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Dear Mr. Shea:

I refer to your letter dated May 9, 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:

NRC No. XCOM0238 -- Application by Westinghouse for authorization to export to Switzerland nuclear reactor components including reactor internals, control rod drive mechanisms and components and parts for fuel charging and discharging machines, control rods, and primary coolant pumps specially designed for use with nuclear reactors and specially designed parts and accessories, valued at \$7,000,000. Components will be used in the NOK and NBK nuclear power plants in Baden, Switzerland.

It is the judgment of the Executive Branch that the export contemplated will not be inimical to the common defense and security of the United States, and that this export is consistent with the provisions of the Atomic Energy Act of 1954, as amended by the Nuclear Non-Proliferation Act of 1978.

As an NPT party, Switzerland has committed itself and has provided written assurances with respect to maintaining IAEA safeguards on all of its peaceful nuclear activities and pledging not to use any nuclear export for production or research and development of any nuclear explosive device,

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two of the three criteria required to be met for exports of reactor components under Section 109 of the Atomic Energy Act, as amended. The remaining criterion, agreement not to retransfer any U.S.-supplied component without prior U.S. consent, has also been satisfied by the assurance letter from the Embassy of Switzerland, the subject of my letter to you dated October 24, 1978.

On the basis of the foregoing, the Executive Branch recommends that the license be issued.

Sincerely,



Louis V. Nosenzo
Deputy Assistant Secretary