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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 36(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 article or defense services in the amount of \$50,000,000.

The transaction contained in the attached certification involves the manufacture in Russia and the United States of RD-180 two-chamber rocket motors for use on Atlas launch vehicles, including the USAF Evolved Expandable Launch Vehicle.

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 "Jeffrey T. Bergner".

Jeffrey T. Bergner
Assistant Secretary
Legislative Affairs

Enclosure:

Transmittal No. DDTC 003-06

The Honorable

J. Dennis Hastert,

Speaker of the House of Representatives.