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NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION
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OFFICE OF THE
SECRETARY

MEMORANDUM FOR: Lee V. Gossick, Executive
Director for Operations

FROM: *For* Samuel J. Chilk, Secretary *EWM*

SUBJECT: SECY-78-640A - APPROVAL OF A PROPOSED LICENSE TO
EXPORT HIGH-ENRICHED URANIUM TO FRANCE (LICENSE
APPLICATION NO. XSNM01232, SECY-78-640)
(COMMISSIONER ACTION ITEM)

This is to advise you that the Commissioners have reviewed the subject license to Transnuclear Incorporated. The Commission (with all Commissioners concurring) has accepted your recommendation to export to France 23.058 kilograms of uranium, enriched to 93.3% U-235, in the form of uranium hexafluoride.

In connection with his concurrence, Commissioner Gilinsky noted that Page 4 of the subject paper mentions the possibility of lower enrichment and asked this question: "How low can it go without appreciably degrading performance of the reactor?"

Commissioner Bradford would like a brief description of the physical security measures required for this export.


The Office of International Programs was informed of this action by telephone on April 9, 1979.

It is requested that you accomplish the following:

1. Provide notification of the issuance and delivery of this license to Transnuclear by c.o.b. April 11, 1979.
2. Provide a response to the requests of Commissioners Gilinsky and Bradford through the Office of the Secretary by c.o.b. April 20, 1979.

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