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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 agreement for the export of defense articles or 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 the Portuguese Ministry of National Defense to support the Portuguese Air Force P-3C Aircraft 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,

Jeffrey T. Bergner  
Assistant Secretary  
Legislative Affairs

Enclosure:

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The Honorable

Joseph R. Biden, Jr., Chairman,  
Committee on Foreign Relations,  
United States Senate.