## **COMMISSIONER ACTION**

May 7, 1980

SECY-80-235

For:

The Commissioners

From:

James R. Shea, Director

Office of International Programs

Thru:

Acting Executive Director for Operations

Subject:

PROPOSED LICENSE TO EXPORT COMPONENTS TO VENEZUELA (XCOM0346)

Purpose:

Commission review of proposed issuance of component export license to Reuter Stokes, Inc. This license request is being forwarded for Commissioner review in accordance with 10 CFR \$110.40(b)(5) because the proposed export of equipment is destined to a country to which the Commissioners have not previously authorized an export pursuant to the NNPA of 1978.

Review Dates:

60-day period expires on June 18, 1980 120-day period expires on August 18, 1980

Discussion:

On December 20, 1979, Reuter Stokes, Inc. applied for a license to export two ionization chambers, valued at \$5,079, to Venezuela for use as neutron detectors in the RV-1 Research Reactor located at Caracas (Appendix A).

The RV-1 reactor is a U.S.-designed, 3 megawatt thermal, light water moderated and cooled, graphite reflected reactor, utilizing 20 percent uranium. The reactor has been in operation since April 1960 and is used in research, training, and materials testing. The reactor is under IAEA safeguards and is covered by a facility attachment.

In a letter dated April 16, 1980 (Appendix B) the State Department informed NRC that it is the view of the Executive Branch that Venezuela meets the three export licensing criteria under 10 CFR 110.42(b) and under section 109 of the Atomic Energy Act, as amended, for the export of nuclear equipment. The first two criteria, (1) application of IAEA safeguards to the equipment and (2) no nuclear explosive use of the equipment, are met by Venezuela's adherence to the NPT. The third criterion, no retransfer of U.S.-supplied components without prior U.S. approvalis met by Venezuela as confirmed in a letter dated April 7, 1980 from the Embassy of Venezuela which was attached to the Executive Branch views. The staff agrees that the three criteria

As required by Section 109(b) of the Atomic Energy Act and \$110.44(a)(1)(ii) of Part 110, the staff has concluded that the proposed export would not be inimical to the common defense and security of the United States or constitute an unreasonable risk to public health and safety.

NMSS Technical Review:

The RV-1 reactor is covered by IAEA safeguards under an IAEA-Venezuelan project agreement and a trilateral agreement. Although we have no information on the adequacy of safeguards implementation in Venezuela, NMSS believes that the export of these components would create no safeguards concerns.

The export of these components is not subject to the physical security requirements of 10 CFR 110.42 and 110.43.

Recommendation:

That the proposed license be issued to Reuter Stokes, Inc.

Coordination:

ELD has no legal objections.

James & Shea, Director MAY 5 1980 Office of International Programs

Enclosures: As stated

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NOTE: Commissioner comments should be provided directly to the Office of the Secretary, by C.O.B. Friday, May 16, 1980

Commission staff office comments,  $\underline{if}$  any, should be submitted to the Commissioners NLT May 14, 1980, with an information copy to the Office of the Secretary. If the paper is of such a nature that it requires additional time for analytical review and comment, the Commissioners and the Secretariat should be apprised of when comments may be expected.

## 7 U.S. NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

APPROVED BY GAO B-180225(R0362)

## APPLICATION FOR LICENSE TO EXPORT NUC EAR MATERIAL AND EQUIPMENT (See Instructions on Reverse)

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