

the public will pay the price, but that is a price that this captured Court is happy to have the public pay.

I am going to conclude with Justice Kagan's dissent in the *Loper* case. She pointed out—because she saw this game play out right in front of her. She is over there on the Court watching this game play out. She pointed out that the polluters' Justices stopped applying the *Chevron* doctrine back in 2016 as part of a plan because, she said, they were—and I am quoting her here—“preparing to overrule *Chevron* since around that time”—an 8-year-long plot to take out a precedent that bothers polluters. Forget calling balls and strikes; these Justices were on a multiyear billionaire polluters' mission.

It is not just *Chevron*; this is a pattern.

As Justice Kagan went on to say:

That kind of self-help on the way to reversing precedent has become almost routine at this Court. And here is how she describes it: “Stop applying a decision where one should; throw some gratuitous criticisms into a couple of opinions; issue a few separate writings questioning the decision's premises; give the whole process a few years . . . and voila!—you have a justification for overruling the decision,” something she called an “overruling-through-enfeeblement technique [that] mock[s] stare decisis.”

As she described it, this captured Court, at the big donors' direction, stalks for years and then kills off precedent that the billionaires don't like, precedent that interferes with their polluting or interferes with their cheating.

That stalking and killing plan may be a lot of things, Mr. President, but I will tell you what it is not: What it is not is judging.

To be continued.

I yield the floor.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The senior Senator from Rhode Island.

Mr. WHITEHOUSE. That would be Senator REED, Mr. President. Am I recognized?

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Would the Senator forgive me for my mistake?

The junior Senator from Rhode Island.

LEGISLATIVE SESSION

MORNING BUSINESS

Mr. WHITEHOUSE. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to legislative session for a period of morning business, with Senators permitted to speak therein for up to 10 minutes each.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

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.

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. 24-47, concerning the Army's proposed Letter(s) of Offer and Acceptance to the Taipei Economic and Cultural Representative Office in the United States (TECRO) for defense articles and services estimated to cost \$60.2 million. We will issue a news release to notify the public of this proposed sale upon delivery of this letter to your office.

Sincerely,

MIKE MILLER

(For James A. Hursch, Director).

Enclosures.

TRANSMITTAL NO. 24-47

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: Taipei Economic and Cultural Representative Office in the United States (TECRO).

(ii) Total Estimated Value:
Major Defense Equipment* \$55.5 million.
Other \$4.7 million.
Total \$60.2 million.

Funding Source: National Funds.

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

Major Defense Equipment (MDE):
Seven hundred twenty (720) Switchblade 300 (SB300) All Up Rounds (AURs) (includes 35 fly-to-buy AURs).

One hundred one (101) SB300 fire control systems (FCS).

Non-MDE: The following non-MDE will also be included: first line spares packs; operator manuals; operator and maintenance training; logistics and fielding support; Lot Acceptance Testing (LAT); U.S. Government technical assistance, including engineering services, program management, site surveys, facilities, logistics, and maintenance evaluations; quality assurance and de-processing team; field service representative(s); transportation; and other related elements of logistics and program support.

(iv) Military Department: Army (TW-B-ZEC).

(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: June 18, 2024.

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

POLICY JUSTIFICATION

Taipei Economic and Cultural Representative Office in the United States—Switchblade 300 Anti-Personnel and Anti-Armor Loitering Missile System

The Taipei Economic and Cultural Representative Office in the United States (TECRO) has requested to buy seven hundred twenty (720) Switchblade 300 (SB300) All Up Rounds (AURs) (includes 35 fly-to-buy AURs) and one hundred one (101) SB300 fire control systems (FCS). The following non-Major Defense Equipment will also be included: first line spares packs; operator manuals; operator and maintenance training; logistics and fielding support; Lot Acceptance Testing (LAT); U.S. Government technical assistance, including engineering services, program management, site surveys, facilities, logistics, and maintenance evaluations; quality assurance and de-processing team; field service representative(s); transportation; and other related elements of logistics and program support. The estimated total cost is \$60.2 million.

This proposed sale is consistent with U.S. law and policy as expressed in Public Law 96-8.

This proposed sale serves U.S. national, economic, and security interests by supporting the recipient's continuing efforts to modernize its armed forces and to maintain a credible defensive capability. The proposed sale will help improve the security of the recipient and assist in maintaining political stability, military balance, and economic progress in the region.

The proposed sale will improve the recipient's ability to meet current and future threats. The recipient 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 AeroVironment, Inc., located in Simi Valley, CA. There are no known offset agreements proposed in connection with this potential sale.

Implementation of this proposed sale will require the assignment of eight U.S. Government and two contractor representatives for a duration of up to five years to support equipment fielding, training, and program management.

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

TRANSMITTAL NO. 24-47

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 Switchblade 300 (SB300) is a loitering, self-contained, tube-launched, lightweight, manportable, day/night, direct-fire precision guided-missile system. It is capable of line-of-sight and beyond line-of-sight engagements, enabled by a live video feed from the missile to the fire control system (FCS). This capability provides small tactical units with organic, responsive precision fires. An operator can fly to the target area, loiter, wave off, or engage a target. A small, forward-firing fragmentation warhead defeats stationary or moving personnel and light vehicles while reducing potential collateral damage.

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

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 recipient 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 recipient.

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.

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.

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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. 24-56, concerning the Navy's proposed Letter(s) of Offer and Acceptance to the Taipei Economic and Cultural Representative Office in the United States (TECRO) for defense articles and services estimated to cost \$300 million. We will issue a news release to notify the public of this proposed sale upon delivery of this letter to your office.

Sincerely,

MIKE MILLER

(For James A. Hursch, Director).

Enclosures.

TRANSMITTAL NO. 24-56

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: Taipei Economic and Cultural Representative Office in the United States (TECRO).

(ii) Total Estimated Value:

Major Defense Equipment* 0.

Other \$300 million.

Total \$300 million.

Funding source: National Funds.

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

Major Defense Equipment (MDE):

None.

Non-MDE: The following non-MDE is included: ALTIUS 600M-V systems, comprised of an Unmanned Aerial Vehicle (UAV) loitering munition with extensible warhead and electro-optical/infrared (EO/IR) camera; ALTIUS 600 inert training UAVs; Pneumatic Integrated Launch Systems (PILS); PILS transport trailers; ground control systems; associated support, including spares; battery chargers; operator and maintenance training; operator, maintenance, and training manuals; technical manuals; logistics and fielding support; testing; technical assistance CONUS and OCONUS, including for engineering services; program management; site surveys; facility, logistics and maintenance evaluations; quality assurance and deprocessing team support; field service representative support; transportation; and other related elements of logistics and program support.

(iv) Military Department: Navy (TW-P-AMC).

(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: June 18, 2024.

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

POLICY JUSTIFICATION

Taipei Economic and Cultural Representative Office in the United States—ALTIUS 600M-V Unmanned Aerial Vehicles

The Taipei Economic and Cultural Representative Office in the United States (TECRO) has requested to buy the following non-MDE: ALTIUS 600M-V systems, comprised of an Unmanned Aerial Vehicle (UAV) loitering munition with extensible warhead and electro-optical/infrared (EO/IR) camera; ALTIUS 600 inert training UAVs; Pneumatic Integrated Launch Systems (PILS); PILS transport trailers; ground control systems; associated support, including spares; battery chargers; operator and maintenance training; operator, maintenance, and training manuals; technical manuals; logistics and fielding support; testing; technical assistance CONUS and OCONUS, including for engineering services; program management; site surveys; facility, logistics and maintenance evaluations; quality assurance and deprocessing team support; field service representative support; transportation; and other related elements of logistics and program support. The estimated total cost is \$300 million.

This proposed sale is consistent with U.S. law and policy as expressed in Public Law 96-8.

This proposed sale serves U.S. national, economic, and security interests by supporting the recipient's continuing efforts to modernize its armed forces and to maintain a credible defensive capability. The proposed sale will help improve the security of the recipient and assist in maintaining political stability, military balance, and economic progress in the region.

The proposed sale will improve the recipient's ability to meet current and future threats. The recipient 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 Anduril, located in Atlanta, GA. There are no known offset agreements proposed in connection with this potential sale.

Implementation of this proposed sale will require assignment of 5 U.S. Government and 12 contractor representatives for a duration of up to two years to support equipment fielding/training and program management.

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

TRANSMITTAL NO. 24-56

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 ALTIUS 600M-V system is composed of an Unmanned Aerial Vehicle (UAV), Pneumatic Integrated Launch System (PILS), payload, and associated support. Each UAV is integrated with a command-and-control radio and assured positioning, navigation, and timing modules. The ALTIUS 600M-V system is designed for expeditionary deployment by air, mobile, ground, or maritime forces. It leverages autonomy to allow a single operator to control multiple UAVs simultaneously. The PILS is a reusable launcher holding up to one UAV at a time per canister. The UAV's payload is an electro-optical/infrared (EO/IR) camera and extensible warhead, which provides a loitering munition capability. The ALTIUS 600M-V can operate up to 18,000 feet above ground level with an endurance of approximately 90 minutes, a range of up to 160km, and a dash speed of 1851 km/hour, dependent on payload.

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

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 recipient 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 recipient.

U.S. SENATE STARS OF VALOR FELLOWSHIPS PROGRAM REGULATIONS

Ms. KLOBUCHAR. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent to have printed in the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD updated U.S. Senate fellowship regulations.

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

U.S. SENATE STARS OF VALOR FELLOWSHIPS PROGRAM REGULATIONS

ADOPTED BY THE COMMITTEE ON RULES AND ADMINISTRATION ON JULY 10, 2024

1.0 Scope—Senate Resolution 442 (117th Congress) established the SFC Sean Cooley and SPC Christopher Horton Gold Star Family Fellowship, Senate Resolution 443 (117th Congress) established the McCain-Mansfield Fellowship, and Senate Resolution 737 (118th Congress) established the Active-Duty Military Spouses Fellowship and consolidated all