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Dear Mr. Nosenzo:

Thank you for your letter of May 6 which forwarded Executive Branch views on Westinghouse's export license application to export two power reactors to South Korea (XR-133).

In connection with our review of this case, the following questions have arisen:

1. What is the assessment of the Executive Branch of the impact of the recent internal political developments in South Korea on South Korea's nonproliferation policies? In particular, are there any indications of any shift in South Korea's position regarding the acquisition or development of nuclear explosive devices?
2. In view of the recent unrest in South Cholla Province, what is the assessment of the Executive Branch regarding the capability of the South Korean authorities to provide adequate physical protection with respect to nuclear facilities and material, including the reactors proposed for export?
3. What are the intentions and capabilities of the South Korean government with respect to developing indigenous spent fuel reprocessing or uranium enrichment capabilities? Also, are there any indications that the South Korean authorities are renewing their interest in obtaining a reprocessing facility from France?

Your early response to these questions would be appreciated.

Sincerely,

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