

## Appendix 11

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**Recent Strategic Investigations by Special Agents of  
U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE)**

- **U.S. Fighter Jet Components to Iran** – On Sept. 24, 2003, ICE agents in Miami announced the arrest of Serzhik Avassapian, a 40-year-old Iranian national, on charges of attempting to illegally export roughly \$750,000 worth of U.S. F-14 fighter jet components to the Iranian government. During the undercover ICE investigation, there was also discussion of illegal exports of helicopters and C-130A electrical and avionic upgrades to Iran.
- **Equipment with Nuclear Applications to Pakistani Military** – On Sept. 23, 2003, Omega Engineering of Stamford, Connecticut, was sentenced to pay \$313,000 in criminal fines and a \$187,000 civil penalty. On Sept. 22, the Chief Financial Officer of Omega was sentenced to 5 years imprisonment and 5 years home confinement. The sentences resulted from an ICE investigation which found that Omega and its CFO had willfully disregarded the denial of an export license from the Commerce Department and illegally exported laboratory equipment with nuclear and non-nuclear applications to the Pakistani Ministry of Defense, National Development Center.
- **U.S. Fighter Jet to Colombia in Plot to Assassinate Drug Baron** – On August 31, 2003, ICE agents arrested veteran British mercenary and longtime fugitive David Brian Tomkins in Houston upon his arrival on a flight from London. As a result of an ICE probe, Tomkins had been charged in Miami in 1994 with conspiracy to violate the Arms Export Control Act in connection with a 1991 scheme to buy an A-37 fighter jet intended for use in bombing a prison that housed Pablo Escobar, the then-chief of Colombia's Medellin drug cartel. Tomkins fled the United States prior to his 1994 indictment, after being tipped off to the ICE investigation by unknown parties.
- **Shoulder-Fired Missiles Intended for Use Against U.S. Commercial Aircraft** – On August 12, 2003, agents from ICE and the FBI arrested accused British arms dealer Hemant Lakhani on charges of attempting to sell a shoulder-fired missile to individuals in the U.S. with the understanding that it would be used to shoot down an American commercial jetliner. The criminal complaint alleged that Lakhani sought to arrange the sale of at least another 50 shoulder-fired missiles to an individual posing as a member of terrorist organization in the United States. Two other individuals were charged in connection with the monetary aspects of the case.
- **Components for Missiles, Fighter Jets, and Helicopters to China** – On July 24, 2003, ICE announced the arrest and indictment of Amanullah Khan, a Pakistani

national, and Ziad Gammoh, a Jordanian national, in connection with a plot to illegally export to China components for HAWK missiles, as well as parts for U.S. military fighter jets and attack helicopters. According to the indictment, both individuals operated a business in Anaheim, California that purchased and resold military aircraft equipment to foreign commercial and government buyers.

- **Components for Missiles and Fighter Jets to Iranian Front Company** – On July 10, 2003, ICE agents executed search warrants on 18 U.S. companies in 10 states suspected of exporting military components to Multicore, Ltd., a front company in London that was involved in clandestinely procuring weapons systems worldwide for the Iranian military. Among the items allegedly exported by these U.S. companies to Multicore were components for HAWK missiles, F-14 fighter jets, F-5 fighter jets, F-4 fighter jets, C-130 military aircraft, military radars, and other equipment.
- **Components for Howitzers, Military Radars to Pakistan** – On June 12, 2003, Yasmin Ahmed and Tariq Ahmed pleaded guilty in the District of Connecticut to conspiracy to violate the Arms Export Control Act. The ICE investigation determined that the couple had purchased in the U.S. and attempted to illegally export to Pakistan parts for Howitzer canons, military radars, and armored personnel carriers. As part of this investigation, Allen Haller and his Florida-based company, Mart Haller, Inc., pleaded guilty in Connecticut on June 9 to conspiracy to illegally export military components to a Pakistani company in the United Arab Emirates.
- **“Drone” Components to Pakistan** – On May 29, 2003, ICE agents in Chicago arrested a Pakistani woman on charges of false statements in connection with the attempted export of components for unmanned aerial vehicles or “drones” to Pakistan. ICE agents determined that the woman was attempting to export these goods to an individual affiliated with the Pakistani military.
- **Assault Weapons to Colombian Guerrillas** – On May 2, 2003, Gerald Morey was found guilty after a trial by jury in the Southern District of Florida of smuggling more than 650 MAK-90 assault rifles from Florida to Colombia via Haiti and Venezuela. Several of these weapons have subsequently been seized from leftist rebel groups in Colombia, including the Revolutionary Armed Forces of Colombia (FARC).
- **Military Aircraft and Engines to Libya** – On March 26, 2003, a German pilot pleaded guilty to a 2-count indictment out of Tampa, Florida, charging him with conspiracy to illegally export engines for C-130 military aircraft and CH-47 Chinook helicopters to Libya. During the investigation, the pilot also negotiated with undercover ICE agents to buy 4 complete aircraft, two of which he said were for intended for Moammar Qadaffi’s use. ICE agents arrested the pilot on Jan. 10, 2002.
- **Military Radar Components to Iran** – On March 4, 2003, the U.S. Attorney in Baltimore announced the indictment of two individuals on charges that they had attempted to illegally export from the U.S. to Iran an array of military components,

including radar detection electronics, satellite images of Tehran, and a Cobra attack helicopter. ICE agents arrested one defendant in Guam. The other remains a fugitive.

- **Satellite Technology to China** – On March 4, 2003, Hughes Electronics Corp. and Boeing Satellite Systems, Inc. entered into a civil settlement with the State Department in which the companies agreed to pay a \$32 million fine, \$8 million of which would go to ICE. The agreement settled charges that the firms had illegally shared sensitive satellite technology/know-how with China.
- **Missile Components to China** -- On Feb. 27, 2003, the U.S. Attorney in Los Angeles announced three separate indictments in which five individuals and four U.S. companies were indicted for attempting to illegally export components for Hawk Missiles, TOW Missiles, AIM-9 Sidewinder Missiles, F-4 Phantom fighter jets, and F-14 Tomcat fighter jets. Many of these components were bound for China. The ICE undercover investigation into these plots lasted roughly five years.
- **Military Communications Equipment to Pakistan** -- On Feb. 27, 2003, Raytheon agreed to pay \$25 million to settle claims that it had attempted to illegally export troposcatter communications equipment to the Pakistani military. Raytheon agreed to pay \$20 million to the ICE, \$3 million to the State Department, and to invest \$2 million to upgrade its internal export compliance program.
- **Fighter Jet Components to Overseas Locations** -- On Dec. 10, 2002, the U.S. Attorney in Milwaukee announced the indictment of three individuals and three U.S. companies on charges that they had attempted to illegally export components for F-4 and F-15 fighter jets, as well as parts for Sikorsky military helicopters and C-130 military aircraft. The indictment was the result of an ICE investigation.
- **Military Encryption Devices to China** -- On Oct. 18, 2002, the U.S. Attorney in Baltimore announced that two individuals had been sentenced to jail terms for conspiring to export sensitive military encryption devices to China via Singapore. The sale of these sensitive items requires approval by the National Security Agency. Both individuals were arrested by ICE agents in August 2001.
- **Military Aircraft Components to Iran** -- On July 18, 2002, an individual was sentenced in the Eastern District of New York to a jail term in connection with a scheme to export parts for 20-mm aircraft canons and other military parts to Iran via a front company in Switzerland. The individual was arrested by ICE agents in 2001.
- **Nuclear Trigger Devices to Israel** -- On April 29, 2002, an individual was sentenced to jail in the Central District of California in connection with a 1980-82 scheme to export to Israel roughly 800 krytrons, which are high-speed timing devices that can be used to detonate a nuclear warhead. The individual was arrested by authorities in Spain in July 2001 after 16 years on the run. He had been indicted in the U.S. in 1985.

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