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Mr. James R. Shea Director of International Programs United States Nuclear Regulatory Commission Room 6714 - MNBB Bethesda, Maryland

Dear Mr. Shea:

This letter is in response to your letter dated March 1, 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. XSNM01466 -- Application by Mitsubishi International Corporation for authorization to export to Japan 40.57 grams of slightly enriched uranium in the form of uranium hexafluoride for use as standard samples for mass analysis by mass spectrograph at Mitsubishi Heavy Industry, Ltd.'s Tokai Laboratory.

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 and P.L. 95-242 have been met and that the proposed export will not be inimical to the common defence and security of the United States. A detailed analysis is believed unnecessary in this case because of the small quantity of material involved.

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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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June 15, 1979

Colonel Vance H. Hudgins
Assistant Director for
Politico-Military Security Affairs
Division of International Security Affairs
Department of Energy
Washington, D.C. 20545

Dear Colonel Hudgins:

Concerning import of the special nuclear material for the facility noted below, this will confirm that the Government of Japan appointed the Mitsubishi Heavy Industries, Inc. 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, amende by the Protocol on December 21, 1973.

60.57 of uranium containing 0.41 g of U-235 for centrifuge research and development

Further, it is confirmed that the transfer of the special nuclear material identified above will take place under all the terms and condition 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-1466 stated in your letter dated March 26, 1979.