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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 November 29, 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:

NRC No. XCOM0121 -- Application by General Electric Company for authorization to export to Finland twenty-eight neutron detectors valued at \$700,000 for use in Units 1 and 2 of the TVO Nuclear Power Plant in Finland.

It is the judgment of the Executive Branch that the contemplated component export will not be inimical to the common defense and security of the United States and is consistent with the provisions of the Atomic Energy Act of 1954, as amended, and with the Nuclear Non-Proliferation Act of 1978.


As a non nuclear weapon state party to the Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty, Finland has accepted IAEA safeguards on all its nuclear facilities and has pledged not to produce or otherwise acquire any nuclear explosive device. It is therefore the judgment of the Executive Branch that criteria (1) and (2) for the export of nuclear components under Section 109 b of the NNPA are met. Finland has provided assurances that none of the components covered by this application will be retransferred to other nations or groups of nations without prior US consent, thereby meeting criterion (3) of Section 109.

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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:
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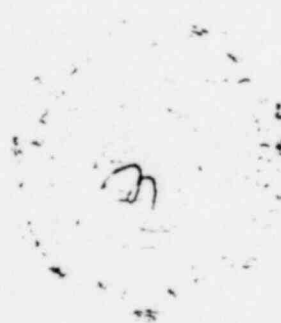
The Ambassador of Finland presents his compliments to His Excellency, the Secretary of State and has the honour to inform him of the following:

The Government of the Republic of Finland hereby confirms that none of the 28 GE Model NA-200 Neutron Detectors or any part thereof, covered by the Export Application No. XCOM 0121 (General Electric Company, San Jose, California, to U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission), will be retransferred from Finland without the prior approval of the U.S. Government.

The Ambassador of Finland avails himself of this opportunity to renew to His Excellency the Secretary of State the assurance of his highest consideration.

Washington, D. C., September 10, 1979.

His Excellency
Cyrus R. Vance
Secretary of State
Washington, D. C.



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