

October 31, 2000

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

Dear Mr. DeLaBarre:

Enclosed is a letter dated October 17, 2000, from General Atomics requesting an amendment to export license XSNM02644 to add Compagne Pour L'Etude et La Realisation De Combustibles Atomiques (CERCA) in France as an intermediate consignee for the five fuel elements that are to be ultimately used in the TRIGA Mark II Reactor in Morocco. Although the original export license authorized the direct shipment of the fuel elements to Morocco, the licensee is now proposing to send them to CERCA where they will be consolidated with similar fuel elements and then shipped to Morocco.

In addition to arranging for DOE to obtain the required assurances from EURATOM that while the material is in France it will be subject to all of the terms and conditions of U.S.-EURATOM Agreement for Cooperation, we would also appreciate your views in accordance with established procedures and from the overall perspective of the Executive Branch, as to whether the current request to amend export license XSNM02644 meets the applicable criteria in the Atomic Energy Act, as amended.

Due to the relatively quick delivery time required by the end user, the licensee has requested expedited review and processing of the request.

Sincerely,

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Ronald D. Hauber, Deputy Director
Office of International Programs

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