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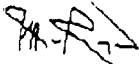
Dear Mr. Bridgeman

Subject: Joint Strike Fighter Wing Transportation

We are writing in support of the HeavyLift - VolgaDnepr Limited application for an emergency exemption from 49 U.S.C. 40109 (g) to permit transportation, by HeavyLift - VolgaDnepr Limited AN-124 aircraft, for the following flight to transport subject wing. The air shipment is required to transport this engine from King County International Airport in Seattle, Washington to Mojave Airport in Mojave, California.

It is necessary to fly this wing to maintain development schedules for the Joint Strike Fighter and minimize chances of damage to this one of a kind piece. At 349" X 208" X 140" LWH it is far too large for any other commercially available aircraft. The wing itself is one piece graphite epoxy and therefore cannot be reduced in size. It is canted on a fixture built specially to allow movement on an Antonov or a U.S. Air Force C-5. A C-5 cannot be used at this time due to contractual limitations. Due to the extreme over-width condition, ground transportation would take an estimated seven to eight days, with two week lead time to set up California Highway Patrol escorts, and subject wing to greater chance of damage.

We hope that we have provided sufficient information. We look forward to a favorable consideration and disposition of the HeavyLift - VolgaDnepr Limited's application for emergency exemption. Thank you for your cooperation. Please contact me with any questions or comments.


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