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

Dear Mr. DeLaBarre:

Enclosed is an application for a license (XSOU8781), recently received by the Nuclear Regulatory Commission, for the export of 800.0 kilograms of natural uranium and 800.0 kilograms of thorium, contained in 500,000.0 kilograms of tantalum and columbium minerals. The material will be processed in China for recovery and refining of the tantalum and columbium and ultimately distributed for non-nuclear end use.

Before taking action on this request, we would appreciate your views, in accordance with established procedures and from the overall perspective of the Executive Branch, as to whether the requested export meets the applicable criteria in the Atomic Energy Act of 1954, as amended.

Sincerely,

Ronald D. Hauber, Deputy Director
Office of International Programs

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(XSOU8781 - China)

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