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

NRC No. XCOM0277 -- Application by General Atomic Company for authorization to export to Japan specially designed or prepared parts and components for TRIGA research reactors located at the Tokai Research Establishment, the Institute for Atomic Energy at Rikkyo University and the Atomic Energy Laboratory of the Murashi Institute of Technology. Included are parts and components for reactor control rods, fuel handling equipment, and control rod drive mechanisms. Total value of the export is \$200,000.

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 the export is consistent with the provisions of the Atomic Energy Act of 1954, as amended by the Nuclear Non-Proliferation Act of 1978.

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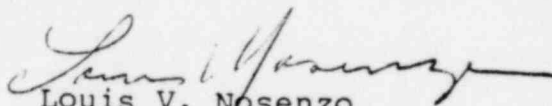
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As an NPT party, Japan has committed itself to maintaining IAEA safeguards on all of its peaceful nuclear activities and has pledged not to use any nuclear export for production or research and development of any nuclear explosive device, two of the 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 Japan, the subject of my letters to you dated October 20, 1978 and March 13, 1979.

On the basis of the foregoing, the Executive Branch recommends that the license be issued.

Sincerely,


Louis V. Nosenzo
Deputy Assistant Secretary

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