

Diana Dillard, in Brookings, said:

On March 27, we mailed our Verizon and Geico payments as usual.

On April 10, we received notification that our payments had not been received and . . . we were facing [a] cut-off of services.

We made arrangements to pay over the phone and were shocked and angered when Verizon charged us \$10 to speak to a customer service agent. . . . Extremely frustrating.

A woman in Baker City said:

I pay my estimated taxes quarterly. . . . More than one time, checks I have mailed never reached their addresses. . . . Local services recommend using a credit card to avoid late payment because of poor USPS service—even just across town.

Another constituent, Denise Brooks, wrote to say:

I work with a non-profit organization in Medford that provides assistance to the working poor and [to the] homeless. The one-week delivery time can have catastrophic outcomes to families [who are] already struggling.

The delays cause late fees of \$75 added onto . . . families' rent obligations and the potential for eviction from their rental.

Late deliveries are a massive problem for one of the Postal Service's most important customers: newspapers. Timeliness is essential for newspapers. In this fast-changing world, nobody wants to read news that happened 3 or 4 days earlier. That seems like it is almost a month old. It just feels that way. But most small, local, and regional newspapers can't afford to hire a delivery service. So they rely on the Postal Service to deliver the papers.

But since July of 2022, the Postal Service has jacked up the delivery prices for newspapers by about 42 percent. It makes it a lot more expensive for small newspapers that are often already struggling from the loss of advertisements for local goods in this electronic age, the loss of classified ads. It makes it much more expensive to deliver their newspapers.

We need these smalltown newspapers to thrive. But if the newspapers are delivered late and if the cost of delivery is going up, that is just one more challenge affecting them and making it harder for them to thrive.

And when people get their papers late, it isn't just that they are frustrated; it is that they start canceling their subscriptions—again, hitting our small newspapers hard.

Publisher Joe Warren, with Country Media, which has community papers up and down the Oregon coast, told my team:

Delivery is sporadic. Some weeks local mail—which is guaranteed the same day if we get papers to them by a certain time [of day]—is not happening. . . . Some weeks it's the next day or two.

Other publishers have told me that they have taken it upon themselves to hand-deliver papers to some subscribers because the Postal Service simply did not deliver, while still charging them an arm and a leg.

Perhaps Matt Hall, who has multiple newspapers in Southern Oregon, said it best when he said to my office:

The USPS treats newspapers like a mine.

They know we are a reliable source of revenue, but they keep extracting, and soon there will be nothing left.

Postmaster DeJoy claims that their service changes are necessary to run the Postal Service like a profitable business. But here is the thing: Profitable businesses thrive by delivering good service. If they don't deliver good service, they don't stay profitable, and, very soon, they are out of business.

That is the challenge. This is not a sustainable situation. The challenges reported by my constituents back home in Oregon: late deliveries of life-saving medications; small businesses and individuals struggling to pay their vendors, struggling to get their checks delivered on time to avoid late fees; newspapers losing subscribers; mail taking weeks to go to a house just down the street because it has to go hundreds and hundreds of miles to be sorted, instead of going to a more local regional sorting facility.

Now, we need to reverse DeJoy's downgrades. Now, we need to restore reliable, affordable mail delivery. Now is the time to take the Delivery for America plan and return it to the sender.

Let's restore the vision that is so powerful in the USPS—U.S. Postal Service—motto: that rain nor heat nor gloom of night shall stop courageous couriers from swift completion of their appointed rounds.

Let's not accept a world where there is no "joy" in "DeJoyville" and our constituents are so poorly served.

## MORNING BUSINESS

### ARMS SALES NOTIFICATIONS

Mr. CARDIN. Madam 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)(5)(A) of

the Arms Export Control Act (AECA), as amended, we are forwarding Transmittal No. 0H-24. This notification relates to enhancements or upgrades from the level of sensitivity of technology or capability described in the Section 36(b)(1) AECA certification 22-23 of April 19, 2022.

Sincerely,

JAMES A. HURSCH,  
Director.

Enclosure.

TRANSMITTAL NO. 0H-24

Report of Enhancement or Upgrade of Sensitivity of Technology or Capability (Sec. 36(b)(5)(A), AECA)

(i) Purchaser: Government of Australia.

(ii) Sec. 36(b)(1). AECA Transmittal No.: 22-23; Date: April 19, 2022; Implementing Agency: Navy.

(iii) Description: On April 19, 2022, Congress was notified by congressional certification transmittal number 22-23 of the possible sale, under Section 36(b)(1) of the Arms Export Control Act, of one hundred six (106) Multifunctional Information Distribution System Joint Tactical Radio System (MIDS JTRS) (5) terminals; fifteen (15) MIDS JTRS (6) terminals; and seven (7) Multifunctional Information Distribution System MIDS-Low Volume Terminal (MIDS-LVT) (4) Block Upgrade Two (BU2) retrofit kits. Also included were Low Volume Terminal (LVT) Cryptographic Modules (LCM). The estimated total cost was \$42 million. Major Defense Equipment (MDE) constituted \$40 million of this total.

This transmittal reports the inclusion of the following additional MDE items: fifty (50) MIDS JTRS (5) terminals; six (6) MIDS JTRS (6) terminals; and three (3) MIDS JTRS (7) terminals. The estimated total value of the new items is \$20 million. The non-MDE value will remain at \$2 million. The estimated total case value will increase by \$20 million to a revised \$62 million. MDE constitutes \$60 million of this total.

(iv) Significance: This notification is being provided as the additional MDE items were not enumerated in the original report. The inclusion of this MDE represents an increase in capability over what was previously notified. The proposed articles and services will support Australia in maintaining its current force projection capability and enhances interoperability with U.S. forces well into the future.

(v) Justification: This proposed sale will support the foreign policy and national security objectives of the United States. Australia is one of our most important allies in the Western Pacific. The strategic location of this political and economic power contributes significantly to ensuring peace and economic stability in the region.

(vi) Sensitivity of Technology: The Sensitivity of Technology Statement contained in the original notification applies to items reported here.

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

(vii) Date Report Delivered to Congress: July 18, 2024.

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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)(5)(A) of the Arms Export Control Act (AECA), as amended, we are forwarding Transmittal No. 0E-24. This notification relates to enhancements or upgrades from the level of sensitivity of technology or capability described in the Section 36(b)(1) AECA certification 20-22 of April 10, 2020.

Sincerely,

MIKE MILLER,

(For James A. Hursch, Director).  
Enclosure.

TRANSMITTAL NO. 0E-24

Report of Enhancement or Upgrade of Sensitivity of Technology or Capability (Sec. 36(b)(5)(A), AECA)

(i) Purchaser: Government of the Netherlands.

(ii) Sec 36(b)(1), AECA Transmittal No.: 20-22; Date: April 10, 2020; Implementing Agency: Army.

(iii) Description: On April 10, 2020, Congress was notified by congressional certification transmittal number 20-22 of the possible sale, under Section 36(b)(1) of the Arms Export Control Act, of one hundred ninety-nine (199) Excalibur Increment IB M982A1 tactical projectiles. Also included was U.S. technical assistance; training; associated support equipment; and other related elements of logistics and program support. The total estimated program cost was \$40.55 million. Major Defense Equipment (MDE) constituted \$33.7 million of this total.

This transmittal reports the inclusion of an additional sixty-three (63) Excalibur Increment IB M982A1 tactical projectiles that include global positioning system guided Inertial Measurement Units enabled by Selective Availability Anti-Spoofing Module (SAASM) or M-Code. Also included are the following non-MDE items: transportation; technical data; technical assistance; training; and new equipment training. The total cost of the new MDE articles is \$24.5 million with a revised total cost for MDE of \$58.2 million. The estimated total value of the additional non-MDE articles is \$1.0 million with a revised estimated non-MDE value of \$7.85 million. The total estimated case value will increase by \$25.5 million, resulting in a total estimated case value of \$66.05 million.

(iv) Significance: This notification is being provided as the additional MDE items were not enumerated in the original notification. The inclusion of this MDE represents an increase in capability over what was previously notified. The proposed articles and services will support the Netherlands' long-term defense capacity to defend its sovereignty and territorial integrity, to meet its national defense requirements.

(v) Justification: This proposed sale will support the foreign policy and national secu-

rity of the United States by helping to improve the security of a NATO Ally that is an important force for political stability and economic progress in Europe.

(vi) Sensitivity of Technology: The Sensitivity of Technology Statement contained in the original notification applies to items reported here.

(vii) Date Report Delivered to Congress: July 18, 2024.

U.S. SENATE,  
COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN RELATIONS,  
Washington, DC.

DEAR MADAM OR 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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Chairman.

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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)(5)(A) of the Arms Export Control Act (AECA), as amended, we are forwarding Transmittal No. 0H-24. This notification relates to enhancements or upgrades from the level of sensitivity of technology or capability described in the Section 36(b)(1) AECA certification 22-23 of April 19, 2022.

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(iii) Description: On April 19, 2022, Congress was notified by congressional certification transmittal number 22-23 of the possible sale, under Section 36(b)(1) of the Arms Export Control Act, of one hundred six (106) Multifunctional Information Distribution System Joint Tactical Radio System (MIDS JTRS) (5) terminals; fifteen (15) MIDS JTRS (6) terminals; and seven (7) Multifunctional Information Distribution System MIDS-Low Volume Terminal (MIDS-LVT) (4) Block Upgrade Two (BU2) retrofit kits. Also included were Low Volume Terminal (LVT) Cryptographic Modules (LCM). The estimated total cost was \$42 million. Major Defense Equipment (MDE) constituted \$40 million of this total.

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non-MDE value will remain at \$2 million. The estimated total case value will increase by \$20 million to a revised \$62 million. MDE constitutes \$60 million of this total.

(iv) Significance: This notification is being provided as the additional MDE items were not enumerated in the original report. The inclusion of this MDE represents an increase in capability over what was previously notified. The proposed articles and services will support Australia in maintaining its current force projection capability and enhances interoperability with U.S. forces well into the future.

(v) Justification: This proposed sale will support the foreign policy and national security objectives of the United States. Australia is one of our most important allies in the Western Pacific. The strategic location of this political and economic power contributes significantly to ensuring peace and economic stability in the region.

(vi) Sensitivity of Technology: The Sensitivity of Technology Statement contained in the original notification applies to items reported here.

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

(vii) Date Report Delivered to Congress: July 18, 2024.

#### ARMS SALES NOTIFICATIONS

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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. 24-43, concerning the Air Force's proposed Letter(s) of Offer and Acceptance to the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia for defense articles and services estimated to cost \$2.8 billion. We will issue a news release to notify the public of this proposed sale upon delivery of this letter to your offices.

Sincerely,

MIKE MILLER  
(For James A. Hursch, Director).

Enclosure.

TRANSMITTAL NO. 24-43

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: Kingdom of Saudi Arabia

(ii) Total Estimated Value:  
Major Defense Equipment\* \$0.  
Other \$2.8 billion.  
Total \$2.8 billion.  
Funding Source: National Funds.  
(i) Description and Quantity or Quantities of Articles or Services under Consideration for Purchase:

Major Defense Equipment (MDE): None.

Non-MDE: Follow-on logistics support and services, including for Joint Mission Planning Software (JMPS) and support; KIV-77/78 cryptographic devices and support; spares and repair parts, consumables and accessories, and repair and return support; calibration support and test equipment; ground and personnel equipment; classified and unclassified software and software support, classified and unclassified publications and technical documentation; 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, in support of, but not limited to, KC-130J, C-130, E-3, RE-3, KE-3, KA-350, Bell 212, and Bell 412 aircraft.

(iv) Military Department: Air Force

(v) Prior Related Cases, if any: SR-D-GAK, SR-D-QBP, SR-D-QDR, SR-D-QDJ, SR-D-QBW, SR-D-QTP, SR-D-QAT, SR-D-QDQ, SR-D-QAY, SR-D-QAH.

(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: July 23, 2024.

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

#### POLICY JUSTIFICATION

Kingdom of Saudi Arabia—System Logistics and Sustainment Support

The Kingdom of Saudi Arabia has requested to buy follow-on logistics support and services, including for Joint Mission Planning Software (JMPS) hardware and support; KIV-77/78 cryptographic devices and support; spares and repair parts, consumables and accessories, and repair and return support; calibration support and test equipment; ground and personnel equipment; classified and unclassified software and software support, classified and unclassified publications and technical documentation; 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, in support of, but not limited to, KC-130J, C-130, E-3, RE-3, KE-3, KA 350, Bell 212, and Bell 412 aircraft. The estimated total program cost is \$2.8 billion.

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

The proposed sale will improve the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia's capability to deter current and future threats by providing sustainment and training support of the Royal Saudi Air Force's existing platforms and aircraft fleets. The Kingdom of Saudi Arabia will have no difficulty absorbing this equipment and these services into its armed forces.

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

There will be various contractors associated with the provision of equipment and services involved with this case, and there is no prime contractor. There are no known off-

set agreements proposed in connection with this potential sale.

The implementation of this proposed sale may require the assignment of a small number of additional long-term U.S. Government or contractor representatives to the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia.

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

#### TRANSMITTAL NO. 24-43

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 Joint Mission Planning System (JMPS) is a multi-platform, computer-based mission planning system. Its modular suite of systems is tailored to user needs, allowing operators of various aircraft to install planning modules required for flight planning, weapons delivery planning, post-flight debrief, and operational integration.

2. The KIV-77/78 is a cryptographic applique for Identification Friend or Foe systems. It can be loaded with Mode 5 classified elements.

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

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 that might reduce weapon system effectiveness or be used in the development of a system with similar or advanced capabilities.

5. A determination has been made that the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia 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.

6. All defense articles and services listed in this transmittal have been authorized for release and export to the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia.

#### TRIBUTE TO GRACE STEENBERGEN

Mr. BARRASSO. Madam President, I would like to take the opportunity to express my appreciation to Grace for her hard work as an intern in my Washington, DC, office. I recognize her efforts and contributions to my office, as well as to the State of Wyoming.

Grace is a native of Pine Bluffs, WY. She attends Baylor University, where she studies political science. She has demonstrated a strong work ethic, which has made her an invaluable asset to our office. The quality of her work is reflected in her great efforts over the last several months.

I want to thank Grace for the dedication she has shown while working for me and my staff. It is a pleasure to have her as part of our team. I know she will have continued success with all of her future endeavors. I wish her all my best on her journey.

#### ADDITIONAL STATEMENTS

#### TRIBUTE TO INTERNS

• Mr. BOOZMAN. Madam President, I rise today to applaud the efforts of the

young people who supported the State of Arkansas as summer interns in my Washington, DC, and State offices.

I appreciate their commitment and dedication to serving Arkansans and being an ambassador for our office. These talented students and recent graduates have grown professionally and personally through this unique experience. On a daily basis, they provided essential support to my staff including giving tours of the U.S. Capitol, as well as drafting communications materials and researching policy issues. They played a vital role in helping my team offer the best possible constituent service and meet needs throughout the place they call home.

I am proud to provide this opportunity to help instill a passion for public service and inspire future generations of Arkansas leaders. I am confident our congressional interns found this internship valuable and rewarding.

I would like to recognize the following interns for their hard work and service to Arkansans:

Kate Edelen, Buddy Gaston, Hunter Ross, Alex Holder, Sydney Roulhac, Camryn Hughes, Anna Kate Davis, Katie Gage, Hadley Burke, Zach Ingle, Meredith Pinkston, Ella Brewer, Luisa Lawson, Henry Oltman, Hank Herzfeld, Elaine Shue and Joseph Osborne all served in the Washington, DC, office.

Reese Mitchell, Taylor Hoover, Ella Hommel, Lexi Dilbeck, McCully Allen, Lauren Berry, Jacob Major, Kyla Clouthier and Josie Kelly served as interns for the Senate Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry. Michelle Sutton served as legal clerk.

Connor Ragan and Masheyat Rahman served in the Northwest Arkansas office.

I extend my deepest gratitude to each of them for their service and wish them the best in school and beyond, knowing their time spent representing the Natural State will serve them well in the future.●

#### TRIBUTE TO SAMUEL DEMERITT

• Ms. HASSAN. Madam President, I am honored to recognize Samuel "Sam" Demeritt of Nottingham as July's Granite Stater of the Month. For 60 years, Sam has been a dedicated volunteer with numerous New Hampshire organizations to advance responsible stewardship of the outdoors.

Service is at the center of everything that Sam does in his life. As a young adult, he answered our country's call and entered the Army, completing his service in 1964. Like many veterans, his commitment to finding ways to serve his fellow Americans did not end there. That same year, Sam joined his father in volunteering for the New Hampshire Fish and Game Department. He has now volunteered with Fish and Game for 60 years and doesn't plan to stop anytime soon; he is always looking for new ways to give back to Granite Staters who share his passion for our beautiful outdoors. In his work with Fish and Game, Sam teaches the mandatory hunter safety and ethics education course for Granite Staters who