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Mr. Robin DeLaBarre
U.S. Department of State
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Dear Mr. DeLaBarre:

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Inasmuch as we have previously agreed that Executive Branch Views and/or foreign government assurance letters are not required for export of this source material for non-nuclear end use, we intend to issue the license after the required 30-day waiting period.

Please note the enclosure, provided with this export license application, indicates that 5% of the material proposed for export has EURATOM (Great Britain) obligations. Unless you advise us otherwise, we intend to recognize the existence of such obligations on the export license.

Sincerely,

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Edward T. Baker, Deputy Director
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