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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 Transnuclear, Incorporated for a license to export special nuclear material to West Germany for use in the FRJ-1 (Merlin) and FRJ-2 (DIDO) Research Reactors.

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 proposed export meets the applicable criteria in the Atomic Energy Act of 1954 as amended by the Nuclear Nonproliferation Act of 1978.

Sincerely,

James B. Devine, Assistant Director Export/Import and International

Safeguards

Office of International Programs

Enclosure: App. dtd 4/13/81 (XSNM01808)

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