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Mr. Gerard Helfrich, Director
Office of Program Implementation
Bureau of Oceans and International
Environmental and Scientific Affairs
U.S. Department of State
Washington, D.C. 20520

Dear Mr. Helfrich:

Enclosed please find an application from Mitsui & Company for a license to export Zircaloy-2 tube shells to Japan.

Before taking action on this license application, we would appreciate your views, in accordance with established procedures and from the overall perspective of the Executive Branch, as to whether the issuance of the requested license would be inimical to the interests of the United States, including the common defense and security, and whether the proposed export meets the applicable criteria in the Atomic Energy Act as amended by the Nuclear Nonproliferation Act of 1978.

Sincerely,

Original signed by
Marvin R. Peterson

Marvin R. Peterson, Acting Assistant
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