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

Dear Mr. Shea:

This letter is in response to the letters from your office dated September 20, 1979 and May 6, 1980, requesting Executive Branch views as to whether amendments of an export license in accordance with the applications hereinafter described would be inimical to the common defense and security of the United States and whether the proposed export meets the applicable criteria of the Atomic Energy Act of 1954, as amended by the Nuclear Non-Proliferation Act of 1978:

NRC No. XSNM00844 — Applications by Westinghouse Electric Corporation for amendments to license XSNM00844 to extend the expiration date from June 1, 1980 to December 31, 1981 and to increase the amount of nuclear material authorized for export to Spain by 89 kilograms of U-235 contained in 2,774 kilograms of uranium enriched to 3.2 percent. This low enriched uranium is intended for the manufacture of spare fuel assemblies to replace those which may arrive damaged at the site of the Almaraz Nuclear Power Plant.

The proposed export would take place pursuant to the Agreement for Cooperation Between the United States and Spain as confirmed in a letter from the Embassy of Spain, a copy of which is enclosed. Spain has adhered to the provisions of its Agreement for Cooperation with the United States.

The Executive Branch has reviewed the applications and concluded that the requirements of the Atomic Energy Act, as amended by the Nuclear Non-Proliferation Act of 1978, have been met and that the proposed export will not be inimical to the common defense and security of the United States. A detailed analysis for Spain was submitted for NRC application No. XSNM01477 on September 19, 1979. There has been no material change in circumstances since that submission other than the developments relating to the application of IAEA safeguards to all Spanish activities.

As reported in my letter of May 11, 1981, the Spanish Government has informed the Department of State that all necessary legal steps have been taken to bring the IAEA-Spain Safeguards Agreement into force to cover those facilities not previously under IAEA safeguards. The Spanish Embassy has also provided separate assurances, copy enclosed, with respect to the proposed license amendments, that all nuclear activities in Spain are under IAEA safeguards and in the unlikely event that situation should change, while any shipments under the proposed amendments were pending, the Government of Spain would consult with the U.S. Government 90 days in advance.

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On the basis of the foregoing, the Executive Branch recommends that the license be amended as requested.

Sincerely,

John P. Boright
Acting Deputy Assistant Secretary

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May 11, 1981

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Re: XSNM0844 - Amendments 3, 3a and 4

Dear Dr. Boright:

In addition to the assurances provided regarding the above mentioned amendment requests, I am pleased to note that all nuclear activities in Spain as indicated in the Note Verbale of the Spanish Government of March 8, 1980 are subject to IAEA Safeguards. In the unlikely event that this situation is to change during the time the proposed shipments covered by the subject applications are pending, the Government of Spain will consult with the Government of the United States 90 days in advance.

Sincerely,

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November 5, 1979

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Re: XSNM-844, Amendment No. 03a XSNM-861, Amendment No. 02a XSNM-865, Amendment No. 02 XSNM-866, Amendment No. 02

Dear Mr. Hudgins:

In response to your letter of October 11 regarding the above mentioned export license amendments, I am pleased to inform you that confirmation has been received from the Spanish Junta de Energía Nuclear about the following particulars:

- a) The transfer of the material, as identified on the license application, will be subject to the terms and conditions of the current Agreement for Cooperation concerning civil uses of atomic energy between the United States and Spain.
- b) The ultimate consignees, as identified on the applications, are authorized by the Spanish Government to recieve and possess the material.

Yours sincerely,

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