JUL 0 9 1979

DISTRIBUTION: IP r/f IPEI r/f PDR ACC ELD, w/encl. A. Proco, OROO, w/encl.

Mr. Gerard Helfrich, Director Office of Program Implementation Bureau of Oceans and International Environmental and Scientific Affairs U.S. Department of State Washington, D.C. 20520

Dear Mr. Helfrich:

Enclosed please find an application from Department of the Army for a license to export 30 assembled projectiles containing depleted uranium to France for testing and evaluation purposes by the French Government.

Before taking action on this license application, we would appreciate your views, in accordance with established procedures and from the overall perspective of the Executive Branch, as to whether the issuance of the requested license would be inimical to the interests of the United States, including the common defense and security, and whether the proposed export meets the applicable criteria in the Atomic Energy Act as amended by the Nuclear Nonproliferation Act of 1978.

Sincerely.

Original signed by Marvin R. Peterson

> Marvin R. Peterson, Acting Assistant Director Export/Import and International Safequards Office of International Programs

Enclosure: Appl. dtd 6/25/79 (XU08464)

7908170064

cc w/enclosure:

Mr. Holsey G. Handyside, DOE

Mr. Richard L. Williamson, ACDA/NP/NX

Ms. Sheila Buckley, DOD

Mr. Duane Sewell, DOE

Mr. Lawrence Brady, DOC

Mr. Robin DeLaBarre, DOS

I:AAD IPEI IPEI OFFICE D Moore eterson EOHemby: af

NEL PORM 318 (9-76) NRCM 0240