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For:

The Commissioners

From:

William J. Dircks

Executive Director for Operations

Subject:

EXECUTIVE BRANCH RESPONSE ON PENDING EXPORT APPLICATION FOR HEU TO CANADA, XSNM01355

Purpose:

To inform the Commission of the above subject.

Discussion:

Enclosed for the information of the Commission are copies of the Executive Branch response on a pending export license application. Also enclosed are copies of the original application and related correspondence. Copies of the Executive Branch comments have been placed in the Public Document Room. A Commission Action Paper will be forwarded soon.

Commissioners are requested to advise the staff of any particular issues or information which they can identify at this stage and which they wish included in the staff's analysis.

William J. Dircks

Executive Director for Operations

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MEMORANDUM FOR JAMES R. SHEA
NUCLEAR REJULATORY COMMISSION

XSNM01355 HEU to Canada

Enclosed is an Executive Branch analysis covering a license application for the export of highly-enriched uranium to Canada. In accordance with P.L. 95-242, the analysis explicitly addresses how the requirements of Section 126 a.(1) of the Atomic Energy Act are met, including the specific criteria of Sections 127 and 128, as well as certain additional factors, envisaged by Section 126 a.(1).

The Executive Branch, on the basis of its review of the application has concluded that the requirements of the Atomic Energy Act and P.L. 95-242 have been met and that the proposed export would not be inimical to the common defense and security of the United States. Moreover, Canada has adhered to the provisions of its Agreement for Cooperation with the United States. Therefore, the Executive Branch recommends issuance of the requested export license.

It is the understanding of the Executive Branch that shipment of the highly enriched uranium under this license request will be made in accordance with regulations set forth in 10 CFR 73 Physical Protection of Plants and Materials as supplemented by NRC requirements for category I shipments to Canada.

Louis V. Nosenzo Deputy Assistant Secretary

Enclosure: As stated.

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Mr. Peter Tarnoff Executive Secretary U. S. Department of State Washington, D.C. 20520

Dear Mr. Tarnoff:

Enclosed please find a letter from Transnuclear, Incorporated advising us that A.E.C.L. has requested delivery of the material under export license application XSNM01355 in early November 1980.

Please note that this Transnuclear letter also refers to Export License Application XSNM01627 for 191 kilograms of HEU, dated November 26, 1979, TN Ref. MISC 308, which was transmitted to you on December 10, 1979.

Sincerely,

Original signed by: Marvin R. Peterson

Lee V. Gossick Executive Director for Operations

Enclosure: Ltr. dtd. 12/04/79 (XSNM01355)

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Mr. N. Moore Nuclear Regulatory Commission Office of International Programs 7735 Old Georgetown Road Bethesda, Maryland 20014

Re: Export License Application XSNM-1355 - TN Ref: 79-217/01 (MISC-238)

K Mr S Export License Application for 191 Kg U dated Nov. 26, 1979

CN Ref: 79-231/01 (MISC-308)

Dear Mr. Moore:

This is to advise you that the physical form of the material listed on our export license application dated November 26, 1979 (UF6 and Uranium Metal) should be corrected to reflect a total of 191 Kg U as Uranium Metal.

Also, please note that the A.E.C.L. has requested delivery of the material listed on our license XSNM-1355 in early November 1980.

Thanking you in advance for your help and cooperation.

Sincerely,

Vicki Matson

Assistant Manager - Washington Operations

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