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**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Under current rules for the subject futures contracts, to compute the cash settlement price the CME surveys Exchange-approved reference banks twice on the last day of trading. The Exchange surveys 16 reference banks selected at random from a list of at least 20 banks designated by the Exchange. Each reference bank quotes its perception of the rate at which three-month Eurodollar time deposits currently are offered by the market to prime banks in the London interbank market. The Exchange eliminates the four highest and lowest quotes and calculates the settlement yield as the average of the remaining eight quotes, rounded to two decimal places (the nearest one-hundredth of one-percent). The cash settlement price is the difference between one hundred and the settlement yield (expressed as a percent). Cash settlement is effected using normal variation margin procedures.

The Exchange proposes to cash settle the subject futures contracts based on the BBA Interest Settlement Rate (ISR) for Eurodollar deposits of the relevant maturity on the day after the last trading day, rather than on the basis of the CME-conducted survey on the last trading day. The BBA ISR is computed each day based on a survey of 16 banks that BBA has designated. Each surveyed bank quotes its view of the rate at which three-month Eurodollar time deposits are available in the London interbank market at 11:00 a.m. London time. BBA eliminates the four highest and four lowest rates and calculates the ISR as the average of the remaining eight quotes, rounded to five decimal places. The Exchange will compute the settlement yield by rounding the ISR to two decimal places. As under current rules for the contracts, the cash settlement price will be the difference between one hundred and the settlement yield.

The CME proposes to implement the changes to the cash settlement provisions immediately upon Commission approval for application to all existing and newly listed contracts.

The Division requests comment on the proposed changes. Comment also is requested of the proposal to apply the amendments to existing contracts.

Copies of the proposed amendments will be available for inspection at the Office of the Secretariat, Commodity Futures Trading Commission, Three Lafayette Centre, 1155 21st St., NW, Washington, D.C. 20581. Copies of the

terms and conditions can be obtained through the Office of the Secretariat by mail at the above address or by phone at (202) 418-5097.

Other materials submitted by the CME may be available upon request pursuant to the Freedom of Information Act (5 U.S.C. 552) and the Commission's regulations thereunder (17 C.F.R. Part 145 (1987)), except to the extent they are entitled to confidential treatment as set forth in 17 C.F.R. 145.5 and 145.9. Requests for copies of such materials should be made to the FOI, Privacy and Sunshine Act Compliance Staff of the Office of the Secretariat at the Commission's headquarters in accordance with 17 C.F.R. 145.7 and 145.8.

Any person interested in submitting written data, views, or arguments on the proposed amendments, or with respect to other materials submitted by the CME, should send such comments to Jean A. Webb, Secretary, Commodity Futures Trading Commission, Three Lafayette Centre, 1155 21st St., NW, Washington, DC 20581 by the specified date.

Issued in Washington, DC, on September 19, 1996.

John Mielke,

*Acting Director.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

### Office of the Secretary

#### Public Information Collection Requirement Submitted to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for Review

**ACTION:** Notice.

The Department of Defense has submitted to OMB for clearance, the following proposal for collection of information under the provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35).

*Title:* Epidemiologic Studies of Morbidity Among Gulf War Veterans: A Search for Etiologic Agents and Risk Factors—Seabee Health Study (Study 5).

*Type of Request:* New collection.

*Number of Respondents:* 10,000.

*Responses per Respondent:* 1.1.

*Annual Responses:* 11,000.

*Average Burden per Response:* 37 minutes.

*Annual Burden Hours:* 6,800 hours.

*Needs and Uses:* The Department of Defense is seeking information regarding the prevalence of symptoms and illnesses in Gulf War veterans and

other veterans of the Gulf War era. The information collected hereby, will be used to evaluate differences in symptoms and illnesses between military personnel deployed to the Gulf War and military personnel who were stationed elsewhere during that era. It will be used additionally to help define post-Gulf War symptoms and illnesses and to identify host susceptibility and environmental risk factors. This study will focus upon a population of U.S. Navy Seabees, some of whom have left military service.

*Affected Public:* Individual or households.

*Frequency:* On occasion and one time.

*Respondent's Obligation:* Voluntary.

*OMB Desk Officer:* Ms. Allison Eydtt.

Written comments and recommendations on the proposed information collection should be sent to Ms. Eydtt at the Office of Management and Budget, Desk Officer for DoD, Room 10235, New Executive Office Building, Washington, DC 20503.

*DOD Clearance Officer:* Mr. William Pearce. Written requests for copies of the information collection proposal should be sent to Mr. Pearce, WHS/DIOR, 1215 Jefferson Davis Highway, Suite 1204, Arlington, VA 22202-4302.

Dated: September 19, 1996.

Patricia L. Toppings,

*Alternate OSD Federal Register Liaison Officer, Department of Defense.*

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[Transmittal No. 96-79]

#### Section 36(b) Notification of Arms Sales

**AGENCY:** Department of Defense, Security Assistance Agency.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** The Department of Defense is publishing the unclassified text of a section 36(b) arms sales notification. This is published to fulfill the requirements of section 155 of P.L. 104-164 dated 21 July 1996.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Mr. A. Urban, DSAA/COMPT/FPD, (703) 604-6575.

The following is a copy of the letter to the Speaker of the House of Representatives, Transmittal 96-79, with attached transmittal and policy justification pages.

Dated: September 19, 1996.

L.M. Bynum,

*Alternate OSD Federal Register Liaison Officer, Department of Defense.*

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## DEFENSE SECURITY ASSISTANCE AGENCY

WASHINGTON, DC 20301-2800

13 SEP 1996

In reply refer to:  
I-04281/96ct

Honorable Newt Gingrich  
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, we are forwarding herewith Transmittal No. 96-79, concerning the Department of the Air Force's proposed Letter(s) of Offer and Acceptance (LOA) to Egypt for defense articles and services estimated to cost \$86 million. Soon after this letter is delivered to your office, we plan to notify the news media.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Diehl McKalip".

H. Diehl McKalip  
Acting Director

Attachments

## Transmittal No. 96-79

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

- (i) Prospective Purchaser: Egypt
- (ii) Total Estimated Value:
- |                          |                     |
|--------------------------|---------------------|
| Major Defense Equipment* | \$ 0 million        |
| Other                    | <u>\$86 million</u> |
| TOTAL                    | \$86 million        |
- (iii) Description of Articles or Services Offered:  
The modification and upgrade of the F-16A/B aircraft engine F100-PW-200 to the F100-PW-220E configuration including procurement and installation of 40 retrofit kits, support equipment, spare and repair parts, publications and technical documentation, personnel training and training equipment, U.S. Government and contractor engineering and logistics personnel services and other related elements of logistics support.
- (iv) Military Department: Air Force (VBH)
- (v) Sales Commission, Fee, etc., Paid, Offered, or Agreed to be Paid: None
- (vi) Sensitivity of Technology Contained in the Defense Article or Defense Services Proposed to be Sold:  
None
- (vii) Date Report Delivered to Congress: 13 Oct 1996

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

POLICY JUSTIFICATIONEgypt - Modification of F-16A/B Aircraft Engines

The Government of Egypt has requested the purchase of services relating to the modification and upgrade of the F-16A/B aircraft engine F100-PW-200 to the F100-PW-220E configuration including procurement and installation of 40 retrofit kits, support equipment, spare and repair parts, publications and technical documentation, personnel training and training equipment, U.S. Government and contractor engineering and logistics personnel services and other related elements of logistics support. The estimated cost is \$86 million.

This 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.

Retrofit of the F-16A/B aircraft engines will ensure continued commonality with the USAF 220 engine, production facilities, maintenance and supply support. The modification offers improved reliability, maintainability, safety and an increase in engine performance. Egyptian participation in this program is required for continuing cost-effective support of Egyptian F-16A/B aircraft.

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

The prime contractor will be Pratt and Whitney, West Palm Beach, Florida. There are no offset agreements proposed to be entered into in connection with this potential sale.

Implementation of this sale will not require the assignment of any additional U.S. Government personnel to Egypt; however, it is estimated that one contractor representative will be required in-country to provide technical support for approximately one year following delivery and installation of the modified engines.

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