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In reply refer to:
I-61835/98

Mr. Gregory M. Suchan
Director, Office of Arms
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Bureau of Political Military Affairs
Department of State
Washington, D.C. 20520

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Dear Mr. Suchan:

(P) We are processing a purchase request from the Government of Israel for AIM-120B Advanced Medium Range Air-to-Air Missiles. I have enclosed a proposed advance notice to Congress and the accompanying military justification for your consideration and approval.

(P) We would appreciate your assistance in expediting the processing of this sale to ensure that the formal notification is completed prior to May 1998. This would enable the U.S. Air Force to include the Israeli buy as an option under the current contract.

Sincerely,

H. Diehl McKalip
Deputy Director

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In reply refer to:
I-61836/98

Mr. Andrew K. Ellis
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Committee on National Security
House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

Mr. Richard J. Garon, Jr.
Chief of Staff
Committee on International Relations
House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

Admiral James W. Nance
Staff Director
Committee on Foreign Relations
United States Senate
Washington, D.C. 20510

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Dear Mr. Ellis:
Mr. Garon:
Admiral Nance:

By letter dated 18 February 1976, the Director, Defense Security Assistance Agency, indicated that you would be advised of possible transmittals to Congress of information as required by Section 36(b)(1) of the Arms Export Control Act. At the instruction of the Department of State, I wish to provide the following advance notification.

The Department of State is considering an offer to a Middle Eastern country for major defense equipment tentatively estimated to cost \$14 million or more.

Sincerely,

Attachments

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Transmittal No. 98-BB

ADVANCE NOTIFICATION OF POSSIBLE SECTION 36(b)(1) STATEMENTS
FOREIGN MILITARY SALES (U)

- a. (e) Prospective Purchaser: Israel
- b. (e) Description and Quantity or Quantities of Articles or Services under Consideration for Purchase:
Sixty-four AIM-120B Advanced Medium Range Air-to-Air Missiles (AMRAAM), three test missiles, missile containers, spare and repair parts, support and test equipment, maintenance and pilot training, software support, publications and technical documentation, U.S. Government and contractor technical assistance and other related elements of logistics and program support.
- c. (e) Estimated Value(s) of this Case: \$28 million
- d. (e) Description of Total Program of which this Case is a Part: Same as (b) above.
- e. (e) Estimated Value of Total Program of which this Case is a Part: Same as (c) above.
- f. (e) Prior Related Cases, if any: None
- g. (e) Military Department: Air Force (YEO, Amendment 1)
- h. (e) Estimated Date Letter of Offer/Acceptance (LOA) Ready for Formal Notification to Congress:
- i. (e) Date Advance Notification Delivered to Congress:

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MILITARY JUSTIFICATION

(S) Israel - AIM-120B Advanced Medium Range Air-to-Air Missiles

(S) The Government of Israel has requested a possible sale of 64 AIM-120B Advanced Medium Range Air-to-Air Missiles (AMRAAM), three test missiles, missile containers, spare and repair parts, support and test equipment, maintenance and pilot training, software support, publications and technical documentation, U.S. Government and contractor technical assistance and other related elements of logistics and program support. The estimated cost is \$28 million.

(S) This proposed sale will contribute to the foreign policy and national security of the United States by helping to improve the security of a friendly country which has been and continues to be an important force for political stability and economic progress in the Middle East.

(S) Israel needs these missiles to enhance the air-to-air self defense capability of its F-15 aircraft and provide for an increase in interoperability with U.S. forces. Israel, which already has AMRAAM in its inventory, will have no difficulty absorbing these missiles.

(S) The proposed sale of this equipment and support will not affect the basic military balance in the region.

(S) The prime contractor will be Raytheon Systems Company, Tucson, Arizona. Under this sale, the contractor will incur offset obligations under an existing industrial cooperation agreement.

(S) Implementation of this proposed sale will not require the assignment of any U.S. Government personnel or contractor representatives to Israel

(S) There will be no adverse impact on U.S. defense readiness as a result of this proposed sale.

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