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United States Nuclear Regulatory Commission
Room 6714 - MNBB
Bethesda, Maryland

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Dear Mr. Shea:

This letter is in response to your letter dated January 23, 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 (P.L. 95-242):

NRC No. XSNM01436 -- Application by the General Electric Company for authorization to export to Japan 161 kilograms of U-235 contained in 5,875 kilograms of uranium enriched to a maximum of 3.1 percent. This low enriched uranium in the form of UO₂ powder is to be fabricated into fuel assemblies by the Japan Nuclear Fuel Company, Ltd. for reload of the Tsuruga Nuclear Power Plant.

The proposed export would take place pursuant to the Agreement for Cooperation Between the United States and Japan as confirmed in a letter from the Embassy of Japan, a copy of which is enclosed. Japan has adhered to the provisions of its Agreement for Cooperation with the United States.

The Executive Branch has reviewed this application and concluded that the requirements of the Atomic Energy Act, as amended by P.L. 95-242, have been met and that

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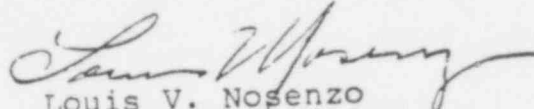
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the proposed export will not be inimical to the common defense and security of the United States. A detailed analysis for Japan was submitted April 30, 1979 for NRC license application No. XSNM01435. There has been no material change in circumstances since that submission.

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

Sincerely,



Louis V. Nosenzo
Deputy Assistant Secretary

Enclosure:
Assurance letter

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May 18, 1979

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Dear Colonel Hudgins:

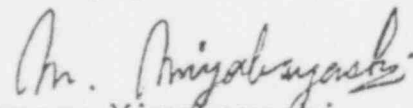
Concerning import of the special nuclear material for the facility noted below, this will confirm that the Government of Japan appointed Japan Atomic Power Co. (JAPC) as an authorized person under the terms and conditions pursuant to Article VI of the Agreement for Cooperation between the Government of the United States of America and Government of Japan concerning Civil Uses of Atomic Energy which entered into force on July 10, 1968, amended by the Protocol on December 21, 1973.

Fuel for the Tsuruga Nuclear Power Station: 161 kgs of U-235 (3.01 % maximum enrichment) contained in 5,875 kgs of uranium

Further, it is confirmed that the transfer of the special nuclear material identified above will take place under all the terms and conditions of the Agreement for Cooperation between our Governments, and that the appointee(s) named above have been authorized to receive and possess the material by both Governments.

Also, the Government of Japan confirms that the safeguards and guarantees of the Agreement for Cooperation will always apply to this special nuclear material, except for that material subsequently retransferred with the written approval of the United States.

Sincerely yours,



Masayasu Miyabayashi
First Secretary (Scientific)

Ref: This is in reference to the case number of XSNM-1436 stated in your letter dated March 2, 1979.

The intermediate consignee, the Japan Nuclear Fuel Company., Ltd. also authorized to receive and possess the material.

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