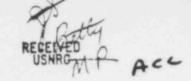


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OFFICE OF INTERNATIONAL PROGRAMS

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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:

I refer to your letter dated March 20, 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 in the Atomic Energy Act of 1954, as amended by the Nuclear Non-Proliferation Act of 1978:

NRC No. XCOM0205 -- Application by Reuter Stokes for authorization to export to Greece two neutron ion.zation chambers valued at \$11,294.00 for use in the Demokritos Nuclear Center's Greek Research Reactor No. I.

It is the judgment of the Executive Branch that the export contemplated will not be inimical to the common defense and security of the United States, and that this export is consistent with the provisions of the Atomic Energy Act of 1954, as amended, and with the Nuclear Non-Proliferation Act of 1978. As an NPT party, Greece has committed itself to maintaining IAEA safeguards on all of its peaceful nuclear activities and has committed itself not to use any nuclear export for production or research and development of any nuclear explosive device, two of the three criteria required to be met for exports of reactor components under Section 109 of the Atomic Energy Act, as amended. The remaining criterion, agreement not to retransfer any U.S.-supplied component without prior U.S. consent, has been satisfied by the receipt of an assurance letter from the Embassy of Greece, a copy of which is enclosed.

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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July 2, 1979

The Embassy of Greece presents its compliments to the Department of State and, referring to the purchase by the Greek Center of Nuclear Research "Democritos" of two Renter-stokes compensated ion chambers, Model RS-C1-1210-138, with 8 meter cable length, as referred to in the pre-invoice Q-5835, wishes to assure the Department of State that the above chambers will be used at the nuclear reactor of "Democritos" and will not be transferred to another location.

The Embassy of Greece would appreciate it if, on the basis of this assurance, the required U.S. export license be duly issued.

The Embassy of Greece avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the Department of State the assurances of its highest consideration. 564 141