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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 November 22, 1978, 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 as amended by the Nuclear Non-Proliferation Act of 1978:

NRC No. XSNM01405 -- Application by the Mitsubishi International Corporation for authorization to export to Japan 342 kilograms of uranium-235 contained in 11,983 kilograms of uranium enriched to 2.85 percent. The material in the form of uranium hexafluoride will be shipped to Mitsubishi Nuclear Fuel Company, Ltd. for fabrication into fuel assemblies. The assemblies will be used for reload of Unit 3 of Mihama Nuclear Power Plant in Japan.

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

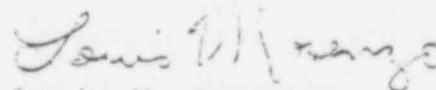
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proposed export will not be inimical to the common defense and security of the United States. A detailed analysis was submitted for Japan on December 8, 1978 for NRC license applications nos. XSNM-1291, 1300, 1302, 1303, 1304, 1315 and 1365. There has been no material change in circumstances since the submission of that analysis.

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