



United States Department of State

Washington, D.C. 20520

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Dear Mr. Speaker:

Pursuant to Sections 36(c) and 36(d) of the Arms Export Control Act, I am transmitting, herewith, certification of a proposed license for the manufacture of significant military equipment abroad and the export of defense articles, including technical data, and defense services in the amount of \$100,000,000 or more.

The transaction contained in the attached certification involves the export of defense articles, including technical data, and defense services to Italy for the planning and development of Final Assembly and Check Out facilities for the purpose of assembling the F-35 Lightning II series aircraft.

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, appearing to read "Thomas B. Gibbons".

Thomas B. Gibbons  
Acting Assistant Secretary  
Legislative Affairs

Enclosure:

Transmittal No. DDTC 13-032

The Honorable

John A. Boehner,

Speaker of the House of Representatives.