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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 February 20, 1980, 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. XCOM0358 -- Application by General Electric Company for authorization to export to Finland neutron detectors valued at \$1,000,000 for use in the TVO 1 & 2 nuclear power plants.

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

As a non-nuclear-weapons state party to the Non-Proliferation Treaty, Finland has committed itself to maintaining IAEA safeguards on all of its peaceful nuclear activities 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 exports of reactor components under Section 109 of the Atomic Energy Act, as amended, are met. The remaining cri-

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terion, agreement not to retransfer any US-supplied component without prior US consent, has been satisfied by the receipt of an assurance letter from the Embassy of Finland, a copy of which is enclosed.

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

EMBASSY OF FINLAND
WASHINGTON, D. C.

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The Ambassador of Finland presents his
compliments to His Excellency the Acting Secretary of State and
has the honour to transmit the following information:

"The Government of the Republic of Finland hereby
confirms that none of the 34 GE Model NA-200 Neutron detectors or
any part thereof, covered by the export application No. XCOM 0358
(General Electric Company, San Jose, California to U.S. Nuclear
Regulatory Commission), will be transferred 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 Acting Secretary of State
the assurances of his highest consideration.

Washington, D.C., June 25, 1980.

His Excellency
Warren Christopher
Acting Secretary of State
Washington, D.C.