

**POLICY JUSTIFICATION**

**Egypt – C-130H Based Roll-on/roll-off ELINT Systems**

The Government of Egypt has requested a possible sale of two C-130H-based roll-on/roll-off airborne Electronic Intelligence (ELINT) systems with the following major subsystems: two airborne signal detection and processing centers which can be mounted on C-130H aircraft; ground analysis center; ground mobile tactical center; and base workshop repair station. This proposed sale will also include related modification kits, support/test equipment, spare/repair parts, publications, technical data, U.S. Government and contractor technical services, and other related elements of logistics support. The estimated cost is \$60 million.

This proposed 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.

The ELINT systems will be integrated on existing C-130H aircraft and will provide the Egyptian Air Force (EAF) an important ability to build, maintain, and update threat radar data. The EAF should have no problem operating and maintaining this retrofit capability.

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

The principal contractors will be: Lockheed Martin ISR Systems of Englewood, Colorado; Plano Microwave Incorporated of Plano, Texas; and Mission Research Corporation of Santa Barbara of California. There are no offset agreements proposed in connection with this potential sale.

This program will include semi-annual management reviews for one-week intervals with 10 each U.S. Government and contractor representatives. In addition, annually, there will be 10 each U.S. Government and contractor representatives to participate in program management and technical reviews.

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