



United States Department of State

Washington, D.C. 20520

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Dear Mr. Chairman:

I am transmitting, herewith, certification of a proposed issuance of export licenses pursuant to Section 126.14 of the International Traffic in Arms Regulations concerning a Global Project Authorization (GPA) and Section 36(c) of the Arms Export Control Act.

The transaction described in the attached certification concerns the Systems Design and Development phase of the Joint Strike Fighter program and involves the export of technical data and defense services among U.S. defense firms and their foreign collaborative partners located in the countries of Canada, Denmark, Italy, Norway, The Netherlands, Turkey and the United Kingdom.

The United States Government is prepared to license exports of these items having taken into account political, military, economic, human rights and arms control considerations.

More detailed information is contained in the formal certification which, though unclassified, contains business information submitted to the Department of State by the applicant, publication of which could cause competitive harm to the United States firm concerned.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Michael C. Polt".

Michael C. Polt
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Enclosure:

Transmittal No. DTC 277-02

The Honorable

Henry J. Hyde, Chairman,

Committee on International Relations,
House of Representatives.