



United States Department of State

Washington, D.C. 20520

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Dear Mr. Speaker:

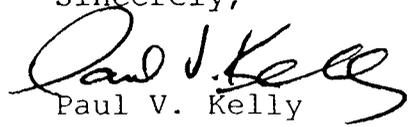
Pursuant to Section 36(c) of the Arms Export Control Act, I am transmitting, herewith, certification of a proposed license for the export of defense articles that are firearms controlled under category I of the United States Munitions List sold commercially under a contract in the amount of \$1,000,000 or more.

The transaction contained in the attached certification involves the export to Belgium of bolt-action, lever-action, semi-automatic sporting rifles, and semi-automatic pistols for distribution to the following commercial markets: Austria, Belgium, Denmark, Ireland, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Iceland, Italy, Luxembourg, The Netherlands, Norway, Portugal, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland and the United Kingdom.

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,


Paul V. Kelly
Assistant Secretary
Legislative Affairs

Enclosure:

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The Honorable

J. Dennis Hastert,

Speaker of the House of Representatives.