squadron operations facilities, other F–15QA related support structures, construction/facilities/design services, cybersecurity services, mission critical computer resources, support services, force protection services, and other related elements of logistics and program support.

(iv) Military Department: Air Force
(X7–D–QAL)

(v) Prior Related Cases, if any:
Air Force: QA–D–SAC, QA–D–TAH,
QA–D–YAB
AAH, QA–P–LAC, QA–P–LAE

(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:
None

(viii) Date Report Delivered to
Congress: November 1, 2017

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

POLICY JUSTIFICATION
Qatar—F–15QA Construction,
Cybersecurity, and Force Protection
Infraestructure

The Government of Qatar has
requested support of its F–15QA multi-
role fighter aircraft program to include
design and construction services, new
parking/loading ramps, hot cargo pads,
taxiways, hangars, back shops, alert
facilities, weapons storage areas,
hardened shelters, squadron operations
facilities, maintenance facilities,
training facilities, information
technology support and cyber facilities,
force protection support facilities,
squadron operations facilities, other
F–15QA related support structures,
construction/facilities/design services,
cybersecurity services, mission critical
computer resources, support services,
force protection services, and other
related elements of logistics and
program support. The estimated cost is
$1.1 billion.

This proposed sale supports the
foreign policy and national security
objectives of the United States. Qatar
is an important force for political stability
and economic progress in the Persian
Gulf region. Our mutual defense
interests anchor our relationship and
the Qatar Emiri Air Force (QEAF) plays
a predominant role in Qatar’s defense.

The proposed sale improves Qatar’s
capability to operate and sustain its F–
15QA aircraft. A robust construction,
cybersecurity, and force protection
infrastructure is vital to ensuring the
QEAF partners can utilize the F–15QA
aircraft to its full potential. Qatar will
have no difficulty absorbing this
support into its armed forces.

The proposed sale of this
construction, cybersecurity, and force
protection infrastructure will not alter
the basic military balance in the region.

The prime contractor for construction,
cybersecurity, and force protection
infrastructure will be determined
through competition. The purchaser
typically requests offsets. Any offset
agreement will be defined in
negotiations between the purchaser and
the contractor.

Implementation of the construction,
cybersecurity, and force protection
aspects of this notification include the
establishment of a construction office in
Doha with as many as ten (10) U.S.
Government civilians which will adjust
in size as case workload varies.

Anticipated contractor footprint for this
effort is approximately fifteen (15) to
fifty (50) personnel, which may vary
based on phases of construction and
establishment of required services.

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

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Office of the Secretary

[Transmittal No. 17–47]

Arms Sales Notification

AGENCY: Defense Security Cooperation
Agency, Department of Defense.

ACTION: Arms sales notice.

SUMMARY: The Department of Defense is
publishing the unclassified text of an
arms sales notification.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This
36(b)(1) arms sales notification is
published to fulfill the requirements of
section 155 of Public Law 104–164
dated July 21, 1996. The following is a
copy of a letter to the Speaker of the
House of Representatives, Transmittal
17–47 with attached Policy Justification
and Sensitivity of Technology.


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ARLINGTON, VA 22202-6408

The Honorable Paul D. Ryan
Speaker of the House
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Mr. Speaker:

Pursuant to the reporting requirements of Section 36(b)(1) of the Arms Export Control Act, as amended, we are forwarding hereewith Transmittal No. 17-47, concerning the Navy’s proposed Letter(s) of Offer and Acceptance to the Government of the Czech Republic for defense articles and services estimated to cost $575 million. After this letter is delivered to your office, we plan to issue a news release to notify the public of this proposed sale.

Sincerely,

Charles W. Hooper
Director

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

(iii) Description and Quantity or Quantities of Articles or Services under Consideration for Purchase:

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<td>12 UH–1Y Utility Helicopters</td>
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<td>25 T–700 GE 401C Engines (24 installed, one (1) spare)</td>
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(i) Prospective Purchaser: Government of the Czech Republic

(ii) Total Estimated Value: $575.0 million
Inertial Navigation System (INS) (EGI) (十二 (12) installed, one (1) spare)
Twelve (12) 7.62mm M240 Machine Guns
Non-MDE includes:
Brite Star II FLIR system, Aircraft Survivability Equipment (ASE) (includes the AN/AAR–47 Missile Warning and Laser Detection System, AN/ALE–47 Counter Measure Dispensing System (CMDS) and the AN/APR–39 Radar Warning Receiver (RWR)), Joint Mission Planning Systems, Helmet Mounted Displays, communication equipment, small caliber gun systems including GAU–17A and GAU–21, electronic warfare systems, Identification Friend or Foe (IFF) Mode 4/5 transponder, support equipment, spare engine containers, spare and repair parts, tools and test equipment, technical data and publications, personnel training and training equipment, U.S. government and contractor engineering, technical, and logistics support services, and other related elements of logistics and program support.

(iv) Military Department: Navy
(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 Attached Annex
(viii) Date Report Delivered to Congress: October 11, 2017

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

POLICY JUSTIFICATION

Czech Republic—UH–1Y Utility Helicopters

The Government of the Czech Republic has requested the possible sale of twelve (12) UH–1Y utility helicopters, twenty-five (25) T–700 GE 401C engines (twenty-four (24) installed, one (1) spare), thirteen (13) Honeywell Embedded GPS/INS (EGI) (twelve (12) installed, one (1) spare), and twelve (12) 7.62mm M240 Machine Guns. This request also includes Brite Star II FLIR system, Aircraft Survivability Equipment (ASE) (includes the AN/AAR–47 Missile Warning and Laser Detection System, AN/ALE–47 Counter Measure Dispensing System (CMDS) and the AN/APR–39 Radar Warning Receiver (RWR)), Joint Mission Planning Systems, Helmet Mounted Displays, communication equipment, small caliber gun systems including GAU–17A and GAU–21, electronic warfare systems, Identification Friend or Foe (IFF) Mode 4/5 transponder, support equipment, spare engine containers, spare and repair parts, tools and test equipment, technical data and publications, personnel training and training equipment, U.S. government and contractor engineering, technical, and logistics support services, and other related elements of logistics and program support.

(iv) Military Department: Navy
(v) Prior Related Cases, if any: None
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This proposed sale will support the foreign policy and national security of the United States by helping to improve the security of a NATO partner that is an important force for ensuring peace and stability in Europe. The proposed sale will support the Czech Republic’s needs for its own self-defense and support NATO defense goals.

The Czech Republic intends to use these helicopters to modernize its armed forces and strengthen its homeland defense and deter regional threats. This will contribute to the Czech Republic’s military goal of updating its capabilities while further enhancing interoperability with the United States and other NATO allies. The Czech Republic will have no difficulty absorbing these helicopters into its armed forces.

This proposed sale of equipment and support will not alter the basic military balance in the region.

The principal contractors will be Bell Helicopter, Textron, Fort Worth, Texas; and General Electric Company, Lynn, Massachusetts. There are no known offset agreements proposed in conjunction with this potential sale.

Implementation of this proposed sale will require multiple trips by U.S. Government and contractor representatives to participate in program and technical reviews plus training and maintenance support in country, on a temporary basis, for a period of twenty-four (24) months. It will also require three (3) Contractor Engineering Technical Service (CETS) representatives to reside in country for a period of two (2) years to support this program.

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

Transmittal No. 17–47
Notice of Proposed Issuance of Letter of Offer Pursuant to Section 36(b)(1) of the Arms Export Control Act
Annex
Item No. vii
(vii) Sensitivity of Technology:
1. The following components and technical documentation for the program are classified as listed below:

   a. The UH–1Y-model has an Integrated Avionics System (IAS) which includes two (2) mission computers and an automatic flight control system. Each crew station has two (2) 8x6-inch multifunction liquid crystal displays (LCD) and one (1) 4.2x4.2-inch dual function LCD display. The communications suite will have COMSEC ARC–210 Ultra High Frequency Very High Frequency (UHF/VHF) radios with associated communications equipment. The navigation suite includes Honeywell Embedded Global Positioning System (GPS) Inertial Navigation System (INS) (EGI) w/Precise Positioning Service (PPS), a digital map system, a low-airspeed air data subsystem, and an AN/APX–123/A(V) IFF Transponder.
   b. The crew is equipped with the Optimized Top Owl (OTO) helmet-mounted sight and display system. The OTO has a Day Display Module (DDM) and a Night Display Module (NDM). The UH–1Y has survivability equipment including the AN/AAR–47 Missile Warning and Laser Detection System, AN/ALE–47 Counter Measure Dispensing System (CMDS) and the AN/APR–39 Radar Warning Receiver (RWR) to cover countermeasure dispensers, radar warning, incoming/on-way missile warning and on fuselage laser-spot warning systems.
   c. The following performance data and technical characteristics are classified as follows for the UH–1Y Airframe: countermeasure capability—up to SECRET, counter-countermeasures capability—SECRET, vulnerability to countermeasures—SECRET, vulnerability to electromagnetic pulse from nuclear environmental effects—SECRET.

2. If a technologically advanced adversary were to obtain knowledge of the specific hardware and software elements, the information could be used to develop countermeasures which might reduce weapon system effectiveness.

3. The consequences of the loss of this technology to a technologically advanced or competent adversary could result in the compromise of equivalent systems, which in turn could reduce those weapons systems’ effectiveness, or be used in the development of a system with similar or advanced capabilities.

4. A determination has been made that the Czech Republic can provide substantially the same degree of protection for the sensitive technology being released as the U.S. Government. This sale of the UH–1Y helicopter and associated weapons will further U.S. foreign policy and national security objectives.
5. All defense articles and services listed in this transmittal are authorized for release and export to the Government of the Czech Republic.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Office of the Secretary
[Transmittal No. 17–57]

Arms Sales Notification


ACTION: Arms sales notice.

SUMMARY: The Department of Defense is publishing the unclassified text of an arms sales notification.

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