

July 25, 2000

Mr. Robin DeLaBarre
Non-Proliferation/Nuclear Energy Affairs (NP/NEA)
Department of State
Washington, DC 20520

Dear Mr. DeLaBarre:

Enclosed is an application dated July 6, 2000 from Philotechnics, Ltd for a license to import radioactive depleted uranium aircraft counterweights to Waste Control Specialists, L.L.C., Andrews County, Texas.

The depleted uranium aircraft counterweights are from various aircraft operators, aircraft parts companies, and aviation maintenance, repair and overhaul facilities throughout the United Kingdom. These counterweights were manufactured in the United States and in Canada.

Before taking action on this application, we request your assistance in notifying the British government of the proposed radioactive waste shipments and obtaining any comments in the context of the Code of Practice on Transboundary Movement of Radioactive Waste. We also request your views as to whether the subject import would be consistent with the Code's guidelines. NRC will consult with Texas State authorities regarding the proposed import.

Sincerely,

/RA/

Ronald D. Hauber, Deputy Director
Office of International Programs

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