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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 major defense equipment abroad and the export of defense articles or defense services sold commercially under a contract in the amount of \$25,000,000 or more.

The transaction contained in the attached certification involves the export of technical data, defense hardware and hardware to support the production and manufacture of Multiple Launch Rocket Systems (MLRS) M270 Launchers, Multiple Launch Pod Assembly Trainers and Reduced Range Practice Rockets, including associated components and spare parts, for the Japanese Defense Agency.

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,

Paul V. Kelly
Assistant Secretary
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Enclosure:

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The Honorable

J. Dennis Hastert,

Speaker of the House of Representatives.