

## Transmittal No. 03-15

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

**Annex  
Item No. vii**

**(vii) Sensitivity of Technology:**

1. The external view of the AIM-9M-1/2 Sidewinder missile is Unclassified and not sensitive. The guidance and control system and target detector are Confidential and contain sensitive state-of-the-art technology. Manuals and technical documents, which are necessary for operational use and organization maintenance, include Confidential information. Performance and operating logic of the countermeasures circuits are Secret. This information is required for the effective deployment of the system and to enable the recipient country to maintain it properly.
2. If a technologically advanced adversary were to obtain knowledge of the specific hardware and software elements, the information could be used to develop countermeasures which might reduce weapon system effectiveness or be used in the development of a system with similar or advanced capabilities.
3. A determination has been made that the Egypt can provide substantially the same degree of protection for the sensitive technology being released as the U.S. Government. This sale is necessary in furtherance of the U.S. foreign policy and national security objectives outlined in the Policy Justification.