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Mr. G. F. Helfrich, Director
Office of Program Implementation
Bureau of Oceans and International
Environmental and Scientific Affairs
U.S. Department of State
Washington, D.C. 20520

Dear Mr. Helfrich:

Enclosed please find an application from Teledyne Wah Chang Albany for a license to export Zircaloy TREX tubes, valued at \$4,835,000, to Argentina for use in the Atucha I and Cordoba nuclear power facilities.

Before taking action on this license application, we would appreciate your views, in accordance with established procedures and from the overall perspective of the Executive Branch, as to whether the issuance of the requested license would be inimical to the interests of the United States, including the common defense and security, and whether the proposed export meets the applicable criteria in the Atomic Energy Act as amended by the Nuclear Nonproliferation Act of 1978.

Sincerely.

Marvin R. Peterson, Acting Assistant

Director

Export/Import and International

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Office of International Programs

Enclosure: Appl, dtd. 03/21/80 (XCOM0385)

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