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United States Department of State

Washington, D.C. 20520

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Dear Madam Speaker:

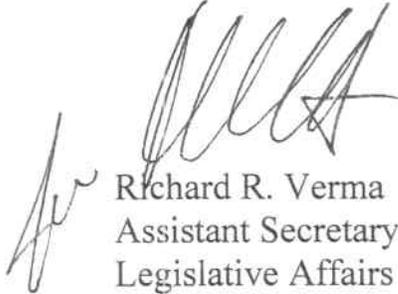
Pursuant to Sections 36(c) and 36(d) of the Arms Export Control Act, I am transmitting, herewith, certification of a proposed amendment to a manufacturing license agreement for the manufacture of significant military equipment abroad and the export of defense articles or defense services abroad in the amount of \$50,000,000 or more.

The transaction described in the attached certification involves the transfer of defense articles, technical data, and defense services to Russia for the RD-180 Liquid Propellant Rocket Engine Program.

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,



Richard R. Verma  
Assistant Secretary  
Legislative Affairs

Enclosure:

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The Honorable

Nancy Pelosi,

Speaker of the House of Representatives.