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

Dear Mr. Helfrich:

Enclosed please find an application from General Atomic Company for a license to export specially designed parts and components valued at \$400,000 to Belgium for use in the GENT research reactor.

Before taking action on this license application, we would appreciate your views, in accordance with established procedures and from the overall perspective of the Executive Branch, as to whether the issuance of the requested license would be inimical to the interests of the United States, including the common defense and security, and whether the proposed export meets the applicable criteria in the Atomic Energy Act as amended by the Nuclear Nonproliferation Act of 1978.

Sincerely,

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James B. Devine, Assistant Director Export/Import and International Safeguards Office of International Programs

Enclosure: Appl. dtd. 7/25/80 (XCOM0432)

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