

Bill Number: H.R. 2467 (Conference Report)  
Account: Air Force—Advance Procurement  
Legal Name of Requesting Entity: L-3 Com-  
munications Systems

Address of Requesting Entity: 1 Federal  
Street, Camden, NJ 08103

Description of Request: Provide an earmark of \$3.75 million for Senior Scout COMINT (Communications Intelligence) Capability Upgrade. As part of the Senior Scout ongoing mission, there is an immediate need to add improved COMINT capability to detect and characterize new, modern, low-power radio signals at extended standoff ranges in the presence of interference. The current systems are not able to detect these specific signal sets, which limits intelligence collection capabilities.

RECOGNIZING THE CONTRIBUTIONS OF DENNIS RAHIIM WATSON AND HIS ONE-MAN SHOW, "FIRST BLACK PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES"

**HON. CHARLES B. RANGEL**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, October 8, 2009*

Mr. RANGEL. Madam Speaker, as we celebrated the election of President Barack Obama as the first African-American President of the United States, I rise to pay tribute to motivational speaker Dennis Rahiim Watson on the occasion of the 26th anniversary of his critically acclaimed one-man show, "The First Black President of the United States," which made its debut in the Art Gallery of the Adam Clayton Powell Jr. State Office Building in my beloved village of Harlem, New York.

Since 1982, Dennis Rahiim Watson, a Bermuda born and Harlem raised former actor comedian, has made a major contribution for over a quarter of a century to black and white youths of America. Throughout his life, he has inspired, motivated and challenged over 5 million youth and adults alike with his one-man show, "The First Black President of the United States." Dennis has thrilled audiences at high schools, colleges, and universities among them Harvard, Notre Dame, Howard, University of Georgia, Tufts, NYU, CCNY, Malcolm-King College, Illinois State University and University of Pittsburg.

Former President William Jefferson Clinton in a letter to Dennis stated that, "for over a quarter of a century you have used your role as the First Black President of the United States to give disadvantaged youth an insight into the future and its possibilities, and by your own example you have helped to provide countless young people with the tools and encouragement they need to reach their god-given potential. Your life's work has been a true investment in the future of our Nation."

More recently, President Barack Obama in a letter praised Watson for his role as the First Black President of the United States by stating that, "theatre has the power to inspire and the power to teach and it's important to use that power to lift up and honor our highest ideals." "You have broadcast the message in your role as the First Black President of the United States that all children can dream big dreams and that anyone regardless of the color of their skin can achieve anything. Anyone can

grow up to become President of the United States."

I congratulate Dennis Rahiim Watson on his latest achievement of becoming the new Chairman of the National Youth and Gang Violence Taskforce and President and CEO of the Center for Black Student Achievement. Your commitment to the value of educating our youngsters and listening to their concerns is irrefutable.

So, Madam Speaker, I ask that you and my distinguished colleagues join me in recognizing my good friend Dennis Rahiim Watson. His success is a testament to his historic and tireless commitment to bringing African-American youth the vision, the hope, and the dream that an African-American could become President in our lifetime before anyone ever knew it was remotely possible.

HONORING COLONEL KIMBERLY B. SIEVERS

**HON. ALLYSON Y. SCHWARTZ**

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, October 8, 2009*

Ms. SCHWARTZ. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Kimberly B. Sievers, Colonel, United States Air Force on her retirement from active duty service on October 1, 2009, after serving for 27 years in uniform in defense of our country.

In 1982, Colonel Sievers reported to the U.S. Air Force Academy. She graduated in 1986 and began training as an intelligence officer at Lowery Air Force Base in Denver, Colorado. She spent the next several years directly supporting flying operations, providing intelligence and training to pilots at the fighter squadron level—including the 80th Tactical Fighter Squadron in Kunsan Air Base, Republic of South Korea, and the 50th Tactical Fighter Wing in Hahn Air Base, Germany.

Colonel Sievers continued to develop her analytical and leadership skills at Ramstein Air Base in Germany at both the 7450th Tactical Intelligence Squadron and the European Command staff, ending her time at Ramstein as the Team Leader for Intelligence Force Management. She returned to Korea for a second tour at the operation level, leading the Intelligence Plans and Manpower section at 7th Air Force and then the Analyst Element at the 607th Air Intelligence Squadron. From there, Colonel Sievers moved to the Pacific Air Force staff in Hawaii where she directed the liaison efforts between the staff and intelligence elements of all the Air Force squadrons in the Pacific.

Colonel Sievers was then selected to serve in the first of what would be many future leadership positions, as the Director of Operations for the Pacific Intelligence Squadron. She spent a year in residence at the Air Command and Staff College at Maxwell Air Force Base in Montgomery, Alabama. From there, she was selected to command the Intelligence Division at the elite USAF Weapons School at Nellis AFB in Las Vegas, Nevada.

Colonel Sievers was herself one of the very first intelligence officers to graduate from the Weapons School and only the second "home grown" Intelligence Weapons Officer to command the division. Building on that experience, Colonel Sievers was selected to command the

93rd Intelligence Squadron at Lackland AFB in San Antonio, Texas. The 93rd is the largest intelligence squadron in the Air Force with over 800 personnel.

Following that successful command, the Air Force sent Colonel Sievers back to school at the National Defense University, here in Washington, DC. During times of war the best and brightest are needed to lead our young men and women and the Air Force turned to Colonel Sievers to serve as the forward Director of Intelligence for the entire Air Force component under Central Command. Deployed forward to Al Udeid Air Base in Qatar, Colonel Sievers directed the efforts of all intelligence personnel supporting combat operations in both Iraq and Afghanistan.

Returning to the U.S., Colonel Sievers utilized her war experience to help guide the Department of Defense intelligence, surveillance and reconnaissance enterprise as the Collection Requirements Division Chief at the Joint Functional Component Command for Intelligence, Surveillance and Reconnaissance. This would be her final assignment as both she and her husband have chosen to retire from active duty.

I am proud to represent Colonel Sievers in the U.S. Congress. She has forged many new paths within both the intelligence career field and the Air Force, and has led thousands of men and women in both peace and war. Our nation is safer because of her dedication. Colonel Sievers is a unique leader, inspiring those around her to perform at the very highest levels in pursuit of mission accomplishment, yet at the same time possessing the compassion to ensure that those in her charge—and their families—are cared for properly. Madam Speaker, I ask that my colleagues join me in recognizing and thanking Colonel Sievers for her exemplary service, leadership, dedication, and sacrifice to our nation.

INTRODUCTION OF THE RECIPROCAL MARKET ACCESS ACT OF 2009

**HON. LOUISE McINTOSH SLAUGHTER**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, October 8, 2009*

Ms. SLAUGHTER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to introduce the Reciprocal Market Access Act. In the wake of the biggest economic crisis since the Great Depression, our country faces a difficult road towards recovery. As part of this effort, it is critical that we ensure that our trade policy is working as it should: to generate new opportunities for our businesses, strengthen American manufacturing capabilities, and reduce the unemployment rate that has risen to the highest level in decades.

American manufacturers of products ranging from optical fiber to autos and agriculture face continual problems with access to overseas markets. Our own trade negotiators do little to prevent this from happening, as it is often standard for trade agreements to open our markets fully to foreign competitors, yet we gain little market access in return.

We must provide our negotiators with unequivocal guidelines so that they do not relinquish our domestic trade protections without

gaining meaningful market access for American manufacturers in exchange. Unless other governments play by the rules and remove barriers to our exports, the U.S. should not acquiesce to their demands by further opening our market—which is already the most open market in the global economy. Unilateral disarmament in the face of foreign protectionist practices is unacceptable, and we must ensure that our trade negotiators do not undermine our industries and our workers.

The Reciprocal Market Access Act would instruct our trade negotiators to eliminate foreign market barriers before reducing U.S. tariffs. This bill would also provide enforcement authority to reinstate the tariff if the foreign government does not honor its commitment to remove its barriers.

This legislation also addresses a serious problem in the current trade negotiating process. Tariff and non-tariff sectoral barriers are compartmentalized, meaning that a tariff item can be reduced or eliminated by our negotiators without securing elimination of the non-tariff barriers that deny U.S. industry access to a foreign market. This legislation would give our government the right to revoke concessions to cut tariffs if our trading partners fail to implement negotiated commitments to eliminate barriers that had initially been identified by U.S. domestic producers for our negotiators.

The principle of reciprocity—the principle on which this legislation is built—is not new. In fact it is a principle that should be essential to any effective trade relationship. Cordell Hull, Democrat from Tennessee and Roosevelt's Secretary of State in 1933, was responsible for bringing this concept into the U.S. and global trade systems with the Reciprocal Trade Agreement Act of 1934. It was this act which formed the basis for the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade (GATT) and the World Trade Organization (WTO). Mr. Hull developed the Act to move away from the negative consequences of the Smoot-Hawley Tariff Act, which raised U.S. tariffs on thousands of imports to record levels. Smoot-Hawley established the United States as protectionist, and provoked a rash of retaliatory measures from our trading partners.

It is no longer the United States that is shutting its markets to foreign competitors. We have the most open market in the world, and continue to find ways to lower tariffs and eliminate market barriers. Yet this policy is often not reciprocated, as American manufacturers find significant barriers to foreign markets while they watch their own domestic market share dwindle. The result is quality American companies are forced to downsize or close their doors for good, and American workers are left jobless.

That is not free trade. Free trade involves a system where American companies are able to compete in markets uninhibited by barriers. It involves a level playing field for American companies and our trading partners. And I have no doubt that if given a level playing field, American companies and American workers can compete in any market.

The Reciprocal Market Access Act will mandate that at the very least any trade agreement does not put American companies and workers at a competitive disadvantage. It establishes what should be the standard for all trade agreements: a mutually beneficial trade relationship in which goods can be freely exchanged and that promotes economic growth.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE PASSING  
OF CYRUS BLACKMAN

**HON. JEFF MILLER**

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, October 8, 2009*

Mr. MILLER of Florida. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Mr. Cyrus Blackman, a World War II hero and a Northwest Florida community leader who passed away on October 7, 2009. Mr. Blackman spent his life serving his country and his family, and I am proud to honor his lifetime of dedication and service.

Cy Blackman was a native and lifelong resident of Milton, Florida. He joined the United States Army at a young age during World War II, and went on to serve with the 563rd Anti-Aircraft Automatic Weapons Battalion operating trucks to move personnel, equipment, and supplies under extremely hazardous combat conditions. A veteran of combat in much of Central Europe, Cy fought honorably in the Battle of the Bulge and the Battle of the Rhine, receiving the World War II Victory Medal, the American Service Medal, and the European African Middle Eastern Service Medal with three Bronze Stars.

After demobilization at the end of the war, Cy returned to Northwest Florida. He worked at International Paper, where he retired. Despite his service in World War II, for 60 years Cy never spoke of his time in the Army and never requested Veterans Administration benefits. However in 2008, Cy participated in the Emerald Coast Honor Flight, an experience that changed his life. After visiting the National World War II Memorial, he began to open up about his experiences in the war, and later even served as a spokesman for the Honor Flight organization, connecting the community with our veterans.

Madam Speaker, on behalf of the United States Congress, I am privileged to honor Cy Blackman as an American hero reflective of the spirit of Northwest Florida. Cy will be remembered as a loving husband and father and as an important part of our community. My wife Vicki and I offer our prayers for his wife, Polly, children, Christopher and Lecia, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren as we remember and honor the life of Cy Blackman.

HONORING DONNA P. JERNIGAN,  
BSN, RN, CRRN, MS

**HON. BOB ETHERIDGE**

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, October 8, 2009*

Mr. ETHERIDGE. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Donna P. Jernigan of Carolina Case Management and president of the Association of Rehabilitation Nurses (ARN) and a resident of Sanford, North Carolina in my district. Ms. Jernigan will soon complete her year as the 2008–2009 national president of the ARN, a professional organization representing professional nurses who work to enhance the quality of life for those who are affected by physical disabilities or chronic illnesses. During her tenure as president at ARN, Ms. Jernigan has been a strong leader and advocate for rehabilitation nurses, as well as the patients ARN serves every day.

Since 1974, ARN has been the leading source for the latest rehabilitation information, resources, and professional development and career opportunities for rehabilitation nursing professionals. ARN members are nurses, with a broad range of clinical experience, dedicated to helping individuals affected by chronic illness or a physical disability adapt to their disabilities, achieve their greatest potential, and work toward productive, independent lives. Presently, ARN comprises a nationwide network of more than 5,500 rehabilitation nurses who practice in many settings, including hospitals, rehabilitation facilities, home health agencies, sub-acute and long-term care facilities, and private companies.

Ms. Jernigan earned her Bachelor of Science degree in Nursing from the California State University and her Master of Science degree in Management, with a concentration in Healthcare Planning, from Troy University. In addition to Ms. Jernigan's academic achievements, she is the author of "Bureaucrats at the Gate," and article published in ARN Network in 2003. She has also given presentations numerous times on topics relating to electronic medical records, surviving the nursing shortage, uniform data systems, and using algorithms in rehabilitation.

Madam Speaker, I urge my colleagues to join me today in recognizing the outgoing president of the Association of Rehabilitation Nurses, Donna P. Jernigan, for her dedication and exemplary work in the field of rehabilitation nursing.

A TRIBUTE TO LIEUTENANT  
GENERAL TERRY L. GABRESKI

**HON. MICHAEL R. TURNER**

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, October 8, 2009*

Mr. TURNER. Madam Speaker, United States Air Force Lieutenant General Terry Gabreski, the highest-ranking female officer in the Air Force, is retiring after 35 years of distinguished and honorable service to our nation.

General Gabreski distinguished herself as Vice Commander of the U.S. Air Force Material Command at Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, located in my congressional district, from August, 2005 through January, 2010. During her leadership, she catapulted the Air Force Material Command into one of the most highly efficient and productive organizations within the Department of Defense.

General Gabreski executed over 40 percent of the entire U.S. Air Force budget during her tenure and oversaw the full operational capability of the F-22A.

General Gabreski supported the warfighter, ensuring our forward-deployed operations have the resources they need. She also oversaw the development and deployment of AngelFire persistent surveillance and the reconnaissance program, which was lauded by the U.S. Marine Corps as "war-winning technology." She is also responsible for the Aeronautical System Center's Large Aircraft Infrared Countermeasures (LAIRCM) program, which was established in response to the portable anti-aircraft missile threat to intra-theater airlift.

General Gabreski worked to effectively make sure the Air Force lived within its budget. She radically simplified and streamlined the