

### **POLICY JUSTIFICATION**

#### **Saudi Arabia – AN/AAQ-24(V) NEMESIS Directional Infrared Countermeasures System**

The Government of Saudi Arabia has requested a possible sale of four AN/AAQ-24(V) NEMESIS Directional Infrared Countermeasures Systems which consist of three each small laser turret assemblies, six each missile warning sensors, one each system processor, one each control indicator unit, and two each signal repeaters. Also included, associated support equipment, spare and repair parts, publications, personnel training and training equipment, technical assistance, contractor technical and logistics personnel services and other related elements of program support. The estimated cost is \$240 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.

Saudi Arabia will install the AN/AAQ-24(V) NEMESIS System on their Boeing 747 and 737 aircraft. They will use the system for the movement and protection of their “Head of State”. Saudi Arabia will have no difficulty absorbing this system into its armed forces.

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

The exact contractor is unknown at this time but may involve Northrop-Grumman Corporation of Los Angeles, California. Additional subcontractors may be needed depending on the exact nature of the contracting arrangements established. There are no offset agreements proposed in connection with this proposed sale.

Implementation of this proposed sale will require the assignment of ten each U.S. Government and contractor representatives for one-week intervals annually to participate in program management and technical review.

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