

Obama Admin Considers Permitting Advanced Russian Arms Sales to Iran

Adam Kredo writes in the [sale to Iran of the S-300 missile system](#), an advanced long-range weapon that would boost the Islamic Republic's regional military might.

However, the administration has declined for weeks to clarify its stance on new sanctions, despite expressing opposition to the sale. Administration officials have further declined to answer questions from the *Free Beacon* and other outlets about whether the president will consider taking action in the future.

The administration's hesitance to act has prompted a new congressional inquiry, the *Free Beacon* has learned, and has sparked accusations that the White House is not exercising its sanction authority in order to prevent Iran from walking away from last summer's nuclear deal.

Rep. Steve Chabot (R., Ohio) sent an inquiry to the White House about the matter more than a month ago. The White House has not responded.

"Given the series implications for the United States and our allies in the region, I respectfully request that you quickly determine that Russia's transfer of S-300 surface-to-air missile systems advance Iran's efforts to acquire 'destabilizing numbers and types of advances conventional weapons' and impose the necessary U.S. sanctions once the Russian delivery takes place," Chabot