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MEMORANDUM TO: Chairman Meserve
Commissioner Dicus
Commissioner McGaffigan
Commissioner Diaz
Commissioner Merrifield

FROM: Janice Dunn Lee, Director /RA/
Office of International Programs

SUBJECT: EXECUTIVE BRANCH VIEWS ON MDS NORDION STATUS
REPORT ON MAPLE REACTORS' TARGET CONVERSION

Attached for your information is a letter from Richard Stratford, Department of State, providing the results of the Executive Branch review of the MDS Nordion (MDSN) status report on the development of low-enriched uranium (LEU) targets for the MAPLE reactors. (The MDSN annual status report dated May 31, 2001, was provided to the Commission under separate cover.) The Executive Branch "...has concluded that the requirements of the Atomic Energy Act, in particular Section 134, continue to be met and that the further export of highly-enriched uranium (HEU) targets under export license XSNM03060 would not be inimical to the common defense and security of the United States."

NRC staff are preparing an analysis of the MDSN status report and the Executive Branch views including recommendations, for Commissioner consideration. In the meantime, if anyone has questions or needs additional information, please contact me.

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