

Texas, to be Secretary of Housing and Urban Development.

LEGISLATIVE SESSION

MORNING BUSINESS

Mr. THUNE. Madam President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to legislative session and be in 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. RISCH. 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. JAMES E. RISCH,
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. 24-50, concerning the Navy's proposed Letter(s) of Offer and Acceptance to the Government of Egypt for defense articles and services estimated to cost \$625 million. We will issue a news release to notify the public of this proposed sale upon delivery of this letter to your office.

Sincerely,

MICHAEL F. MILLER,
Director.

Enclosures.

TRANSMITTAL NO. 24-50

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 Egypt.

(ii) Total Estimated Value:
Major Defense Equipment* \$200 million.
Other \$425 million.
Total \$625 million.

Funding Source: Foreign Military Financing.

(iii) Description and Quantity or Quantities of Articles or Services under Consideration for Purchase: The Government of Egypt has requested to buy equipment and

services including the following to modernize its four fast missile craft (FMC):

Mjor Defense Equipment (MDE):

Four (4) Component Based Total Ship System, 21st Century (COMBATSS-21) combat management systems.

Non-MDE: Also included are air and surface surveillance radars; chaff decoy systems; electro-optical/infrared sensor systems; electronic warfare systems; navigation data distribution systems; communications intelligence systems; fire control radar systems; 76 mm gun upgrades; and other related elements of logistics and program support.

(iv) Military Department: Navy (EG-P-LGY).

(v) Prior Related Cases, if any: EG-P-SBU.

(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: February 4, 2025.

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

POLICY JUSTIFICATION

Egypt—Fast Missile Craft Modernization

The Government of Egypt has requested to buy equipment and services including four (4) Component Based Total Ship System, 21st Century (COMBATSS-21) combat management systems to modernize its four fast missile craft (FMC). Also included are air and surface surveillance radars; chaff decoy systems; electro-optical/infrared sensor systems; electronic warfare systems; navigation data distribution systems; communications intelligence systems; fire control radar systems; 76 mm gun upgrades; and other related elements of logistics and program support. The estimated total cost is \$625 million.

This proposed sale will support U.S. foreign policy and national security objectives by helping to improve the security of a friendly country that continues to be an important force for political stability and economic growth in the Middle East.

The proposed sale will improve Egypt's capability to meet current and future threats by increasing the tactical and operational capabilities of the Egyptian Navy to support strategic maritime security objectives. Egypt 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 contractors will be Lockheed Martin, located in Manassas, VA, and L3Harris, located in Northampton, MA. At this time, the U.S. Government is not aware of any offset agreement proposed in connection with this potential sale. Any offset agreement will be defined in negotiations between the purchaser and the contractor.

Implementation of this proposed sale will not require the assignment of any additional U.S. Government or contractor representatives to Egypt.

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

TRANSMITTAL NO. 24-50

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 Component Based Total Ship System, 21st Century (COMBATSS-21) is an Aegis-derived combat management system. It is the backbone of the ship's mission system and integrates the radar, electro-optical infrared cameras, gun fire control system, countermeasures, and short-range anti-air

missiles to provide the decision support functions to designate in real time the optimum weapon system for the detected threat.

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 system effectiveness or be used in the development of a system with similar or advanced capabilities.

4. A determination has been made that Egypt 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 Egypt.

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COOPERATION AGENCY,
Washington, DC.

Hon. JAMES E. RISCH,
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. 24-100, concerning the Air Force's proposed Letter(s) of Offer and Acceptance to the Government of Egypt for defense articles and services estimated to cost \$304 million. We will issue a news release to notify the public of this proposed sale upon delivery of this letter to your office.

Sincerely,

MICHAEL F. MILLER,
Director.

Enclosures.

TRANSMITTAL NO. 24-100

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 Egypt.

(ii) Total Estimated Value:
Major Defense Equipment* \$0 million.

Other \$304 million.

Total \$304 million.

Funding Source: Foreign Military Financing.

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

Major Defense Equipment (MDE):

None.

Non-Major Defense Equipment: The following non-MDE items will be included: AN/TPS-78 long range radar turnkey systems; KIV-78 cryptographic devices; Global Positioning System (GPS) devices with Selective Availability Anti-Spoofing Modules (SAASM); spare and repair parts; software and software support; 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: Air Force (EG-DBG).

(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: February 4, 2025.

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

POLICY JUSTIFICATION

Egypt—AN/TPS-78 Long Range Radar

The Government of Egypt has requested to buy AN/TPS-78 long range radar turnkey systems; KIV-78 cryptographic devices; Global Positioning System (GPS) devices with Selective Availability Anti-Spoofing Modules (SAASM); spare and repair parts; software and software support; 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. The estimated total cost is \$304 million.

This proposed sale will support U.S. foreign policy and national security objectives by helping to improve the security of a friendly country that continues to be an important force for political stability and economic growth in the Middle East.

The proposed sale will improve Egypt's capability to meet current and future threats by improving its ability to detect various air threats. Egypt already operates a mixture of other radar systems and will have no difficulty absorbing this equipment and services 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 Corporation, located in Falls Church, VA. At this time, the U.S. Government is not aware of any offset agreement proposed in connection with this potential sale. Any offset agreement will be defined in negotiations between the purchaser and the contractor.

Implementation of this proposed sale will not require the assignment of any additional U.S. Government or contractor representatives to Egypt.

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

TRANSMITTAL NO. 24-100

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 KIV-78 is a cryptographic appliqué for Identification Friend or Foe (IFF). It can be loaded with Mode 5 classified elements.

2. The Global Positioning System (GPS) devices with Selective Availability Anti-Spoofing Module (SAASM) and Precise Positioning Service (PPS) are self-contained navigation systems that provide the following: acceleration, velocity, position, altitude, platform azimuth, magnetic and true heading, altitude, body angular rates, time tags, and coordinated universal time (UTC) synchronized time. SAASM enables the GPS receiver access to the encrypted P (Y or M) signal, providing protection against active spoofing attacks.

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 system effectiveness or be used in the development of a system with similar or advanced capabilities.

5. A determination has been made that the Government of Egypt 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 Government of Egypt.

ADDITIONAL STATEMENTS

RECOGNIZING WORLD'S WINDOW

• Ms. ERNST. Madam President, as chair of the Senate Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship, each week I recognize an outstanding Iowa small business that exemplifies the American entrepreneurial spirit. This week, it is my privilege to recognize World's Window of Cedar Falls, IA, as the Senate Small Business of the Week.

In 1982, Vonna Yoder founded World's Window to educate the Cedar Valley community about fair trade business practices and to support artisans worldwide. Driven by a desire to help international artisans find success through fair wages and ethical trade, Vonna began to sell global artisan products at a church-sponsored gift fair. After the overwhelming success of the second annual fair, she established a permanent retail store in 1984. World's Window operated as a community-led nonprofit for 40 years until 2022 when a longtime volunteer Betsy Roling decided to purchase the shop and keep the mission alive as a family-owned small business.

Today, World's Window continues to thrive in its downtown Cedar Falls storefront, offering an array of high-quality, handcrafted goods from over 30 countries and 40 artisan groups and co-operators. While preserving the shop's global mission, Betsy also introduced a local vision with the Cob Mercantile. With the help of community volunteers

and employees, Betsy opened a year-round indoor market to give local Iowa artisans a Main Street location without the typical costs associated. The Cob Mercantile offers a shared marketing and online sales platform and a physical booth space. Beyond World's Window store and the Cob Mercantile, Betsy opened a space for local artisans to rent and host classes, workshops, or private events for children and adults in the community.

World's Window remains an active part of the Cedar Valley community. The business is a member of the Cedar Falls Downtown District. In addition, the company offers special fundraising nights for organizations to host an event in the shop and take home a guaranteed portion of the total proceeds back to their business. The two conjoined storefronts remain an important part of the Cedar Falls Main Street, embodying the meaning of service—whether it is supporting local Iowa businesses or international artisans. Later this year, World's Window looks forward to celebrating its 43rd year in Iowa.

The entrepreneurial spirit and commitment to global and local impact demonstrated by World's Window and the Cob Mercantile are clear. I want to congratulate Betsy Roling, her family, Vonna Yoder, and the entire team for their hard work and dedication to enriching their community and providing unique, meaningful products to families across Iowa. I look forward to seeing their continued growth and success. •

TRIBUTE TO NAVY SECOND CLASS OFFICER STEPHEN WOODFIN

• Mr. TUBERVILLE. Madam President, America's military is the greatest in the world because of men and women who take pride in their role to keep us safe. No one demonstrates this better than Second Class Officer Stephen Woodfin of Harvest, AL.

After being drafted into the Navy in 1968, Stephen found himself far from his smalltown Alabama farm at basic training in Nashville and San Diego. He describes this journey from the farm to the Navy as "a country boy in hog heaven."

After basic training, he was shipped out to the South Pacific to serve his country for the next 4 years in the Vietnam war. Like many Vietnam veterans, Stephen saw firsthand the horrors of war. Yet Stephen is still proud to say he served in the military and says his time in combat led him to meet some of the finest people he ever met.

Shortly before returning home in 1972, Stephen met his wife, whom he describes as the best thing that ever happened to him. After their return back to the States, Stephen took on several different roles, including husband, father, postal serviceman, teacher, and many more.