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Mr. G. F. Helfrich, Director
Office of Program Implementation
Burea of Oceans and International
Environmental and Scientific Affairs
U.S. Department of State
Washington, D.C. 20520

Dear Mr. Helfrich:

Enclosed please find a letter from Monsanto Research Corporation requesting an amendment to export license XSNM01388 to add New Zealand to the list of countries to which they are authorized to export Pu-238 sealed radiation sources.

Before taking action on this license amendment 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 Nonproliferation Act of 1978.

Sincerely,

Marvin R. Peterson, Acting Assistant

Director

Export/Import and International

Safeguards

Office of International Programs

Enclosure: Ltr. dtd. Sept. 8, 1980 (XSNM01388)

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