of components with the MIDS terminal.

2. The MIDS terminal hardware, publications, performance specifications, operational capability, parameters, vulnerabilities to countermeasures, and software documentation are classified Confidential. The classified information to be provided consists of that which is necessary for the operation, maintenance, and repair (through intermediate level) of the data link terminal, installed systems, and related software.

3. The advanced tactical data link system contains sensitive state-of-the-art technology. Some of the hardware (Joint Tactical Information Distribution System and other "Link-16 Like" terminals), publications, performance specifications, operational capability, parameters, vulnerabilities to countermeasures, and software documentation are classified Confidential. The classified information to be provided consists of that which is necessary for the operation, maintenance, and repair (through intermediate level) of the data link terminals, installed systems and related software.

4. If a technologically advanced adversary were to obtain knowledge of the specific hardware and software elements, the information could be used to develop countermeasures or equivalent systems which might reduce weapon system effectiveness or be used in the development of a system with similar or advanced capabilities.

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DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

Notice of Proposed Information Collection Requests

AGENCY: Department of Education.

SUMMARY: The Leader, Information Management Case Services Team, Regulatory Information Management Services, Office of the Chief Information Officer, invites comments on the proposed information collection requests as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995.

DATES: Interested persons are invited to submit comments on or before January 3, 2006.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Section 3506 of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35) requires that the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) provide interested Federal agencies and the public an early