



United States Department of State

Washington, D.C. 20520

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Dear Mr. Speaker:

Pursuant to Section 36(c) and (d) of the Arms Export Control Act, I am transmitting, herewith, certification of a proposed manufacturing license agreement for the manufacture of significant military equipment abroad and the export of defense articles or defense services sold commercially under a contract in the amount of \$100,000,000 or more.

The transaction contained in the attached certification involves the export of production, manufacturing hardware and services to Japan to add one additional ship set, additional modules, parts and MK41 Vertical Launching System (VLS) components for the new Japanese Navy Guided Missile Destroyer, DDG2317.

The United States Government is prepared to license the export 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 that reads "Paul V. Kelly". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large loop at the beginning and a long tail at the end.

Paul V. Kelly
Assistant Secretary
Legislative Affairs

Enclosure:

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The Honorable

J. Dennis Hastert,

Speaker of the House of Representatives.