

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE National Bureau of Standards Washington, D.C. 20234

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May 15, 1981

Assistant Director for Export/Import and International Safeguards Attn: Mr. Neal Moore U. S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission Washington, DC 20555

Dear Sir:

Following the conversations between Ms. Wright of your office and Dr. G. Lamaze of NBS, we would appreciate your immediate attention to this request for permission to import plutonium. In particular, we request an exemption to the waiting period as the material is now at the local airport, ready to be picked up.

As required in 10CFR110.34, the following information is submitted for your consideration:

(a) Applicant's name and address:

Department of Commerce National Bureau of Standards (mail) Washington, DC 20234 (facility) Gaithersburg, MD 20760

(b) Imported from:

AMERSHAM Intl., Ltd. Isotope Production Unit AERE, Harwell Didcot, Oxon, ENGLAND

(c) Supplier:

(Same as (b))

(d) Destination and ultimate use:

HEDL Richland, Washington neutron dosimetry

(e) Date of first shipment:

May 12, 1981

(f) Date of completion of final shipment:

May 12, 1981



(g) Chemical/physical form, istopic:

Pu and U, oxides on stainless steel backings

Pu: 23 microg (400 μCi) Pu-238 0.24 microg (1.5 μCi) Pu-239 no reported Pu-241

U: 0.6 millig (0.2 nCi) U-238 51 microg (0.11 nCi) U-235

(see (g))

British Airways Flight #277 Air Bill No. 125-837-2623 (used for IAEA certificate)

England

(h) Quantities:

(i) Transport mode and package ID:

(j) Origin:

Thank you for your prompt attention to this request.

Sincerely,

Lyman E. Pevey

Chief, Occupational Health

and Safety Division