

NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION WASHINGTON, D. C. 20556

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Ms. Ann Russell School of Oceanography WB10 University of Washington Seattle, WA 98195

Dear Ms. Russell:

On September 13, 1989, the School of Oceanography, University of Washington, requested a license to authorize the export of an uranium isotope sample to the Institute of Earth Sciences, Hebrew University of Jerusalem in Israel. The application (XSNM02479) was referred by the Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) to the Executive Branch, according to our established procedures, for review and comment as to whether the issuance of the license would meet the applicable criteria of the Atomic Energy Act of 1954, as amended by the Nuclear Non-Proliferation Act of 1978.

As lead agency for the Executive Branch, the Department of State has informed the Commission that the necessary determinations under the Atomic Energy Act, as amended, cannot be made for a recommendations of approval, and has recommended that the license request be denied.

Under NRC Rules and Regulations (10 CFR 110.44(d)), the Commission will deny any export license application for which the Executive Branch judgment does not recommend approval. Accordingly, your application is denied.

If you need further expl. dation on this matter, please let us know.

Sincerely,

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

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