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Mr. Marvin R. Peterson
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Export/Import and International Safeguards
Office of International Programs
United States Nuclear Regulatory Commission
Room 6714 - MNBB
Bethesda, Maryland

Dear Mr. Peterson:

This letter is in response to your letter dated December 6, 1979, requesting Executive Branch views as to whether issuance of an export license in accordance with the application hereinafter described would be inimical to the common defense and security of the United States and whether the proposed export meets the applicable criteria of the Atomic Energy Act of 1954, as amended by the Nuclear Non-Proliferation Act of 1978:

NRC No. XSNM01624 -- Application by Spex Disc, Inc. for authorization to export to Japan 12 uranium isotopic standards containing a total of .36 gram of U-235 contained in 12 grams of uranium enriched to a maximum of 5 percent. These low-enriched uranium standards are intended for use by the Sumitomo Metal Mining Co., Ltd., to calibrate a gamma ray spectrometer used to determine enrichment levels of feed material in fuel conversion.

The Executive Branch understands that this application will be processed generically by the NRC as it does not involve a sensitive nuclear activity and that the

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Department of Energy will be asked to request the necessary government assurance letter from the Embassy of Japan. No further action will be taken on this application unless we are otherwise advised by the NRC.

Sincerely,

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Director

Office of Export and Import Control

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