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Center Ltd.

License XB 1005

Attn: Mr. G. Helfrich, OES/NEC

Dear Mr. Helfrich:

This letter serves to clarify the mathematical mystery which appeared when trying to add up the quantity on the application with the supplemental correspondence on sales orders.

In the past four years, the Radiochemical Centre (RCC) has had tritium gas sales ranging from 39,657 curies to 19,952 curies per year. The application for 50,000 curies was to cover entire anticipated sales for 1979 plus an additional 25,000 curies for a sale to a hospital in Denmark that they felt they could win if they could guarantee reliable supply.

As Mr. Alister McCallum of RCC said to me, "This is a chicken/egg situation" (no license no sale, no sale no license). These are strictly commercial considerations that a purchasing manager has to take into account.

The name of any customer not on their current list taking more than 1000 curies per year would be submitted prior to shipment.

Please delete Russia, Hungary and South Africa from the list of customers submitted 29 November 1978.

The current application is to cover sales based on historical records plus enquiries. If you choose to authorize only half of the quantity, pending a firm order from a named customer, we ask that you amend the application accordingly and act upon it. The RCC request was originally made in May 1978 and was subsequently broken down into separate license applications at the request of Mr. J. Kratz after his visit to Amersham, England.

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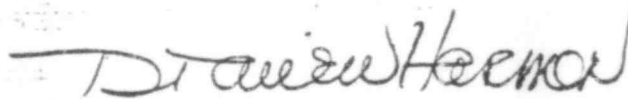
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The RCC would rather receive half of their request right away to fulfill their contractual obligations than to wait any longer.

We hope the Executive Branch can complete their examination with this information, which we trust is helpful.

Most cordially yours,  
EDLOW INTERNATIONAL COMPANY  
as agent for Radiochemical Centre Ltd.



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