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United States Department of State

Washington, D.C. 20520

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Dear Mr. Chairman:

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 export of defense services and defense articles, including technical data to support the Global Maintenance and Supply Services (GMASS), the M777A2 Sustainment, and the Mine Resistant Ambush Protected Vehicle Programs in Afghanistan for end-use by U.S. and coalition forces in support of Operation Enduring Freedom.

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,

Michael C. Polt
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Enclosure:

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The Honorable
John F. Kerry, Chairman,
Committee on Foreign Relations,
United States Senate.