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Washington, D.C. 20520

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Osiris Reactor

Mr. James R. Shea
Director of International Programs
United States Nuclear Regulatory Commission
Room 6714 - MNBB
Bethesda, Maryland

Dear Mr. Shea:

This letter is in response to the Commission's letter dated July 27, 1979, requesting Executive Branch views as to whether issuance of an export license in accordance with the application herein-after described would be inimical to the common defense and security of the United States and whether the proposed export meets the applicable criteria of the Atomic Energy Act of 1954, as amended by the Nuclear Non-Proliferation Act of 1978:

NRC No. XSNM01546 -- Application by Trans-nuclear Inc. for authorization to export to France 73.62 kilograms of U-235 contained in 900.0 kilograms of uranium enriched to a maximum of 8.18 percent. This enriched uranium in the form of uranium hexafluoride will be shipped to the Cogema Group C.E.A. for fabrication of fuel elements for the Osiris Reactor.

The proposed export to France would take place pursuant to the Additional Agreement for Cooperation Between the United States and the European Atomic Energy Community (EURATOM) as confirmed in a letter from the Delegation of the Commission of the European Communities. EURATOM has adhered to the provisions of its Agreement for Cooperation with the United States.

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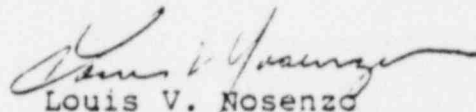
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The Executive Branch has reviewed this application and concluded that the requirements of the Atomic Energy Act, as amended, have been met and that the proposed export will not be inimical to the common defense and security of the United States. A detailed analysis for EURATOM was submitted November 27, 1979 for NRC license application No. XU08427. There has been no material change in circumstances since that submission.

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

DELEGATION OF THE COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES

EURATOM SUPPLY AGENCY

January 15, 1980

Mr. Vance H. Hudgins
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Office of International Security Affairs
U.S. Department of Energy
Washington, D.C. 20585

Dear Mr. Hudgins:

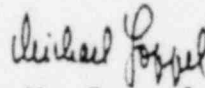
Subject: Transnuclear, Inc. application TNP-288 79-203/01
dated July 17, 1979 for France - XSNM01546

We certify that the material mentioned in this application, namely 73.620 kilograms of U₂₃₅ contained in 900 kilograms of total uranium, and the transfer of this material will be subject to all terms and conditions of the Additional Agreement for Cooperation, dated July 25, 1960, as amended.

Further, we certify that Transnucleaire, S.A., Paris, France (for transport purposes only), as intermediate consignee, and Cogema, Le Plessis, Robinson, France, as ultimate consignee, are authorized by EURATOM to receive and possess this material pursuant to the aforementioned Agreement for Cooperation.

The material, in the form of UF₆ enriched to a maximum of 8.18% U₂₃₅, will be used for the manufacture of fuel elements by Cogema to be used in their reactor Osiris located in Saclay - France.

Sincerely,


M. Goppel

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cc: ✓ Mr. Robin De LaBarre, U.S. Department of State
Ms. Betty Wright, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission
Ms. Vicki Matson, Transnuclear, Inc.