

dedicated service to our State and Nation.

I also want to congratulate General Neely's successor, Maj. Gen. Rodney Boyd. General Boyd will make history as the first Black officer to command our State's National Guard, and he is incredibly qualified to serve as the 41st Adjutant General for Illinois. I have no doubt that he will faithfully serve the State of Illinois and live by the legacy of leadership General Neely leaves behind. I look forward to working with him, and I wish him luck in this newest challenge.

General Neely, you are nothing short of exceptional. You exemplify leadership, embody dedication to our country, and epitomize the very best of America. Thank you for your service. I am honored to call you a fellow Illinoisan.

Loretta and I wish you, your wife Tammy and your children—Ashley, Denton, Janay, Jennifer, and Jessica—nothing but the best in this next, well-earned chapter of your life.

REMEMBERING COLIN C. SMITH

Mr. GRASSLEY. Mr. President, with a heavy heart, I come to the floor of the U.S. Senate to pay my respects for the unexpected and tragic passing of a young Iowan earlier this year. Colin C. Smith lost his life at age of 37, while scuba diving in February. He had a longtime passion for this deep sea pursuit and was a seasoned diver. For 20 years, he had enjoyed scuba diving in Grand Cayman and always looked forward to visit this special place with his family.

During his undergraduate years, Colin served as an intern in my Senate office. This was just the first rung on his ladder of government service. He also landed a White House internship during the George W. Bush administration. After graduating from the University of Iowa in 2009, Colin went on to earn his law degree from the University of Virginia School of Law.

Then, Colin returned to his Hawkeye roots in 2012 and launched his legal career at the Nyemaster Goode Law Firm in Des Moines. Not long after that, he answered the call to public service and accepted the opportunity to serve as Legal Counsel for two chief executives for the State of Iowa, Governors Terry Branstad and Kim Reynolds, respectively. Most recently, he was a partner in the Sullivan and Ward Law Firm.

His professional achievements matched his ambitious travel itinerary exploring the world. Not even a year ago, Colin had returned from a 2-week trek to Antarctica. I am told his globe-trotting bucket list included bringing his beloved daughter Maddie on a safari to Tanzania this summer and to places around the world as she grew older. May Colin's zeal for adventure and discovery carry on through his daughter.

Barbara and I send our condolences to Colin's family and loved ones. We are grateful to call his parents Jim and

Cindy Smith good friends. In your time of bereavement and mourning, our hearts go out to you. No parent ought to experience the grief of laying a child to eternal rest. Take comfort in the joy Colin's life brought to all who knew and loved him. May his memory bring you peace in the years to come.

ARMS SALES NOTIFICATIONS

Mr. CARDIN. Mr. President, section 36(b) of the Arms Export Control Act requires that Congress receive prior notification of certain proposed arms sales as defined by that statute. Upon such notification, the Congress has 30 calendar days during which the sale may be reviewed. The provision stipulates that, in the Senate, the notification of proposed sales shall be sent to the chairman of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee.

In keeping with the committee's intention to see that relevant information is still available to the full Senate, I ask unanimous consent to have printed in the RECORD the notifications that have been received. If the cover letter references a classified annex, then such an annex is available to all Senators in the office of the Foreign Relations Committee, room SD-423.

There being no objection, the material was ordered to be printed in the RECORD, as follows:

DEFENSE SECURITY
COOPERATION AGENCY,
Washington, DC.

Hon. BENJAMIN L. CARDIN,
Chairman, Committee on Foreign Relations,
U.S. Senate, Washington, DC.

DEAR MR. CHAIRMAN: Pursuant to the reporting requirements of Section 36(b)(1) of the Arms Export Control Act, as amended, we are forwarding herewith Transmittal No. 24-35, concerning the Navy's proposed Letter(s) of Offer and Acceptance to the Government of the Netherlands for defense articles and services estimated to cost \$700 million. We will issue a news release to notify the public of this proposed sale upon delivery of this letter to your office.

Sincerely,

JAMES A. HURSCH,
Director.

Enclosures.

TRANSMITTAL NO. 24-35

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: Government of the Netherlands.

(ii) Total Estimated Value:

Major Defense Equipment* \$575 million.

Other \$125 million.

Total \$700 million.

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

Major Defense Equipment (MDE):

Two hundred sixty-five (265) AGM-88G Advanced Anti-Radiation Guided Missiles—Extended Range (AARGM-ER) All Up Rounds (AUR) (includes fifteen (15) Fly-to-Buy Rounds).

Eight (8) AGM-88G AARGM-ER Guidance Sections (spares).

Eight (8) AGM-88G AARGM-ER Control Sections (spares).

Non-MDE: Also included are Dummy Air Training Missiles (DATM); missile con-

tainers; software; training; support equipment; spare and repair parts; embedded GPS receiver, M-Code; publications and technical documentation; transportation; U.S. Government and contractor engineering; technical and logistical support services; and other related elements of logistics and program support.

(iv) Military Department: Navy (NE-P-AGP).

(v) Prior Related Cases, if any: None.

(vi) Sales Commission, Fee, etc., Paid, Offered, or Agreed to be Paid: None known at this time.

(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: April 24, 2024.

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

POLICY JUSTIFICATION

The Netherlands—Advanced Anti-Radiation Guided Missiles—Extended Range

The Government of the Netherlands has requested to buy two hundred sixty-five (265) AGM-88G Advanced Anti-Radiation Guided Missiles—Extended Range (AARGM-ER) All Up Rounds (AUR) (includes fifteen (15) Fly-to-Buy Rounds); eight (8) AGM-88G AARGM-ER Guidance Sections (spares); and eight (8) AGM-88G AARGM-ER Control Sections (spares). Also included are Dummy Air Training Missiles (DATM), missile containers; software; training; support equipment; spare and repair parts; embedded GPS receiver, M-Code; publications and technical documentation; transportation; U.S. Government and contractor engineering; technical and logistical support services; and other related elements of logistics and program support. The estimated total cost is \$700 million.

This proposed sale will support the foreign policy and national security objectives of the United States by improving the security of a NATO Ally that is a force for political stability and economic progress in Europe.

The proposed sale will improve the Netherlands' capability to meet current and future threats by suppressing and destroying land or sea-land based radar emitters associated with enemy air defenses. This capability denies the adversary the use of its air defense systems, thereby improving the survivability of the Netherlands tactical aircraft. The Netherlands will have no difficulty absorbing this equipment into its armed forces.

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

The principal contractor will be Northrop Grumman Systems located in Falls Church, VA. There are no known offset agreements proposed in connection with this potential sale.

Implementation of this proposed sale will require multiple trips by ten U.S. Government representatives and the assignment of four contractor representatives to the Netherlands on an intermittent basis over the life of the case to support delivery and integration of items and to provide supply support management, inventory control and equipment familiarization.

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

TRANSMITTAL NO. 24-35

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 AGM-88G Advanced Anti-Radiation Guided Missile—Extended Range (AARGM-

ER) is a medium-range air-to-ground missile employed for Suppression and/or Destruction of Enemy Air Defenses. The AGM-88G AARGM-ER system is an upgrade to the AGM-88E AARGM, which is an upgrade and modification to the AGM-88B High-Speed Anti-Radiation Missile (HARM) system. AARGM baseline capabilities include an expanded target set, countershutdown capability, advanced signals processing for improved detection and locating, geographic specificity providing aircrew the opportunity to define missile-impact zones and impact-avoidance zones, and a weapon impact-assessment broadcast capability providing for battle damage assessment cueing. The AARGM-ER incorporates hardware and software modifications to improve upon AGM-88E AARGM capabilities to extend the range, increase survivability, and enhance effectiveness against future threats.

2. The highest level of classification of defense articles, components, and services included in this potential sale is SECRET.

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

4. A determination has been made that the Netherlands 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.

5. All defense articles and services listed in this transmittal have been authorized for release and export to the Government of the Netherlands.

ARMS SALES NOTIFICATION

Mr. CARDIN. Mr. President, section 36(b) of the Arms Export Control Act requires that Congress receive prior notification of certain proposed arms sales as defined by that statute. Upon such notification, the Congress has 30 calendar days during which the sale may be reviewed. The provision stipulates that, in the Senate, the notification of proposed sales shall be sent to the chairman of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee.

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DEFENSE SECURITY
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Washington, DC.

Hon. BENJAMIN L. CARDIN,
Chairman, Committee on Foreign Relations,
U.S. Senate, Washington, DC.

DEAR MR. CHAIRMAN: Pursuant to the reporting requirements of Section 36(b)(1) of the Arms Export Control Act, as amended, we are forwarding herewith Transmittal No. 24-37, concerning the Navy's proposed Letter(s) of Offer and Acceptance to the Govern-

ment of Poland for defense articles and services estimated to cost \$1.275 billion. We will issue a news release to notify the public of this proposed sale upon delivery of this letter to your office.

Sincerely,

JAMES A. HURSCH,
Director.

Enclosures.

TRANSMITTAL NO. 24-37

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: Government of Poland.

(ii) Total Estimated Value:

Major Defense Equipment * \$.775 billion.

Other \$.500 billion.

Total \$1.275 billion.

Funding Source: Foreign Military Financing and National Funds.

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

Major Defense Equipment (MDE):

Three hundred sixty (360) AGM-88G Advanced Anti-Radiation Guided Missiles—Extended Range (AARGM-ER) All Up Rounds (AUR).

Eight (8) AGM-88G AARGM-ER Guidance Sections (spares).

Eight (8) AGM-88G AARGM-ER Control Sections (spares).

Non-MDE: Also included are Dummy Air Training Missiles (DATM); missile containers, software; training; support equipment; spare and repair parts; embedded Global Positioning System receiver, M-Code; publications and technical documentation; transportation, U.S. Government and contractor engineering; technical and logistical support services; and other related elements of logistics and program support.

(iv) Military Department: Navy (PL-P-ABE).

(v) Prior Related Cases, if any: None.

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

(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: April 24, 2024.

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

POLICY JUSTIFICATION

Poland—Advanced Anti-Radiation Guided Missiles—Extended Range

The Government of Poland has requested to buy three hundred sixty (360) Advanced Anti-Radiation Guided Missile-Extended Range (AARGM-ER) All Up Rounds (AUR); eight (8) AGM-88G AARGM-ER Guidance Sections (spares); and eight (8) AGM-88G AARGM-ER Control Sections (spares). Also included are Dummy Air Training Missiles (DATM); missile containers, software; training; support equipment; spare and repair parts; embedded Global Positioning System receiver, M-Code; publications and technical documentation; transportation, U.S. Government and contractor engineering; technical and logistical support services; and other related elements of logistics and program support. The estimated total cost is \$1.275 billion.

This proposed sale will support the foreign policy goals and national security objectives of the United States by improving the security of a NATO Ally that is a force for political stability and economic progress in Europe.

The proposed sale will improve Poland's capability to meet current and future threats by strengthening its self-defense capabilities to suppress and destroy land- or

sea-based radar emitters associated with enemy air defenses. This capability denies the adversary the use of its air defense systems, thereby improving the survivability of Poland's tactical aircraft. Poland will have no difficulty absorbing this equipment into its armed forces.

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

The principal contractor will be Northrop Grumman Systems located in Falls Church, VA. There are no known offset agreements proposed in connection with this potential sale.

Implementation of this proposed sale will require multiple trips by 10 (ten) U.S. Government representatives and the assignment of 4 (four) contractor representatives to Poland on an intermittent basis over the life of the case to support delivery and integration of items and to provide supply support management, inventory control and equipment familiarization.

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

TRANSMITTAL NO. 24-37

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 AGM-88G Advanced Anti-Radiation Guided Missile-Extended Range (AARGM-ER) is a medium-range air-to-ground missile employed for Suppression and/or Destruction of Enemy Air Defenses (SEAD/DEAD). The AARGM-ER system is an upgrade to the AGM-88E Advanced Anti-Radiation Guided Missile, which is an upgrade and modification to the AGM-88B High-Speed Anti-Radiation Missile (HARM) system. AARGM baseline capabilities include an expanded target set, counter-shutdown capability, advanced signals processing for improved detection and locating, geographic specificity providing aircrew the opportunity to define missile-impact zones and impact-avoidance zones, and a weapon impact-assessment broadcast capability providing for battle damage assessment cueing. The AARGM-ER incorporates hardware and software modifications to improve upon AGM-88E AARGM capabilities to extend the range, increase survivability, and enhance effectiveness against future threats.

2. The highest level of classification of defense articles, components, and services included in this potential sale is SECRET.

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

4. A determination has been made that Poland 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.

5. All defense articles and services listed in this transmittal have been authorized for release and export to Poland.

ARMS SALES NOTIFICATIONS

Mr. CARDIN. Mr. President, section 36(b) of the Arms Export Control Act requires that Congress receive prior notification of certain proposed arms