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Mr. Robin DeLaBarre
Office of Nuclear Energy, Safety
& Security, Room 33200 HST
Bureau of International Security
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U.S. Department of State
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Dear Mr. DeLaBarre:

Enclosed is an application (XB1335), dated March 27, 2017, received by the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC), from Philips North America LLC. The application requests the export of 36 calibration kits; each containing six sodium-22 (Na-22) sources, with a total activity of 370 kilobecquerels; and one Na-22 source with a total activity of 3.7 megabecquerels. The material will be used as calibration and reference sources for medical imaging devices located in Cuba.

As this is the first export of byproduct material to Cuba and the staff believes that this application raises significant policy issues, we are seeking the Commission's review and approval on the export license. However, before taking further 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,

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Enclosure:

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