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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 authorization for the export of significant military equipment in the amount of \$50,000,000 or more.

The transaction contained in the attached certification involves the export of eight (8) commercial communications satellites to Italy for integration and testing and further export to Kazakhstan and Russia for launch. This notification is for the export of the satellites only. The launch services have been approved under two separate Technical Assistance Agreements. Transfer of ownership will be made once the satellites are in orbit to a U.S. company.

The United States Government is prepared to approve the export of the satellite 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,

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Legislative Affairs

Enclosure:

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The Honorable

J. Dennis Hastert,

Speaker of the House of Representatives.