

Then they are told: Oh, by the way, that allotment that you wanted, sorry. When you were serving your country, fighting in Vietnam, the deadline passed.

A triple whammy, in my view, of injustice.

We worked on that in a bipartisan way and got my Alaska Native Vietnam Veterans Land Allotment Act that said: Hey, if you were serving overseas and you missed the deadline to apply for your allotment, you can still do it. That is just fair.

I was in the Oval Office when President Trump, during his first term, signed this legislation. It was part of a bigger land package. And I remember his saying the injustice that happened to the Alaska Native Vietnam vets—that we ended that with this bill. It was great. We were so excited.

The law created a 5-year window by which to have Alaska Native Vietnam vets—and there are still several thousands—apply for their allotment. It was all great, exciting. Again, a lot of them are getting a little old in age. We wanted to hurry up and make sure you apply for your allotment.

Then we had another speed bump in this long saga. The incoming Secretary of the Interior, Secretary Haaland, in two different meetings with me—two—committed to me that she would expedite the application process in granting these allotments to these Vietnam vets under the new law. Twice she committed to me on that before her confirmation vote. As a matter of fact, I told her: This is more important than anything else you can commit to me on, Congresswoman Haaland. She was a Congresswoman then. It is more important than oil and gas in Alaska, more important than our resource economy, this issue. Please commit with me to work with me, expedite it. Let's get these American heroes their allotments before a lot of them start passing away.

Well, that didn't happen. About 2 months into her tenure, she put a 2-year freeze on getting any of these allotments out to anybody. I mean, a blatant—blatant—I am still mad about it—disregard to the commitment she made to me twice. It was the biggest thing I asked her.

By the way, I voted for her—big mistake.

Two years' freeze. None of these guys could get their allotment. Remember, it is a 5-year program. We only have so much time, and it is complicated to prove that this is where you grew up and hunted and fished. In the 4-year tenure they had with Secretary Haaland, only 40 of these were issued. That is just shameful.

What this bill does—all it says is, we are going to keep the status quo. We are going to extend the program from 5 years to 10, so we can go back to the business that the Trump administration and Secretary Burgum are doing of getting these veterans their allotments.

That is the bill. That is what it does. It is a one-sentence bill saying this really important program is going to go from 5 years—which, by the way, was going to expire at the end of this year. It was going to expire in 2 weeks. It is going to go from 5 years to 10 years. We are going to have time.

I hope heroes like this guy are going to work with us, work with the Department of the Interior to get their allotment. This is kind of a Christmas gift for these great American heroes. I put on my Christmas tie today thinking maybe we can work this out—a Christmas gift for these great American heroes.

Even if you don't live in Alaska, you have to love this story. These are great heroes, and they served at higher rates in Vietnam. If you go to Alaska Native villages and ask: How many veterans do we have, almost every male in the village raises their hand. It brings a tear to your eye. It brings a tear to my eye.

I want to thank Senator KING, Senator BENNET, Senator PADILLA, and, certainly, Senator LEE, Senator HOEVEN, and, again, my staff. Erik Elam is the best LD in the U.S. Senate. He is relentless and creative, bringing everybody down here today. It wasn't easy, but we got this done at the buzzer. It is going to be signed into law. It is going to go to the White House. The President will sign this, and we are going to get to work—get to work—and get these heroes the land allotments that they deserved.

The only reason they don't have them right now is they were serving their country in a war. I mean, I think it is a really important day, a really good day.

I commit to working with all my Senate colleagues on other commitments. Senator KING, Senator PADILLA, thank you again.

I yield the floor.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The majority leader.

MORNING BUSINESS

Mr. THUNE. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate 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. 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 informa-

tion 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. MIKE JOHNSON,
Speaker, House of Representatives,
Washington, DC.

DEAR MR. SPEAKER: Pursuant to the reporting requirements of Section 36(b)(5)(C) of the Arms Export Control Act (AECA), as amended, we are forwarding Transmittal No. 25-1T. 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 24-40 of June 7, 2024.

Sincerely,

MICHAEL F. MILLER,
Director.

Enclosure.

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)(5)(C) of the Arms Export Control Act (AECA), as amended, we are forwarding Transmittal No. 25-1T. 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 24-40 of June 7, 2024.

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MICHAEL F. MILLER,
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DEFENSE SECURITY
COOPERATION AGENCY,
Washington, DC.

Hon. BRIAN MAST,
Chairman, Committee on Foreign Affairs,
House of Representatives, Washington, DC.

DEAR MR. CHAIRMAN: Pursuant to the reporting requirements of Section 36(b)(5)(C) of the Arms Export Control Act (AECA), as amended, we are forwarding Transmittal No. 25-1T. 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 24-40 of June 7, 2024.

Sincerely,

MICHAEL F. MILLER,
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Enclosure.

TRANSMITTAL NO. 25-1T

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

(i) Prospective Purchaser: Government of Denmark.

(ii) Sec. 36(b)(1), AECA Transmittal No.: 24-40; Date: June 7, 2024; Implementing Agency: Air Force.

(iii) Description: On June 7, 2024, Congress was notified by Congressional certification transmittal number 24-40 of the possible sale, under Section 36(b)(1) of the Arms Export Control Act, of eighty-four (84) AIM-120C-8 Advanced Medium-Range Air-to-Air Missiles (AMRAAM); and three (3) AIM-120 AMRAAM guidance sections. The following non-MDE items were also included: spare

AMRAAM control sections; containers and support equipment; munitions support and support equipment; spare parts, consumables, accessories, and repair and return support; weapons software and support equipment; classified software delivery and support; transportation support; classified publications and technical documentation; studies and surveys; U.S. Government and contractor engineering, technical, and logistics support services; and other related elements of logistics and program support. The estimated total cost was \$215.5 million. Major Defense Equipment (MDE) constituted \$190.6 million of this total.

This transmittal notifies an increase in MDE value by \$125.6 million, and non-MDE value by \$16.5 million due to recent cost increases. There are no additional MDE or non-MDE items being reported with this notification. The estimated total case value will increase by \$142.1 million to a revised \$357.6 million. MDE will constitute \$316.2 million of this total.

(iv) Significance: This notification is being provided due to recent cost increases that have brought about the need to add value to the original notification. The proposed value increase will further advance the already high level of Danish Air Force interoperability with U.S. Joint Forces and other regional and NATO forces.

(v) Justification: 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.

(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: December 15, 2025.

ARMS SALES NOTIFICATION

Mr. RISCH. 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. MIKE JOHNSON,
Speaker, House of Representatives,
Washington, DC.

DEAR MR. SPEAKER: Pursuant to the reporting requirements of Section 36(b)(5)(C) of the Arms Export Control Act (AECA), as

amended, we are forwarding Transmittal No. 25-1U. 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 21-07 of December 15, 2020.

Sincerely,

MICHAEL F. MILLER,
Director.

Enclosure.

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)(5)(C) of the Arms Export Control Act (AECA), as amended, we are forwarding Transmittal No. 25-1U. 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 21-07 of December 15, 2020.

Sincerely,

MICHAEL F. MILLER,
Director.

Enclosure.

DEFENSE SECURITY
COOPERATION AGENCY,
Washington, DC.

Hon. BRIAN MAST,
Chairman, Committee on Foreign Affairs,
House of Representatives, Washington, DC.

DEAR MR. CHAIRMAN: Pursuant to the reporting requirements of Section 36(b)(5)(C) of the Arms Export Control Act (AECA), as amended, we are forwarding Transmittal No. 25-1U. 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 21-07 of December 15, 2020.

Sincerely,

MICHAEL F. MILLER,
Director.

Enclosure.

TRANSMITTAL NO. 25-1U
Report of Enhancement or Upgrade of Sensitivity of Technology or Capability (Sec. 36(b)(5)(C), AECA)

(i) Prospective Purchaser: Government of Italy.

(ii) Sec. 36(b)(1), AECA Transmittal No.: 21-07; Date: December 15, 2020; Implementing Agency: Air Force.

(iii) Description: On December 15, 2020, Congress was notified by congressional certification transmittal number 21-07 of the possible sale, under Section 36(b)(1) of the Arms Export Control Act, of four (4) Multifunctional Information Distribution Systems—Joint Tactical Radio System (MIDS JTRS) (2 installed, 2 spares); three (3) Embedded/GPS/INS (EGI) with GPS security devices, airborne (2 installed, 1 spare); and four (4) RIO™ Communications Intelligence Systems (2 installed, 2 spares). The following non-MDE items were also included: Missile Warning Sensors; AN/ALE-47 Countermeasure Dispenser Sets (CMOS); MX-20HD Electro-Optical and Infra-Red systems; Osprey 50 AESA Radars; AISREW ISR equipment; Secure Communications equipment; Identification Friend or Foe Systems; aircraft modification and integration; ground systems for data processing and crew training; ground support equipment; publications and technical data; U.S. Government and contractor engineering, technical, and logistics support services; flight test and certification; and other related elements of logistical and program support. The estimated total cost was \$500 million. Major De-

fense Equipment (MDE) constituted \$10 million of this total.

This transmittal notifies the inclusion of the following additional MDE items: one (1) Embedded/GPS/INS (EGI) with GPS security device; and one (1) Communications Intelligence (COMINT) Systems Sensor Suite. The following non-MDE items are also included: aircraft components, parts, and accessories; transportation support; and other related elements of logistics and program support. The estimated total cost of the new items is \$220 million. The estimated MDE value will increase by \$3 million to a revised \$13 million. The estimated non-MDE value will increase by \$217 million to a revised \$707 million. The estimated total case value will increase by \$220 million to a revised \$720 million.

(iv) Significance: This notification is being provided because the MDE and non-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 sale supports and complements the ongoing efforts of Italy to modernize its airborne Intelligence, Surveillance, Reconnaissance, and Electronic Warfare capability and increases interoperability between the U.S. Air Force and the Italian Air Force (ITAF).

(v) Justification: 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.

(vi) Sensitivity of Technology:

COMINT Systems Sensor Suite.
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: December 15, 2025.

TRIBUTE TO MATTHEW P. GOODMAN

Mr. SULLIVAN. Mr. President, I rise today to honor Matthew P. Goodman as he retires from his leadership position at the Council on Foreign Relations, marking the conclusion of an exceptional career spanning more than three decades of service to America's economic security and international leadership and to the American people.

Mr. Goodman's dedication to our Nation's interests in the global economy has been unwavering. Throughout his career, he has served with distinction in multiple Presidential administrations, led groundbreaking research, and shaped the debates that define how our country engages with and in the international economy.

Mr. Goodman's exemplary commitment to public service has been in the best tradition of bipartisan service to our Nation. His government service began at the U.S. Treasury Department during President Reagan's second term, where he served as an international economist, including 5 distinguished years as financial attache at the U.S. Embassy in Tokyo, representing American interests during a transformative period in U.S.-Japan economic relations and the broader Asia-Pacific economy. He is being honored by the Government of Japan for his lifelong support for our alliance.