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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, as amended, I am transmitting, herewith, certification of an application for a license for the export of defense articles or defense services to be sold under a contract in the amount of $100,000,000 or more.

The transaction described in the attached certification involves the transfer of hardware, technical data, and defense services to Japan for the co-development of the Galaxy Express space launch vehicle upgrade 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

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