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United States Department of State

Washington, D.C. 20520

March 26, 2010

Dear Madam Speaker:

Pursuant to Section 36(c) of the Arms Export Control Act, I am transmitting, herewith, certification of a proposed technical assistance agreement for the export of defense articles, including technical data, and defense services in the amount of $50,000,000 or more.

The transaction contained in the attached certification involves the transfer of defense articles, to include technical data, and defense services to support the Proton launch of the Astra 1N Commercial Communication Satellite from the Baikonur Cosmodrome in Kazakhstan.

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,

Matthew Rooney
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The Honorable
Nancy Pelosi,
Speaker of the House of Representatives.