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The Honorable Henry A. Kissinger
Secretary of State

Dear Mr. Secretary:

For almost a year now, the Executive Branch agencies have been providing the Nuclear Regulatory Commission with information to support its export licensing responsibilities. I believe that the system we have evolved--which has been formalized from the standpoint of the Executive Branch in Executive Order 11902--has been of great value to the Commission in providing a sound basis for export licensing decisions. Through this system we have been able to assemble a good record to support the Commission's export decisions.

On the basis of this experience, there are four categories we would like to call to your attention where more complete and timely information resources--exploited on a routine basis--would be of value to the NRC in carrying out its export licensing responsibilities. These are:

- The disposition by the recipient of prior U.S. exports of highly enriched uranium and the plutonium produced from low-enriched power reactor fuel.
- Accumulation of plutonium from other sources, including both plutonium accumulated in spent fuel, as well as plutonium that may already have been separated. This information would be relevant whether the original source is another exporting country or an indigenous nuclear facility.
- More complete and timely information on the safeguards arrangements between the IAEA and recipient countries.

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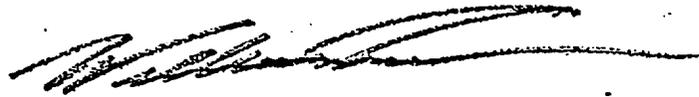
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- The experience of the IAEA in monitoring its safeguards arrangements.

Improved and routine access to information in each of the above categories might require a different approach. For example, the U.S. might place additional reporting requirements on recipient countries, take further initiatives in the IAEA or develop additional intelligence reporting requirements. We believe it would be desirable to explore ways in which additional information resources could be brought to bear in each of these categories. Any such improvement in this regard would be of benefit not only to the NRC, but most likely to other government agencies involved in formulating and implementing nuclear export policy, as well.

If you feel that further discussion among the involved agencies might be fruitful, please let me know and I will be glad to designate someone from NRC to work on these problems with representatives of the State Department and other interested agencies.

Sincerely,



William A. Anders
Chairman

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Central Intelligence Agency

Brent Scowcroft, Assistant to the
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