

MONROE COUNTY BICENTENNIAL

Mr. McCONNELL. Mr. President, at the beginning of a new year, most of us look ahead with plans, expectations, and resolutions. The residents of Monroe County in the Pennyroyal region of South Central Kentucky, however, are spending the first days of the new year looking back on their unique history. They are looking two centuries back, in fact, to the county's founding in 1820. I would like to join with these Kentuckians in kicking off a year of bicentennial celebrations of the county's blessings and its rich heritage.

At its founding, local leaders looked to Presidential leadership when selecting the name for the county and its seat. President James Monroe was honored with the county's name while his Vice President, Daniel Tompkins, was the inspiration for the county seat's name, Tompkinsville.

Early Monroe County residents took advantage of the area's fertile soil and its close proximity to the Cumberland and Barren Rivers. In this beautiful setting, they began developing deep agricultural roots with livestock and staple crops like tobacco and hemp.

Like many Kentucky counties, Monroe's early economic development was stunted during the Civil War. Many local residents joined the war effort, and support for the Union led to the establishment of Camp Anderson and the raising of the 9th Kentucky Infantry. Unfortunately, Monroe County's location on the Kentucky-Tennessee border also caused multiple invasions by both Union and Confederate forces throughout the war. During one of these raids, a Confederate unit captured Tompkinsville and burned much of the town, including the courthouse, causing lasting devastation.

Although the local economy was slow to rebound immediately after the war, the new century helped Monroe County get back on track. Since that time, families in the region have continued developing their rural traditions while making important investments into new local industries. A little over a decade ago, I was proud to partner with local officials in Monroe County to deliver Federal funding for a new water treatment facility, along with other upgrades. Together, we are helping to encourage new opportunities for economic growth and good jobs for Kentucky families.

In addition, I greatly enjoy working with a proud son of Tompkinsville, Congressman JAMES COMER, who is a strong champion for his hometown and all of the First District of Kentucky here in Washington.

The yearlong bicentennial celebration will feature a wide range of Monroe County's history, as well as some of its local specialties. From its famous barbecue to a Gospel music event, the festivities will showcase the many talents of Monroe County families. They will also pay tribute to local veterans, honoring the county's long and distinguished record of contributing to our Nation's defense.

In celebrating their wonderful history, these Kentuckians are also preparing to take advantage of their great potential ahead. With the principled leadership of Congressman COMER, State Representative Bart Rowland, County Judge/Executive Mitchell Page, and many other local officials, Monroe County is well-positioned for a bright future. It has been a privilege to help kick-off this bicentennial celebration, and I ask my Senate colleagues to join me in congratulating all the residents of Monroe County on this milestone. Together, we look forward to many more prosperous years to come.

ARMS SALES NOTIFICATION

Mr. RISCH. Mr. President, section 36(b) of the Arms Export Control Act requires that Congress receive prior notification of certain proposed arms sales as defined by that statute. Upon such notification, the Congress has 30 calendar days during which the sale may be reviewed. The provision stipulates that, in the Senate, the notification of proposed sales shall be sent to the chairman of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee.

In keeping with the committee's intention to see that relevant information is available to the full Senate, I ask unanimous consent to have printed in the RECORD the notifications which have been received. If the cover letter references a classified annex, then such annex is available to all Senators in the office of the Foreign Relations Committee, room SD-423.

There being no objection, the material was ordered to be printed in the RECORD, as follows:

DEFENSE SECURITY
COOPERATION AGENCY,
Arlington, VA.

HON. JAMES E. RISCH,
Chairman, Committee on Foreign Relations,
U.S. Senate, Washington, DC.

DEAR MR. CHAIRMAN: Pursuant to the reporting requirements of Section 36(b)(1) of the Arms Export Control Act, as amended, we are forwarding herewith Transmittal No. 20-06 concerning the Air Force's proposed Letter(s) of Offer and Acceptance to the Government of Singapore for defense articles and services estimated to cost \$2.750 billion. After this letter is delivered to your office, we plan to issue a news release to notify the public of this proposed sale.

Sincerely,

CHARLES W. HOOPER,

Lieutenant General, USA, Director.

Enclosures.

TRANSMITTAL NO. 20-06

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: Government of Singapore.

(ii) Total Estimated Value:

Major Defense Equipment* \$1.625 billion.

Other \$1.125 billion.

Total \$2.750 billion.

(iii) Description and Quantity or Quantities of Articles or Services under Consideration for Purchase:

Major Defense Equipment (MDE):

Up to twelve (12) F-35B Short Take-Off and Vertical Landing (STOVL) Aircraft (Four (4)

F-35B STOVL Aircraft with the option to purchase an additional Eight (8) F-35B STOVL Aircraft).

Up to thirteen (13) Pratt and Whitney F135 Engines (includes 1 initial spare).

Non-MDE: Also included are Electronic Warfare Systems; Command, Control, Communication, Computers and Intelligence/Communication, Navigation and Identification (C4I/CNI) system; Autonomic Logistics Global Support System (ALGS); Autonomic Logistics Information System (ALIS); F-35 Training System; Weapons Employment Capability and other Subsystems, Features and Capabilities; F-35 unique infrared flares; reprogramming center access and F-35 Performance Based Logistics; software development/integration; aircraft transport from Ft. Worth, TX to the CONUS initial training base and tanker support (if necessary); spare and repair parts; support equipment, tools and test equipment; technical data and publications; personnel training and training equipment; U.S. Government and contractor engineering, technical, and logistics support services; and other related elements of logistics support.

(iv) Military Department: Air Force (SN-D-SAE).

(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: See Attached Annex.

(viii) Date Report Delivered to Congress: January 9, 2020.

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

POLICY JUSTIFICATION

Singapore—F-35B Short Take-Off and Vertical Landing (STOVL)

The Government of Singapore has requested to buy up to twelve (12) F-35B Short Take-Off and Vertical Landing (STOVL) aircraft (four (4) F-35B STOVL aircraft with the option to purchase an additional eight (8) F-35B STOVL aircraft); and up to thirteen (13) Pratt and Whitney F135 Engines (includes 1 initial spare). Also included are Electronic Warfare Systems; Command, Control, Communication, Computers and Intelligence/Communication, Navigation and Identification (C4I/CNI) system; Autonomic Logistics Global Support System (ALGS); Autonomic Logistics Information System (ALIS); F-35 Training System; Weapons Employment Capability and other Subsystems, Features and Capabilities; F-35 unique infrared flares; reprogramming center access and F-35 Performance Based Logistics; software development/integration; aircraft transport from Ft. Worth, TX to the CONUS initial training base and tanker support (if necessary); spare and repair parts; support equipment, tools and test equipment; technical data and publications; personnel training and training equipment; U.S. Government and contractor engineering, technical, and logistics support services; and other related elements of logistics support. The total estimated cost is \$2.750 billion.

This proposed sale will support the foreign policy and national security objectives of the United States. Singapore is a strategic friend and Major Security Cooperation Partner and an important force for political stability and economic progress in the Asia Pacific region.

This proposed sale of F-35s will augment Singapore's operational aircraft inventory and enhance its air-to-air and air-to-ground self-defense capability, adding to an effective deterrence to defend its borders and contribute to coalition operations with other allied and partner forces. Singapore will have no difficulty absorbing these aircraft into its armed forces.