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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:

This letter is in response to the letter from your office dated March 12, 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 of the Atomic Energy Act of 1954, as amended by the Nuclear Non-Proliferation Act of 1978 (P.L. 95-242):

NRC No. XU08488 -- Application by Edlow International for authorization to export to the Federal Republic of Germany 192,326 kilograms of natural uranium in the form of U₃O₈ for storage. Conversion of the U₃O₈ to UF₆ will be performed by British Nuclear Fuels, Ltd., U.K. After its return to the U.S. for enrichment, the material will be re-exported to the Federal Republic of Germany for use in the Emsland Nuclear Power Plant.

The proposed export of U₃O₈ for storage and conversion and eventual return to the U.S. for enrichment would take place pursuant to the Additional Agreement for Coperation 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, a copy of which is enclosed. EURATOM has adhered to the provisions of its Agreement for Cooperation with the United States.

*Copy to PDA _d ACC _5-12-80 .

The Executive Branch has reviewed this application and concluded that the requirements of the Atomic Energy Act, as amended by the Nuclear Non-Proliferation Act of 1978, 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 application No. XU08427. In view of Executive Order 12193, extending the duration of the period specified in the first proviso to Section 126a(2) of the Atomic Energy Act of 1954, as amended, to March 10, 1981, that detailed analysis remains valid. There has been no other 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

April 23, 1980

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

Dear Mr. Hudgins:

Subject: Edlow International Company application NUEXCO-E dated March 3, 1980 for West Germany - XU08488

We certify that the material mentioned in this application, namely 1,367.44 kilograms of U235 contained in 192,326 kilograms of total uranium (natural uranium, 226,800 kilograms of U308), 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 British Nuclear Fuels, Ltd. (SNFL), Salwick nr Preston, United Kingdom, as intermediate consignee (for conversion of U308 to UF6 only), and Vereinigte Elektrizitatserke Westfalen, AG. (VEW), Dortmund, West Germany, as ultimate consignee, are authorized by EURATOM to receive and possess this material pursuant to the aforementioned Agreement for Cooperation.

The material after conversion and eventual fabrication into fuel elements will be used for fueling reactors in - West Germany.

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. Diane Harmon, Edlow International Company