asked whether product-specific information would be kept confidential, and what role a manufacturer would have in such a Forum.

In the first **Federal Register** notice, 71 FR 25570, the Commission explained in detail how information would be collected through the Forum. Any individual at least 18 years old who has access to the Internet and to e-mail may voluntarily register to participate in the Forum through the CPSC Web site. During the registration process, participants will be asked to provide an e-mail address and personal password to access the Forum. When a new question is posted in the Forum, registered participants may be invited via e-mail to log into the Forum and to provide responses to the posted question(s). Since the purpose of the Forum is to solicit consumer opinions and perceptions, the staff will not verify the responses provided by participants. Although questions related to certain product classes or categories might be posted in the Forum, staff does not intend to pose questions that are specific to a particular brand or model of product. Such information, however, may be received inadvertently through the Forum even if it is not solicited. To the extent that any information is obtained that could identify a specific product brand or model, such information will be kept confidential and will not be released.

The information collected via the Forum will help Commission staff evaluate consumer products and product use by providing insight and information into consumer perceptions and usage patterns. Such information may also assist the staff in its efforts to support voluntary standards activities, and help the staff identify areas regarding consumer safety issues that need additional research. In addition, based on the information obtained, the staff may be able to provide safety information to the public that is easier to read and is more readily understood by a wider range of consumers. The Forum may also be used to solicit consumer opinions and feedback regarding the effectiveness of product recall communications and to determine what action is being taken by consumers in response to such communications and why. This may aid in tailoring future recall activities to increase the success of those activities. If this information is not collected, the Commission would not have available useful information regarding consumer experiences, opinions, and perceptions related to specific product use, which the Commission relies on in its ongoing efforts to improve the safety of consumer products on behalf of consumers.

Additional Information About the Request for Approval of a Collection of Information

Agency address: Consumer Product Safety Commission, 4330 East West Highway, Bethesda, MD 20814.

Title of information collection: Consumer Opinion Forum.

Type of request: Approval of collection of information.

General description of respondents: Consumers at least 18 years of age.

Estimated annual number of respondents: 5,000.

Estimated average number of hours per respondent: 3.16 per year.

Estimated number of hours for all respondents: 15,833 per year.

Estimated cost per hour to respond: $28.75

Estimated cost of collection for all respondents: $455,000.

Comments: Comments on this request for approval of information collection requirements should be submitted by October 27, 2006 to (1) The Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Attn: OMB Desk Officer for CPSC, Office of Management and Budget, Washington DC 20503; telephone: (202) 395–7340, and (2) to the Office of the Secretary by e-mail at *cpsc-os@cpsc.gov,* or mailed to the Office of the Secretary, Consumer Product Safety Commission, 4330 East West Highway, Bethesda, MD 20814. Comments may also be sent via facsimile at (301) 504–0127.

Copies of this request for approval of information collection requirements and supporting documentation are available from Linda Glatz, Management and Program Analyst, Office of Planning and Evaluation, Consumer Product Safety Commission, 4330 East West Highway, Bethesda, MD 20814; telephone: (301) 504–7671.

Dated: September 21, 2006.

Todd A. Stevenson,

Secretary, Consumer Product Safety Commission.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Office of the Secretary

[Transmittal No. 06–57]

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 21 July 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 06–57 with attached transmittal, policy justification, and Sensitivity of Technology.

Dated: September 20, 2006.

C.R. Choate,

Alternate OSD Federal Register Liaison Officer, Department of Defense.

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DEFENSE SECURITY COOPERATION AGENCY

WASHINGTON, DC 20301-2800

14 SEP 2006

In reply refer to:
I-06/009579

The Honorable J. Dennis Hastert
Speaker of the House of Representatives
Washington, DC 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. 06-57, concerning the Department of the Air Force's proposed Letter(s) of Offer and Acceptance to Canada for defense articles and services estimated to cost $1.3 billion. After this letter is delivered to your office, we plan to issue a press statement to notify the public of this proposed sale.

Sincerely,

JEFFREY B. KOHLER
LIEUTENANT GENERAL, USAF
DIRECTOR

Enclosures:
1. **Transmittal**
2. **Policy Justification**
3. **Sensitivity of Technology**

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. 06-57

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:** Canada

(ii) **Total Estimated Value:**

Major Defense Equipment*	$ .164 billion
Other	$1.136 billion
TOTAL	$1.300 billion

(iii) **Description and Quantity or Quantities of Articles or Services under Consideration for Purchase:** in support of a Direct Commercial Sale of four Boeing C-17 Globemaster III aircraft, this proposed sale includes 18 Pratt & Whitney F117-PW-100 engines, 4 AN/AAQ-24V(13) Large Aircraft Infrared Countermeasures (LAIRCM) Systems, 20 AN/AVS-9 Night Vision Goggles, Electronic Combat International Security Assistance Program software equipment, spare and repair parts, mission planning system and software, Personnel Life Support equipment, flares, COMSEC equipment, supply support, training equipment and support, publications and technical data, U.S. Government and contractor technical assistance and other related elements of logistics support.

(iv) **Military Department:** Air Force (QZZ)

(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 Articles or Defense Services Proposed to be Sold:** See Annex attached

(viii) **Date Report Delivered to Congress:** 14 SEP 2006

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

POLICY JUSTIFICATION

Canada – Support for C-17 Globemaster III aircraft

The Government of Canada requested a possible sale in support of a Direct Commercial Sale for four Boeing C-17 Globemaster III aircraft, this proposed sale includes 18 Pratt & Whitney F117-PW-100 engines, 4 AN/AAQ-24V(13) Large Aircraft Infrared Countermeasures (LAIRCM) Systems, 20 AN/AVS-9 Night Vision Goggles, Electronic Combat International Security Assistance Program software equipment, spare and repair parts, mission planning system and software, Personnel Life Support equipment, flares, COMSEC equipment, supply support, training equipment and support, publications and technical data, U.S. Government and contractor technical assistance and other related elements of logistics support. The estimated cost is $1.3 billion.

This proposed sale will contribute to the foreign policy and national security objectives of the United States by improving the military capabilities of Canada and further weapon system standardization and interoperability with U.S. forces. Additionally, their efforts in peacekeeping and humanitarian operations have made a significant impact to regional political and economic stability and have served U.S. national security interests. The sale of C-17s to Canada will significantly increase its capability to rapidly deploy its forces.

Canada does not currently have a heavy airlift capability and must rely on outside sources for their heavy military airlift needs. This assistance normally takes the form of either U.S. Air Force airlift or contract carriers that use Russian heavy airlift aircraft. The C-17 will greatly improve Canada's capability to rapidly deploy in support of global coalition operations and will also greatly enhance its ability to lead regional humanitarian/peacekeeping operations.

Canada has the ability to absorb and employ the C-17. They are currently studying where in Canada to base the aircraft and plan on building new infrastructure and upgrading current infrastructure as required to support the C-17.

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

This proposed sale will involve the following contractors:

Boeing Company	Long Beach, California
Boeing Company Training Systems	St. Louis, Missouri
AAI Services Corporation	Goose Creek, South Carolina
United Technologies Cooperation	East Hartford, Connecticut

Northrop Grumman Systems Corporation Rolling Meadows, Illinois

Additional subcontractors may be needed depending on the exact nature of the contracting arrangements established. Offset agreements associated with this proposed sale are expected, but at this time the specific offset agreements are undetermined and will be defined in negotiations between the purchaser and contractors.

This proposed sale will result in Boeing establishing a facility in Canada to provide C-17 logistics support under the current GLOBEMASTER Support Partnership. The proposed plan will require seven U.S. Government representatives at the facility. Implementation of this proposed sale will require the assignment of up to ten each U.S. Government and contractor representatives in country for annual participation in training, program management, and technical review.

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

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Pursuant to Section 36(b)(1)
of the Arms Export Control Act

Annex
Item No. vii

(vii) Sensitivity of Technology:

1. The AN/AAQ-24V(13) Large Aircraft Infrared Countermeasure (LAIRCM) is an active countermeasure system designed to defeat man-portable, shoulder-fired, and vehicle-launched infrared guided missile guidance by directing a high-intensity modulated laser beam into the missile seeker. This aircraft self-protection suite will provide fast and accurate threat detection, processing, tracking, and countermeasures to defeat current and future generation infrared missile threats. LAIRCM is designed for installation on a wide range of fixed-wing aircraft. The basic hardware is Unclassified. However, the system relies on jam codes that direct the laser to fire at a specified rate and frequency, depending on the threat detected. These jam codes are developed by the LIRCM System Group and are classified Secret. Technical data and other documentation are classified up to Secret.

2. The AN/AVS-9 Night Vision Goggles (NVG), a 3rd generation aviation device offers a higher resolution, high gain, and photo response to near infrared. Features include independent eye-span adjustment; 25-mm eye relief eyepieces, which easily accommodate eyeglasses, and a low-profile battery pack. Minus-blue filter screens glare from cockpit instrument lighting; and a class B filter (available with some variants) can accommodate aircraft color displays. Other features include: low-distortion optics and automatic brightness control. The Night Vision Imaging System (NVIS) modification includes cockpit modifications to provide NVG-compatible cockpit lighting that optimizes NVG sensitivity, as well as external lighting capable of operating in a covert mode wherein only NVG-equipped personnel can see the aircraft external lighting. The hardware, technical data, and documentation to be provided are Unclassified.

3. The AN/ALE-47 Counter-Measures Dispensing System (CMDS) is an integrated, threat-adaptive, software-programmable dispensing system capable of dispensing chaff, flares and active radio frequency expendables. The threats countered by the CMDS include radar-directed anti-aircraft artillery (AAA), radar command-guided missiles, radar homing guided missiles, and infrared (IR) guided missiles. The system is internally mounted and may be operated as a stand-alone system or may be integrated with other on-board electronic warfare and avionics systems. The AN/ALE-

47 uses threat data received over the aircraft interfaces to assess the threat situation and to determine a response. Expendable routines tailored to the immediate aircraft and threat environment may be dispensed using one of four operational modes. The hardware, technical data, and documentation to be provided are Unclassified.

4. If a technologically advanced adversary were to obtain knowledge of the specific hardware and software elements, the information could be used to develop countermeasures or equivalent systems which might reduce weapon system effectiveness or be used in the development of a system with similar or advanced capabilities.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Office of the Secretary

[Transmittal No. 06–59]

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 21 July 1996.

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

The following is a copy of a letter to the Speaker of the House of Representatives, Transmittal 06–59 with attached transmittal and policy justification.

Dated: September 22, 2006.

C.R. Choate,

Alternate OSD Federal Register Liaison Officer, Department of Defense.

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