whether the harvesting nation continues to meet the requirements. A nation may provide information related to compliance with IDCP and IATTC measures directly to NMFS on an annual basis or may authorize the IATTC to release the information to NMFS to annually renew an affirmative finding determination without an application from the harvesting nation.

An affirmative finding will be terminated, in consultation with the Secretary of State, if the Assistant Administrator determines that the requirements of 50 CFR 216.24(f) are no longer being met or that a nation is consistently failing to take enforcement actions on violations, thereby diminishing the effectiveness of the IDCP.

As a part of the affirmative finding process set forth in 50 CFR 216.24(f), the Assistant Administrator considered documentary evidence submitted by the Republic of Ecuador or obtained from the IATTC and the Department of State and has determined that Ecuador has met the MMPA's requirements to receive an annual affirmative finding renewal.

After consultation with the Department of State, the Assistant Administrator issued the Republic of Ecuador's annual affirmative finding renewal, allowing the continued importation into the United States of yellowfin tuna and products derived from yellowfin tuna harvested in the ETP by Ecuadorian-flag purse seine vessels or purse seine vessels operating under Ecuadorian jurisdiction. Ecuador's affirmative finding will remain valid through March 31, 2010, subject to subsequent annual reviews by NMFS.

Dated: April 10, 2006.

James W. Balsiger,

Acting Assistant Administrator for Fisheries, National Marine Fisheries Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Office of the Secretary

[Transmittal No. 06–20]

36(b)(1) Arms Sales Notification

AGENCY: Department of Defense, Defense Security Cooperation Agency.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Department of Defense is publishing the unclassified text of a section 36(b)(1) arms sales notification. This is published to fulfill the requirements of section 155 of Public Law 104–164 dated July 21, 1996.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ms. J. Hurd, DSCA/DBO/ADM, (703) 604–6575.

The following is a copy of a letter to the Speaker of the House of Representatives, Transmittal 06–20 with attached transmittal and policy justification.

Dated: April 10, 2006.

L.M. Bynum,

OSD Federal Register Liaison Officer, Department of Defense.

DEFENSE SECURITY COOPERATION AGENCY
WASHINGTON, DC 20301-2800

7 APR 2006

In reply refer to:
I-06/000332

The Honorable J. Dennis Hastert
Speaker of the House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515-6501

Dear Mr. Speaker:

Pursuant to the reporting requirements of Section 36(b)(1) of the Arms Export Control Act, as amended, we are forwarding herewith Transmittal No. 06-20, concerning the Department of the Navy's proposed Letter(s) of Offer and Acceptance to Thailand for defense articles and services estimated to cost $246 million. After this letter is delivered to your office, we plan to issue a press statement to notify the public of this proposed sale.

Sincerely,

Richard J. Millies
Deputy Director

Enclosures:
1. **Transmittal**
2. **Policy Justification**

Same ltr to:

House	Senate
Committee on International Relations	Committee on Foreign Relations
Committee on Armed Services	Committee on Armed Services
Committee on Appropriations	Committee on Appropriations

Transmittal No. 06-20

Notice of Proposed Issuance of Letter of Offer
Pursuant to Section 36(b)(1)
of the Arms Export Control Act, as amended

(i) **Prospective Purchaser: Thailand**

(ii) **Total Estimated Value:**

Major Defense Equipment*	**$151 million**
Other	**$ 95 million**
TOTAL	**$246 million**

(iii) **Description and Quantity or Quantities of Articles or Services under Consideration for Purchase: 6 MH-60S helicopters, 14 T700 engines, spare and repair parts, support equipment, publications and technical data, personnel training and training equipment, contractor engineering and technical support services and other related elements of logistics support.**

(iv) **Military Department: Navy (SCN)**

(v) **Prior Related Cases, if any: none**

(vi) **Sales Commission, Fee, etc., Paid, Offered, or Agreed to be Paid: none**

(vii) **Sensitivity of Technology Contained in the Defense Article or Defense Services Proposed to be Sold: none**

(viii) **Date Report Delivered to Congress:** 7 APR 2006

* **as defined in Section 47(6) of the Arms Export Control Act.**

POLICY JUSTIFICATION

Thailand – MH-60S Helicopters

The Government of Thailand has requested a possible sale of 6 MH-60S helicopters, 14 T700 engines, spare and repair parts, support equipment, publications and technical data, personnel training and training equipment, contractor engineering and technical support services and other related elements of logistics support. The estimated cost is $246 million.

The Royal Thai Navy (RTN) requires the helicopters to fulfill utility lift requirements. Thailand's need to enhance its maritime defense and disaster relief capabilities was highlighted during the recent tsunami search and rescue operations. The proposed sale will improve Thailand's mobility capability and enhance its ability to work with the United States and coalition partners during contingencies. It will contribute to the U. S. foreign policy and national security by helping to improve the security of an ally that has been and continues to be an important force in the counter narco-terrorist mission.

Thailand, which already has UH-60 helicopters in its inventory, will have no difficulty absorbing these additional aircraft.

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

The principal contractors will be:

Sikorsky Aircraft Corporation of Stratford, Connecticut
Lockheed Martin Federal Systems of Owego, New York
General Electric Corporation of Stratford, Connecticut.

There are no known offset agreements proposed in connection with this potential sale.

When the helicopters arrive, implementation will require up to 10 U.S. contractor representatives for periodic short-term visits not to exceed three months for each visit. One field service representative will be available for up to two years in Thailand.

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

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Office of the Secretary of Defense; Meeting of the Board of Regents of the Uniformed Services University of the Health Sciences

AGENCY: Unformed Services University of the Health Sciences (USU), DoD.

ACTION: Quarterly meeting notice.

SUMMARY: The actions that will take place include the approval of the minutes from the Board of Regents meeting held February 7, 2006, acceptance of department reports, and the awarding of post-baccalaureate degrees as follows: Doctor of Medicine, Masters of Science in Nursing, Ph.D. in Nursing Science, and masters and doctoral degrees in the biomedical sciences and public health. The President, USU; Dean, USU School of Medicine; Dean, USU Graduate School of Nursing; and Director, Armed Forces