



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 of \$100,000,000 or more.

The transaction contained in the attached certification involves the export of production, manufacturing hardware and services to Japan to add one additional ship set of the MK 41 Vertical Launching Systems (VLS) to the new Japanese Navy Guided Missile Destroyer, DDG2317.

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
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Enclosure:

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The Honorable

J. Dennis Hastert,

Speaker of the House of Representatives.