

think about my friend Sunil Puri. In 1979, Sunil immigrated to the United States from India when he was just 18 years old. He arrived in Rockford, IL, with little more than hope, tenacity, and \$150 in his pocket. Yet, over the span of four decades, he became one of Rockford's leading businessmen and philanthropists. Sunil was defined by his commitment to his city, his country, and his family, and his contributions can be found anywhere you look in Rockford. Sunil left his adopted city far better than he found it, and it is with great sadness that I share the news of his passing.

Sunil made the journey from Bombay (Mumbai) to Rockford without the explicit permission from his parents and with the hopes of receiving a liberal arts education at Rockford College, now Rockford University. Through hard work, dedication, and many odd jobs, including cleaning bedpans and laying concrete, Sunil put himself through school. Yet it was the kindness of Illinoisans during his college career that stuck with Sunil: the elderly Swedes who taught him English, the families who hosted him during their holiday celebrations, and his classmates, who took an interest in him and celebrated his culture when he was thousands of miles away from his childhood home. The citizens of Rockford opened their arms to Sunil, and in return, Sunil would spend the next four decades repaying the favor.

After graduating from Rockford College with a degree in accounting, Sunil founded First Rockford Group, which is now known as First Midwest Group, a real estate development firm. If you have played a round of mini golf at Volcano Falls, taken a walk along Perryville Path, or filled up your tank at a Road Ranger stop, you may have seen some of Sunil's work. In fact, if you live in or visit Rockford, it is hard to avoid First Midwest's many projects. They have turned abandoned and forgotten buildings into thriving restaurants, offices, and warehouses. First Midwest's investments in Rockford have breathed new life into the city, driving economic growth and creating jobs for thousands of Illinoisans. But none of this success would have been possible without Sunil. His drive and passion were the defining features of First Midwest. Sunil ensured that First Midwest's projects did not just replicate amenities a neighborhood already possessed, but that they contributed something new to his adopted town. Because of Sunil, when his developments succeeded, so did the community.

Sunil's contributions to Rockford and the State of Illinois extend far beyond his work at First Midwest. Inspired by his parents' lesson to "water the flowers where you smell the roses," Sunil gave millions of dollars and—equally as valuable—countless hours of his time and energy to various charities and community projects. Sunil's passion for development was obvious in

his charity work, where he funded the construction of many Rockford city staples. His donations led to the creation of the Keeling-Puri Peace Plaza, the southeast Rockford branch of the YMCA, the Salvation Army Puri Family Disaster Services Center, and many more community hubs. Sunil helped families access vaccines during the COVID-19 pandemic and encouraged children to find their passion by sponsoring youth sports programs. He supported educators by spending hundreds of hours a year working on Rockford Public Schools' budget and operations committees and funding the Golden Apple's Outstanding Principal Award. It is no surprise that Sunil received a key to the city of Rockford not once, but twice in his life, as a recognition of his enduring devotion to his home.

Despite the attention required to manage his large real estate business and numerous charitable contributions, Sunil never forgot the university that made it all possible. Through a donation of \$5 million and a 28,000-square-foot building, Sunil helped create the Puri School of Business at Rockford University. He founded the school with the hope that it would serve as a vehicle for economic revitalization and as an engine of opportunity for bright and talented students. Soon after, Sunil created the Charles Box Scholarship, which provided a full ride to the Puri School of Business to 30 Black students from the Rockford area. Sunil also served on the board of trustees at Rockford University, using his role to give the next generation of students the same opportunity that he had.

Elected officials on both sides of the aisle have praised Sunil for all that he has done for his community, and I am pleased that, last year, the Illinois State House adopted a resolution honoring his contributions to the State. But Sunil's work extended far beyond Illinois, and his contributions and insights were appreciated by more than one President. Never forgetting where he came from, Sunil was a passionate advocate for improved U.S.-Indian relations and traveled with President Clinton and President Obama to India, in hopes of expanded ties between our two countries. He was appointed by President Obama to the President's Advisory Commission on Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders and by President Biden to the President's Advisory Committee on the Arts for the John F. Kennedy Center.

Loretta and I send our deepest condolences to Sunil's loving partner Candace Ross and his three children Ashwin, Chandan, and Anjali.

Sunil was a living embodiment of what makes America the envy of the world. Coming from humble beginnings, he found much success, both in his business and in his community. The contributions that Sunil made to Rockford were an indispensable part of the city's revitalization and will continue to fuel the city's growth for years to come. While I will miss my

friend Sunil, I take comfort in knowing that I can always feel his presence whenever I am in Rockford.

#### DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

Mr. OSSOFF. Mr. President, yet again, Senator MURRAY offered the measure to fund critical Agencies within the Department of Homeland Security, and yet again, the measure was blocked by the Senator from Alabama. As I urged last week, I urge the Senate to adopt this measure and fund these Agencies.

#### 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:

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF STATE,  
Washington, DC.

#### CONGRESSIONAL NOTIFICATION TRANSMITTAL LETTER

Please find enclosed the following notification from the Department of State.

Department Notification Number: RSAT 26-0F

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. 26-0F. 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 24-78 of September 6, 2024.

#### Recipients:

Speaker of the House of Representatives  
House Committee on Foreign Affairs  
Senate Committee on Foreign Relations  
Sincerely,

PAUL D. GUAGLIANONE,  
Senior Bureau Official,  
Bureau of Legislative Affairs.

DEPARTMENT OF STATE TRANSMITTAL NO. 26-0F  
Report of Enhancement or Upgrade of Sensitivity of Technology or Capability Pursuant to Section 36(b)(5)(C) of the Arms Export Control Act

(i) (U) Prospective Purchaser: Government of the Netherlands.

(ii) (U) Sec. 36(b)(1), AECA Transmittal No.: 24-78; Date: September 6, 2024; Implementing Agency: Navy.

(iii) (U) Description: On September 6, 2024, Congress was notified by congressional certification transmittal number 24-78 of the

possible sale, under Section 36(b)(1) of the Arms Export Control Act, of the Government of the Netherlands' request to buy two hundred forty-six (246) AIM 9X Sidewinder Block II tactical missiles; six (6) AIM 9X Block II Sidewinder captive air training missiles (CATM); two (2) AIM 9X Block II Sidewinder special air training missiles; fourteen (14) AIM 9X Block II Sidewinder tactical guidance units; and two (2) AIM 9X Block II Sidewinder CATM guidance units. Also included were missile containers; spares; personal training and training equipment; classified and unclassified publications and technical documents; warrants; U.S. Government and contractor engineering, technical, and logistics support services; and other related elements of program and logistics support. The total estimated value was \$691 million. Major defense equipment (MDE) constituted \$591.7 million of this total.

This transmittal notifies the addition of up to eighty-seven (87) AIM 9X Sidewinder Block II tactical missiles; and up to ten (10) AIM 9X Block II Sidewinder CATM. The following non-MDE items will also be included: additional support equipment; missiles support; and technical assistance. The estimated total value of the new items is \$65 million. The estimated MDE value will increase by \$60 million to a revised \$651.7 million. The estimated non-MDE value will increase by \$5 million to a revised \$104.3 million. The estimated total case value will increase by \$65 million to a revised \$756 million. MDE constitutes \$651.7 million of this total.

(iv) (U) Significance: This notification is being provided because the additional MDE and non-MDE items were not enumerated in the original notification. The inclusion of this MDE and non-MDE represents an increase in capability over what was previously notified.

(v) (U) 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 which is an important force for political stability and economic progress in Europe.

(vi) (U) 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) (U) Date Report Delivered to Congress: March 6, 2026.

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U.S. DEPARTMENT OF STATE,  
Washington, DC.

CONGRESSIONAL NOTIFICATION TRANSMITTAL LETTER

Please find enclosed the following notification from the Department of State.

Department Notification Number: RSAT 26-27.

Pursuant to the reporting requirements of Section 36(b)(1) of the Arms Export Control Act (AECA), as amended, we are forwarding Transmittal No. 26-27 concerning the Army's proposed Letter(s) of Offer and Acceptance to the Government of Sweden for defense articles and services estimated to cost \$930 million. We will issue a news release to notify the public of this proposed sale upon delivery of this letter to your office.

Recipients:  
Speaker of the House of Representatives  
House Committee on Foreign Affairs  
Senate Committee on Foreign Relations  
Sincerely,

PAUL D. GUAGLIANONE,  
Senior Bureau Official,  
Bureau of Legislative Affairs.

DEPARTMENT OF STATE TRANSMITTAL NO. RSAT 26-27

Notice of Proposed Issuance of Letter of Offer Pursuant to Section 36(b)(1) of the Arms Export Control Act

(i) (U) Prospective Purchaser: Government of Sweden.

(ii) (U) Total Estimated Value:  
Major Defense Equipment\* \$770 million.  
Other \$160 million.  
Total \$930 million.

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

Major Defense Equipment (MDE):  
Twenty (20) M142 high mobility artillery rocket systems.

Thirty-five (35) M31A2 guided multiple launch rocket system (GMLRS) unitary pods with insensitive munitions propulsion system (IMPS).

Thirty-five (35) M30A2 GMLRS alternative warhead (AW) pods with IMPS.

Thirty-five (35) M403 extended range (ER) GMLRS AW pods with IMPS.

Thirty-five (35) M404 ER GMLRS unitary pods with IMPS.

Twenty (20) M57 army tactical missiles system pods.

Twenty-Four (24) international field artillery tactical data system.

Non-MDE: The following non-MDE items will also be included: low cost reduced range practice rocket pods; AN/PRC-158 radios; AN/PRC-160 radios; simple key loaders; defense advanced global positioning system receivers; interactive electronic technical manuals; integration support services; spare parts; tool kits; test equipment; contractor logistics support; training; training equipment; technical assistance; technical publications; transportation; and other related elements of logistics and program support.

(iv) (U) Military Department: Army (SW-B-WCB).

(v) (U) Prior Related Cases, if any: None.

(vi) (U) Sales Commission, Fee, etc., Paid, Offered, or Agreed to be Paid: None known at this time.

(vii) (U) Sensitivity of Technology Contained in the Defense Article or Defense Services Proposed to be Sold: See Attached Annex.

(viii) (U) Date Report Delivered to Congress: March 10, 2026.

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

POLICY JUSTIFICATION

(U) Sweden—M142 High Mobility Artillery Rocket Systems

(U) The Government of Sweden has requested to buy twenty (20) M142 high mobility artillery rocket systems; thirty-five (35) M31A2 guided multiple launch rocket system (GMLRS) unitary pods with insensitive munitions propulsion system (IMPS); thirty-five (35) M30A2 GMLRS alternative warhead (AW) pods with IMPS; thirty-five (35) M403 extended range (ER) GMLRS AW pods with IMPS; thirty-five (35) M404 ER GMLRS unitary pods with IMPS; twenty (20) M57 army tactical missile system pods; and twenty-four (24) international field artillery tactical data systems. The following non-major defense equipment items will also be included: low cost reduced range practice rocket pods; AN/PRC-158 radios; AN/PRC-160 radios; simple key loaders; defense advanced global positioning system receivers; interactive electronic technical manuals; integration support services; spare parts; tool kits; test equipment; contractor logistics support; training; training equipment; technical assistance; technical publications; transportation; and other related elements of logistics and program support. The estimated total cost is \$930 million.

(U) 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.

(U) The proposed sale will improve Sweden's capability to meet current and future threats and enhance its interoperability with U.S. and other allied forces. It will also enhance Sweden's artillery and mid-range fire capability. Sweden will have no difficulty absorbing these articles and services into its armed forces.

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

(U) The principal contractor will be Lockheed Martin, located in Grand Prairie, TX. 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.

(U) Implementation of this proposed sale will require up to fifteen (15) additional U.S. Government and up to fifteen (15) contractor representatives to Sweden, as required, to provide program management reviews to support the program.

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

TRANSMITTAL NO. 26-BA

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. (U) The M142 high mobility artillery rocket system (HIMARS) is a C-130 transportable wheeled launcher mounted on a 5-ton family of medium tactical vehicle truck chassis. HIMARS is the modern Army-fielded version of the multiple launch rocket system (MLRS) M270 launcher and can fire all of the MLRS Family of Munitions (FOM) including guided multiple launch rocket system (GMLRS) variants and the army tactical missile system (ATACMS). Utilizing the MLRS FOM, the HIMARS can engage targets between 15 and 300 kilometers with global positioning system (GPS)-aided precision accuracy.

2. (U) GMLRS M31A2 unitary is the Army's primary munition for units fielding the M142