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Mr. Carlton E. Thorne, Director
Office of Nuclear Export Control
Bureau of Oceans and International
Environmental and Scientific Affairs
U. S. Department of State
Washington, D.C. 20520

Dear Mr. Thorne:

Enclosed is an application for a license received recently by the NRC for the export of natural uranium hexafluoride to Japan for enrichment purposes and ultimate use as reload fuel for Takahama-3 in Japan.

Before taking action on this request, we would appreciate your views, in accordance with established procedures and from the overall perspective of the Executive Branch, as to whether the proposed export meets the applicable criteria in the Atomic Energy Act of 1954 as amended by the Nuclear Non-proliferation Act of 1978.

Please note that the material is of Australian origin.

Sincerely,

C. N. (Mike) Smith, Assistant Director
for International Security, Exports and
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