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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 October 11, 1978, for Executive Branch views on 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. XCOM0105 -- Application by Jeumont-Schneider (Resident Representative, USA) for authorization to export to France seal assemblies and parts, hardware, tools, parts, testing fixtures and welding accessories valued at \$10,000,000. The intermediate consignee is Jeumont-Schneider in France. The ultimate consignees are: Jeumont Plant; Electricite de France Test Loop; Le Blayais 1, 2, 3 and 4; Gravelines 4; Dampierre 4; St. Laurent 2; Chinon B1 and B2; Paluel I, II and III, Tricastin II, III and IV and Cruas I, II, III and IV; all in France.

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, and with the Nuclear Non-Proliferation Act of 1978.

As France is a nuclear weapons state member of the European Community (EURATOM), the first criterion required for the export of reactor components under Section 109b. of the Atomic Energy Act, as amended, IAEA safeguards, does not apply. The second and third criteria

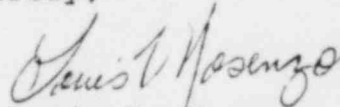
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have been met for France by specific assurances contained in a letter from the Delegation of the Commission of the European Community, a copy of which is enclosed. These assurances exclude nuclear explosive use for any of these U.S. exports and confirm the right of prior U.S. consent for any retransfers outside of the Community.

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