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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) of the Arms Export Control Act, I am transmitting herewith certification of a proposed license for the export of defense articles or defense services sold commercially under a contract in the amount \$50,000,000 or more.

The transaction contained in the attached certification involves ongoing activities associated with technical assistance agreements with Russia beyond those addressed in DTC 39-98, dated March 19, 1998, DTC 98-99, dated August 5, 1999, DTC 014-00, dated March 7, 2000, and DTC 034-01, dated March 1, 2001, providing for the marketing and sale of satellite launch services utilizing Proton rocket boosters and the performance of associated integration and launch services from 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,

Michael E. Guest
Acting Assistant Secretary
Legislative Affairs

Enclosure:

Transmittal No. DTC 046-01

The Honorable

J. Dennis Hastert,

Speaker of the House of Representatives.