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Mr. James R. Shea  
Director of International Programs  
United States Nuclear Regulatory Commission  
Bethesda, Maryland

Dear Mr. Shea:

I refer to your letter dated July 23, 1980, requesting Executive Branch views as to whether issuance of an export license in accordance with the application hereinafter described would be inimical to the common defense and security of the United States and whether the proposed export meets the applicable criteria in the Atomic Energy Act as amended by the Nuclear Non-Proliferation Act of 1978:

**NRC No. XCOM0427** — Application by Reuter-Stokes, Inc. for authorization to export to Uruguay one fission counter valued at \$2,500 for use in the research reactor at the University of the Republic in Montevideo.

It is the judgment of the Executive Branch that the export contemplated will not be inimical to the common defense and security of the United States, and that this export is consistent with the provisions of the Atomic Energy Act of 1954, as amended by the Nuclear Non-Proliferation Act of 1978.

As a non-nuclear-weapons state party to the Non-Proliferation Treaty and the Treaty of Tlatelolco, Uruguay has committed itself to maintaining IAEA safeguards on all of its peaceful nuclear activities and has pledged not to produce or otherwise acquire any nuclear explosive device. It is therefore the judgment of the Executive Branch that Criteria (1) and (2) for exports of reactor components under Section 109 of the Atomic Energy Act, as amended, are met. The remaining criterion, agreement not to retransfer any U.S.-supplied component without prior U.S. consent, has been satisfied by the receipt of an assurance note from the Government of Uruguay, the text of which is enclosed.

On the basis of the foregoing, the Executive Branch recommends that the license be issued.

Sincerely,

Louis V. Nosenzo  
Deputy Assistant Director

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Enclosure:  
Assurance text

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Ministry of Foreign Affairs

Montevideo, February 2, 1981

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Mr. Ambassador:

I have the honor to refer to your note No. 593/980 of September 22, 1980, reporting on the note sent by the Bureau of Oceans and International Environmental and Scientific Affairs of the United States Department of State. Said note refers to the request received by the Nuclear Regulatory Commission from Reuter-Strokes, Inc. for authorization to export material to Uruguay to be used in the research reactor of the Universidad de la Republica.

It is also stated that the aforementioned export of material will be subject to three conditions. One of the conditions that Uruguay would have to accept, in order for the Nuclear Regulatory Commission to issue a decision on this matter, is that the material or equipment to be exported will not be transferred without the prior approval of the United States.

You may inform the State Department Bureau that the Nuclear Research Center (CIN) of the Universidad de la Republica has provided an opinion concerning the equipment to be furnished by Reuter-Strokes, Inc. [and that such equipment] will be used at said Center without any possibility of transfer. Assurance is also given that all nuclear materials and equipment

His Excellency

Jorge Pacheco Areco,  
Ambassador of Uruguay to the United States of America,  
Washington, D.C.

purchased to make the Nuclear Research Center operational will be used for no other purpose than that stated, thereby eliminating the possibility of their transfer.

Accept, Sir, the assurances of my highest consideration.

[Signature]

Ambassador Luis Maria de Posadas Montero  
Director, Office of Foreign Policy Matters

Montevideo, 2 de febrero de 1981

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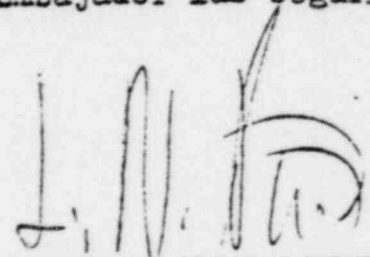
Señor Embajador:

Tengo el honor de dirigirme al Señor Embajador con relación a su nota N° 593/980 de fecha 22 de setiembre de 1980, por la que se informa sobre la nota enviada por el "Bureau of Oceans and International Environmental and Scientific Affairs" del Departamento de Estado de los Estados Unidos de América. En la misma se hace referencia a la solicitud que ha recibido la Comisión Reguladora Nuclear por parte de Reuter-Strokes Incorporated para la autorización de una exportación al Uruguay de material a ser usado en el Reactor de Investigación de la Universidad de la República.

Asimismo, se menciona que dicha exportación estará sujeta a tres condiciones. Siendo una de las condiciones que Uruguay debería aceptar para que la Comisión Reguladora Nuclear pueda pronunciarse, es que el material e equipo a ser exportado, no será transferido sin la aprobación previa de los Estados Unidos.

Correspondería informar a la Oficina del Departamento de Estado, que recabada la opinión del Centro de Investigaciones Nucleares (CIN) de la Universidad de la República, en cuanto al equipo a suministrar por la compañía Reuter-Strokes, será usado en dicho Centro, sin ninguna posibilidad de transferencia. Por otra parte se asegura también, que todos los materiales y equipos nucleares que se compran para implementar el Centro de Investigaciones Nucleares no tiene otra finalidad que la expresada, descartándose su transferencia.

Reitero al Señor Embajador las seguridades de mi más alta consideración.



Dr. LUIS MA. DE POSADAS MONTERO  
EMBAJADOR  
DIRECTOR DE ASUNTOS DE  
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Al Señor Embajador del Uruguay  
en los Estados Unidos de América  
Don Jorge Pacheco Areco  
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