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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 three applications from Transnuclear, Inc. for licenses to export LEU and HEU to Austria, via NUKEM and CERCA, for use as fuel for the ASTRA research reactor. The material is to be used in the manufacture of test elements for the reduced enrichment program. As you are aware, NUKEM officials have requested expeditious processing of the license requests.

Before taking action on these license applications, we would appreciate your views, in accordance with established procedures and from the overall perspective of the Executive Branch, as to whether the proposed exports meet the applicable criteria in the Atomic Energy Act as amended by the Nuclear Nonproliferation Act of 1978.

Sincerely,

Marvin R. Peterson, Acting Assistant  
Director  
Export/Import and International  
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