

system processor replacements (10 installed, 8 spares).

Non-MDE:

The following non-MDE items will also be included: LAIRCM missile warning sensors, control interface units, and user data module cards; testing and test equipment; major and minor modifications and maintenance support; aircraft components, parts, and accessories; spare parts, consumables and accessories, and repair and return support; software delivery and support; publications and technical documentation; U.S. Government engineering, technical and logistics support services; and other related elements of logistics and program support.

(iv) Military Department: Air Force (UK-D-QEE).

(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: June 5, 2026.

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

POLICY JUSTIFICATION

United Kingdom—Large Aircraft Infrared Countermeasures

The Government of the United Kingdom has requested to buy thirty-six (36) Guardian Laser Turret Assemblies (28 installed, 8 spares); and eighteen (18) AN/AAQ 24(V)N Large Aircraft Infrared Countermeasures (LAIRCM) system processor replacements (10 installed, 8 spares). The following non-MDE items will also be included: LAIRCM user data module cards, missile warning sensors, and support equipment; testing and test equipment; major and minor modifications and maintenance support; aircraft components, parts, and accessories; spare parts, consumables, and accessories; repair and return support; software delivery and support; publications and technical documentation; U.S. Government engineering, technical, and logistics support services; and other related elements of logistics and program support. The estimated total cost is \$160 million.

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 an important force for political stability and economic progress in Europe.

The proposed sale will improve the United Kingdom's capability to meet current and future threats by providing modern protection for large air mobility platforms, ensuring the operational readiness of the Royal Air Force. The United Kingdom will have no difficulty absorbing these articles 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 The Boeing Company, located in Arlington, 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 the United Kingdom.

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

TRANSMITTAL NO. 26-64

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 AN/AAQ-24(V)N Large Aircraft Infrared Countermeasures (LAIRCM) system is a self-contained, directed-energy countermeasures system designed to protect aircraft from infrared-guided surface-to-air missiles. The LAIRCM system features digital technology micro-miniature solid-state electronics. The system operates in all conditions, detecting incoming missiles and jamming infrared-seeker equipped missiles with aimed bursts of laser energy. The LAIRCM system consists of multiple infrared missile warning sensors, the Guardian Laser Transmitter Assembly, a system processor replacement, a control interface unit replacement, and a classified memory card user data module.

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 the United Kingdom 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 the United Kingdom.

TRIBUTE TO CINDY MCCAIN

Ms. KLOBUCHAR. Mr. President, I rise today to honor my friend Cindy McCain for her incredible work as executive director of the World Food Programme.

Cindy assumed leadership of the World Food Programme in 2023 and has since been a clear voice for hungry families around the world. She has done this work during a critical period of time, as hunger and food insecurity reached alarming levels. She has been an advocate for people around the world facing hunger, malnutrition, displacement, and trauma, and she has been a leader in delivering vital assistance.

In recent years, we have seen global food insecurity rise around the world, primarily as a result of conflict and the ensuing displacement, continuing climate shocks and droughts that disrupt food supplies, and a world economy characterized by uneven growth and high food prices. As leader of the World Food Programme, Cindy strengthened the ability of the WFP to respond to all of these factors and worked to modernize the agency so that it could sustain and improve its work delivering food assistance.

Cindy has been a clear voice for food aid in Ukraine and Gaza. She has been steadfast in her support of Ukraine in the face of Russian aggression and worked tirelessly to help Ukraine maintain and build its agricultural sector. She also visited Gaza in August of 2025, pointing out the deepening crisis

and calling for a surge of aid to help suffering families.

And as this administration worked to dramatically cut out global food assistance programs, Cindy defended them strenuously, meeting with Democrats and Republicans in Congress and urging them to hold strong in supporting global food aid. At a time when too many are walking back from decades of consensus about the value of foreign aid and hunger relief, Cindy has been a true leader, not just in delivering aid abroad, but in reminding us here of our obligations around the world.

Cindy's public service, just like that of her husband before her, is a true reminder that targeted and smart foreign assistance is vital not just for hungry people, but for our national interests and American security as well.

A month before he passed away, my husband John and I visited John and Cindy at their ranch in Arizona. Even while battling brain cancer, he continued to be engaged in the issues of our time, and he continued to have that signature McCain humor and that grit.

My last memory of John was something that happened on that visit. He pointed to a sentence in his book and said, "That's all that matters." The sentence was this: "Nothing in life is more liberating than to fight for a cause larger than yourself."

Cindy has been dedicated to changing and saving lives—fighting to end world hunger, with horrific conflicts and a changing climate. We are so grateful to her for her strength, inspiration, and dedication.

ADDITIONAL STATEMENTS

TRIBUTE TO SHERIFF CHRIS GOETZ

● Mr. RISCH. Mr. President, with my colleague Senator MIKE CRAPO, we honor Sheriff Chris Goetz of Idaho as he announces his retirement after more than 17 years as sheriff and nearly three decades of service with the Clearwater County Sheriff's Office.

Throughout his career, Sheriff Goetz has been a pillar of our community, exemplifying dedication and leadership and earning the respect of colleagues and residents alike. He is a lifetime member of the Western States Sheriffs Association and has served on the Idaho Sheriffs Association Board of Directors since 2010. Among his many notable accomplishments, Sheriff Goetz is one of only three sheriffs in Idaho history to serve as president of the Idaho Sheriff's Association twice. This unique distinction further demonstrates his commitment to public safety, the people of Clearwater County, and Idaho.

Sheriff Goetz's contributions to his community extend far beyond law enforcement. He is a past president of the Idaho Association of Counties and has volunteered countless hours to the Sunnyside Rural Fire District, for

which he serves as assistant fire chief. Sheriff Goetz is also the president of the Clearwater County 4-H Leaders Council and a member of the 4-H Livestock Sale Committee and the Weippe Rodeo Association.

As Sheriff Goetz begins this next chapter, we extend our sincere appreciation for his impressive and heroic tenure in public service. He has undoubtedly made a profound impact on Clearwater County, and his dedication to keeping our citizens safe will leave a legacy that is felt across Idaho for generations to come.

On behalf of the people of Idaho, we wish Sheriff Goetz many happy years in retirement filled with family, new adventures, and continued contributions to the Gem State.●

MESSAGES FROM THE PRESIDENT

Messages from the President of the United States were communicated to the Senate by Mr. Hanley, one of his secretaries.

EXECUTIVE MESSAGES REFERRED

In executive session the Presiding Officer laid before the Senate messages from the President of the United States submitting sundry nominations which were referred to the appropriate committees.

(The messages received today are printed at the end of the Senate proceedings.)

MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE RECEIVED DURING ADJOURNMENT

ENROLLED BILL SIGNED

Under the authority of the order of the Senate of January 3, 2025, the Secretary of the Senate, on June 9, 2026, during the adjournment of the Senate, received a message from the House of Representatives announcing that the Speaker has signed the following enrolled bill:

S. 2. An act to provide for reconciliation pursuant to title II of S. Con. Res 33.

Under the authority of the order of the Senate of January 3, 2025, the enrolled bill was signed on June 9, 2026, during the adjournment of the Senate, by the Acting President pro tempore (Mr. CURTIS).

MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE

At 11:00 a.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mrs. Alli, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has passed the following bill, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 5408. An act to accelerate workplace time-to-contract under the National Labor Relations Act.

MEASURES DISCHARGED PETITIONS

We, the undersigned Senators, in accordance with chapter 8 of title 5, United States

Code, hereby direct that the Senate Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions be discharged of further consideration of S.J. Res. 196, a joint resolution providing for congressional disapproval under chapter 8 of title 5, United States Code, of the rule submitted by the Department of Education relating to "Reimagining and Improving Student Education-Federal Student Loan Program Final Regulations," and, further, that the resolution be immediately placed upon the Legislative Calendar under General Orders.

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MEASURES DISCHARGED

The following joint resolution was discharged from the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions, by petition, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 802(c), and placed on the calendar:

S.J. Res. 192. Joint resolution providing for congressional disapproval under chapter 8 of title 5, United States Code, of the rule submitted by the Department of Education relating to "Reimagining and Improving Student Education-Federal Student Loan Program Final Regulations".

MEASURES READ THE FIRST TIME

The following bill was read the first time:

S. 4744. A bill to amend titles 10 and 38, United States Code, and other Federal laws, to improve benefits for veterans and the administration of the Department of Veterans Affairs.

ENROLLED BILL PRESENTED

The Secretary of the Senate reported that on June 9, 2026, she had presented to the President of the United States the following enrolled bill:

S. 2. An act to provide for reconciliation pursuant to title II of S. Con. Res. 33.

EXECUTIVE AND OTHER COMMUNICATIONS

The following communications were laid before the Senate, together with accompanying papers, reports, and documents, and were referred as indicated:

EC-3763. A communication from the Senior Bureau Official, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to section 36(b)(5)(C) of the Arms Export Control Act, the notification of enhancements or upgrades from the level of sensitivity of technology or capability (RSAT Case 26-0Y); to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-3764. A communication from the Senior Bureau Official, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to section 36(b)(1) of the Arms Export Control Act, the Air Force's proposed letter(s) of offer and acceptance to the Government of Vietnam for defense articles and services estimated to cost \$100 million (RSAT Case 26-39); to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-3765. A communication from the Senior Bureau Official, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to section 36(b)(1) of the Arms Export Control Act, the Air Force's proposed letter(s) of offer and acceptance to the Government of Denmark for defense articles and services estimated to cost \$842 million (RSAT Case 26-73); to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-3766. A communication from the Senior Bureau Official, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to section 36(b)(1) of the Arms Export Control Act, the Air Force's proposed letter(s) of offer and acceptance to the Government of the United Kingdom for defense articles and services estimated to cost \$160 million (RSAT Case 26-64); to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-3767. A communication from the Senior Bureau Official, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to section 36(b)(1) of the Arms Export Control Act, the Navy's proposed letter(s) of offer and acceptance to the Government of New Zealand for defense articles and services estimated to cost \$69 million (RSAT Case 26-47); to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-3768. A communication from the Senior Bureau Official, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to section 36(b)(1) of the Arms Export Control Act, the Air Force's proposed letter(s) of offer and acceptance to the Government of Republic of Korea for defense articles and services estimated to cost \$106 million (RSAT Case 26-50); to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-3769. A communication from the Senior Bureau Official, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to section 36(b)(1) of the Arms Export Control Act, the Navy's proposed letter(s) of offer and acceptance to the Government of Italy for defense articles and services estimated to cost \$30.6 million (RSAT Case 26-63); to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-3770. A communication from the Senior Bureau Official, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to section 36(d) of the Arms Export Control Act, a certification of a proposed transfer of major defense equipment with an original