

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. 0N-23. 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 22-11 of May 26, 2022.

Sincerely,

MICHAEL F. MILLER,
Director.

Enclosure.

TRANSMITTAL NO. 0N-23

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

(i) Purchaser: Government of Egypt.

(ii) Sec. 36(b)(1), AECA Transmittal No.: 22-11; Date: May 26, 2022; Military Department: Army.

Funding Source: Foreign Military Financing (FMF).

(iii) Description: On May 26, 2022, Congress was notified by Congressional certification transmittal number 22-11, of the possible sale under Section 36(b)(1) of the Arms Export Control Act of twenty-three (23) CH-47F Chinook Helicopters; fifty-six (56) T-55-GA-714A Engines (46 installed, 10 spares); fifty-two (52) Embedded Global Positioning System (GPS) Inertial Navigation Systems (INS) (EGI) (46 installed, 6 spares); twenty-nine (29) AN/AAR-57 Common Missile Warning Systems (CMWS) (23 installed, 6 spares); and seventy-five (75) M-240 Machine Guns (69 installed, 6 spares). Also included was Common Missile Warning System (CMWS) classified software; AN/APR-39 Radar Warning Receivers (RWR); AN/AVR-2B Laser Detecting Sets (LDS); High Frequency (HF) radios; Aircraft Survivability Equipment (ASE) (including 25.4mm decoy cartridges, impulse cartridges for cable cutters and aircraft cartridges); AN/ARN-147 Very High Frequency (VHF) Omni Directional Radio Range/Instrument Landing System (VOR/ILS) receivers; AN/ARN-153 Tactical Airborne Navigation System (TACAN) radios; AN/APN-209 radar altimeters; AN/AVS-6 Night Vision Devices (NVD); 7.62mm ammunition; items and services to support the mission equipment; hardware and services required to implement additional aircraft options such as: rescue hoists; external cargo slings and nets; Bambi fire buckets; Fast Rope Insertion Extraction Systems (FRIES); Cargo On/Off Loading Systems (COOLS); Extended Range Fuel Systems (ERFS); upgrade to the maintenance hangar and additional parking pads; special tools and test equipment; ground support equipment; airframe and engine spare parts; technical data; publications; Maintenance Work Orders/Engineering Change Proposals (MWO/ECPs); technical assistance; transportation; training; and other related elements

of logistics and program support. The total estimated program cost was \$2.6 billion. Major Defense Equipment (MDE) constituted \$1.725 billion of this total.

This transmittal notifies the following MDE articles that were previously reported as non-MDE: eighty-one (81) AN/ARC-231A (RT-1987) radios. This transmittal also reports replacing the previously notified fifty-two (52) Embedded Global Positioning System (GPS) Inertial Navigation Systems (INS) (EGI) (46 installed, 6 spares) with fifty-two (52) Embedded Global Positioning System (GPS) Inertial Navigation Systems (INS) (EGI) with M-Code (46 installed, 6 spares). The following non-MDE items will also be included: AN/APX-123A Identify Friend or Foe (IFF) Transponders; KY-100 Encryptor Terminals; KIV-77 Crypto Appliques; AN/VRC-100 Advanced High Frequency Ground Transceivers; AN/PYQ-10 (C) Simple Key Loaders; AN/ARC-220 High Frequency (HF) Radios; and the Automated Communication Engineering Software (ACES) Package. Although the estimated additional MDE value is \$12 million, the estimated total MDE value will remain \$1.725 billion. The total estimated case value will remain \$2.6 billion.

(iv) Significance: This notification is being provided to add MDE articles that were added to the program due to the obsolescence of the items they will replace and to report the AN/ARC-231A as MDE. The proposed articles and services will support Egypt's ongoing effort to modernize its armed forces and increase its capacity to detect threats and control its borders, contributing to the maintenance of regional stability and security. This will contribute to the Egyptian military's effort to update their capabilities and enhance interoperability with the United States and other strategic allies.

(v) Justification: This proposed sale will support the foreign policy and national security objectives of the United States by helping to improve the security of a Major Non-NATO Ally that continues to be an important force for political stability and economic progress in the Middle East.

(vi) Sensitivity of Technology: The AN/ARC-231A (RT-1987) radio is a multi-mode software defined radio providing line of sight very high frequency (VHF)/ultra high frequency (UHF) secure and non-secure voice and data communications over the 30,000-941,000 MHz frequency and Satellite Communications (SATCOM) beyond line of sight secure and non-secure voice and data, including Demand Assigned Multiple ACCESS (DAMA) communications from the 240-320 MHz frequency range on manned and unmanned aviation platforms. ARC-231A includes improved type-1 cryptographic algorithm and processing capabilities, Civil Land Mobile Radio, Single Channel Ground and Airborne Radios System (SINCGARS) capabilities, HAVE QUICK (HQ), Second Generation Anti-Jam Tactical UHF Radio for NATO (SATURN) wave form, 8.33 kHz channel spacing for Global Air-Traffic Management (GATM) compliance, and capability for Mobile User Objective System (MUOS) wave-form through possible future hardware and software updates.

The AN/APX-123A Transponder is an IFF digital transponder set that provides pertinent platform information in response to an IFF interrogator. It provides this cooperative capability using full diversity selection, as well as Mode Select capability.

The KY-100 is a radio encryptor that has sensitive technology. This device is a self-contained terminal and provides for secure voice and data communications in tactical airborne/ground environments.

The KIV-77 is a Common Crypto Applique for Identification, Friend or Foe (IFF) that provides Mode 4/5 capability.

The AN/VRC-100 is the ground version of the AN/ARC-220 HF radio, which provides embedded Automatic Link Establishment (ALE), serial tone data modem, text messaging, and GPS position reporting functions.

The AN/PYQ-10 (C) Simple Key Loader (SKL) is a ruggedized, portable, hand-held fill device used for securely receiving, storing, and transferring electronic key material and data between compatible end cryptographic units (ECU) and communications equipment. It supports both the DS-101 and DS-102 interfaces, as well as the Crypto Ignition Key and is compatible with existing ECUs.

The AN/ARC-220 HF airborne communications system provides embedded ALE, serial tone data modem, text messaging and GPS position reporting functions.

The Sensitivity of Technology Statement contained in the original notification applies to the other 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: September 12, 2024.

TRIBUTE TO LIEUTENANT GENERAL JONATHAN STUBBS

Mr. BOOZMAN. Mr. President, I rise today to congratulate U.S. Army LTG Jonathan Stubbs on his promotion to director of the Army National Guard.

General Stubbs was appointed by Arkansas Governor Sarah Huckabee Sanders to serve as adjutant general of the Arkansas National Guard in January 2023 after a long and distinguished career in the National Guard.

He first enlisted in the Army National Guard in Tennessee, but very quickly made his home in the Natural State and spent nearly three decades serving and leading citizen soldiers in Arkansas. In fact, he held every leadership position within the 39th Infantry Brigade Combat Team and deployed to Iraq twice during Operation Iraqi Freedom.

As an Active-Guard Reserve officer from 1997-2021, Stubbs completed numerous trainings and assignments, which culminated in his promotion as chief of staff for the Arkansas Army National Guard.

His entire service in uniform has been characterized by bravery and skill, earning him decorations to include the Combat Infantryman Badge, Valorous Unit Award, three Legion of Merit citations, two Bronze Star Medals, and the Defense Meritorious Service Medal, among many others.

His leadership potential and experience led to his appointment as vice director for operations for the National Guard Bureau in 2021, and the next year, he was assigned as the deputy director of Operations, Readiness, and Mobilization at Department of the Army Headquarters, based at the Pentagon.

As head of the Arkansas National Guard, General Stubbs was a driving force of remarkable progress and growth. He connected communities to the Guard and enhanced relationships between servicemembers, families, veterans, businesses, and local leaders;

elevated recruiting and retention efforts that had struggled amid the pandemic through innovative approaches, including partnership with skills and vocational initiatives; ensured guardsmen's preparedness to not only deploy in defense of our country to Europe and the Middle East, but also around the State of Arkansas and to the U.S. southern border; built and expanded partnerships, particularly with National Guard State Partnership Program counterpart Guatemala; and helped inspire confidence in the Arkansas Guard's capabilities and personnel through excellent communication, professionalism, and unmistakable passion.

It was a special pleasure and honor to work alongside General Stubbs to secure a new flying mission at Ebbing Air National Guard Base and help guide necessary preparations for the Active Duty-Air Force bed down in advance of the formal arrival of the Foreign Military Sales Program in Fort Smith. His expertise and diligence were indispensable to the success of this incredibly consequential opportunity for the State of Arkansas that will also greatly benefit U.S. national security.

As he begins this new chapter leading our Army National Guard, we are tremendously grateful for all his contributions to our State and stewardship of the Arkansas Guard for so many years. General Stubbs will undoubtedly continue to make the Natural State proud through his exceptional leadership, steadfast commitment to the guardsmen under his command, and dedication to the defense of the United States, its allies, and interests. We wish him well in this new role.

RECOGNIZING THE 555TH PARACHUTE INFANTRY BATTALION, "TRIPLE NICKLES"

Mr. RUBIO. Mr. President, I recognize and honor the legacy of the 555th Parachute Infantry Battalion, known as the "Triple Nickles," a unit that exemplified the highest standards of excellence and professionalism in the U.S. Army. As the first all-Black parachute infantry battalion in the U.S. Army, the Triple Nickles made extraordinary contributions to our Nation. Formed in the face of adversity and prejudice, the 555th Parachute Infantry Battalion was composed of highly skilled and dedicated soldiers who demonstrated exceptional courage and resolve, breaking barriers and laying the groundwork for the integration of our Armed Forces. The Triple Nickles forged a legacy of bravery, skill, and dedication that continues to inspire us.

In 1945, the Triple Nickles were assigned to a unique and critical mission known as Operation Firefly, where they parachuted into the rugged terrain of the American Northwest to extinguish forest fires started by Japanese incendiary balloon bombs during World War II. This mission was both dangerous and essential, as these brave

soldiers helped protect our homeland from a new and insidious form of warfare. Their skills and bravery during these operations set the standard for future military smokejumpers and left an indelible mark on the history of airborne operations.

The legacy of the Triple Nickles extends beyond their military achievements. Their success challenged the prevailing attitudes of the time and contributed to the eventual desegregation of the U.S. military. When the battalion was integrated into the 82nd Airborne Division, it marked a significant step towards the equality of treatment and opportunity for all servicemembers, regardless of race.

Today, as we reflect on the contributions of the 555th Parachute Infantry Battalion, we honor their service and sacrifice. They were more than just soldiers; they were trailblazers who fought for their country and the right to serve it with dignity and respect. Their courage continues to inspire generations of soldiers and reminds us of the progress we have made as a nation. Their contributions to our Nation's history are immeasurable, and their legacy endures in the freedoms we enjoy today.

It is with great pride that I recognize the 555th Parachute Infantry Battalion, the Triple Nickles, and ensure that their story of service and excellence is remembered and celebrated in our Nation's history.

RECOGNIZING THE BLUE ANGELS 2025 OFFICER SELECTIONS

Mr. RUBIO. Mr. President, I recognize the newest selectees for the U.S. Navy Flight Demonstration Squadron, the Blue Angels, as they prepare to join this esteemed team for the 2025 air show season. The Blue Angels are a symbol of naval aviation excellence and a vital part of Florida's rich military heritage, with their home base at Naval Air Station Pensacola.

Each year, the Blue Angels inspire millions of spectators with their precise and daring aerial performances, showcasing the skill and professionalism of the U.S. Navy and Marine Corps. The team's presence in Florida is a source of immense pride, reinforcing the deep connection between our State and the military.

This year, after a highly competitive selection process, five outstanding officers have been chosen to join the Blue Angels for the 2025 show season: Maj. Brandon Wilkins, from Beaufort, SC; Maj. Scott Laux, from Chantilly, VA; Lcdr. Lilly Montana, from Vienna, VA; Maj. Joshua Horman, from Smithville, MO; and Cmdr. Jen Murr, from Jackson Center, OH.

Their selection is a testament to their extraordinary skill, dedication, and commitment to the values of the U.S. Navy and Marine Corps. The Blue Angels are more than just a demonstration team; they are ambassadors of goodwill, fostering a sense of com-

munity and patriotism across Florida and the Nation. Their performances inspire future generations of aviators and remind us all of the critical role our military plays in safeguarding our freedoms.

I congratulate Maj. Brandon Wilkins, Maj. Scott Laux, Lcdr. Lilly Montana, Maj. Joshua Horman, and Cmdr. Jen Murr on their selection. I look forward to the 2025 show season and the continued success of the Blue Angels, a team that embodies the very best of our Nation's Armed Forces.

TRIBUTE TO MARY LOUISE QUINBY

Ms. CANTWELL. Mr. President, I rise today to wish a very happy birthday to Mary Louise Quinby, a wife, mother, grandmother, great-grandmother, and great-great-grandmother, from Ocosta, WA. Mrs. Quinby turned 100 years old on August 26, and she continues to be the driving force within her family, which now consists of 8 children, 30 grandchildren, 56 great-grandchildren, and 5 great-great-grandchildren.

Born August 26, 1924, Mary grew up on a small family farm. In 1942, during World War II, she married her high school sweetheart Robert, and while he served in the Navy, Mary worked as a Rosie the Riveter in a local shop in Aberdeen.

After the war, Mary and Bob settled in Bremerton, where Bob worked in the shipyards as a machinist. In 1948, Mary's uncle, a cranberry grower in Grayland, encouraged her husband and brother Jack to try their hand at farming cranberries. They bought their first bog of two acres from her uncle and moved their small family to Grayland.

During the years after their first cranberry bog purchase and until the early 1970s, they bought about 23 acres of bogs. Mary supported her husband while he worked his second job as a machinist in a local plant by weeding, irrigating, and doing frost protection when necessary.

In the early 1970s, Bob became ill, and they started selling portions of their bogs to their oldest son, Robert P. Quinby. During this time, Mary—mostly by herself—farmed about eight acres. She raised a bumper crop, and it topped the highest yield on that acreage. She never let her husband forget it.

Her husband was the West Coast director for Ocean Spray for many years, during which time Mary played an instrumental role in teaching other farmers about Ocean Spray and cranberry farming.

During all of that time, and through today, her family has remained her top priority, and the legacy of that 1948 decision to become a cranberry farmer has been passed down in her family. Today, two sons, one daughter, and eight grandchildren grow cranberries.

From their first purchase in 1948 of two acres, Mary's descendants have