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BUREAU OF OCEANS AND INTERNATIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL AND SCIENTIFIC AFFAIRS

Mr. James R. Shea Director of International Programs United States Nuclear Regulatory Commission Room 6714 - MNBB Bethesda, Maryland

Dear Mr. Shea:

I refer to the letter from your office dated June 3, 1981, requesting Executive Branch views as to whether issuance of an export license in jult accordance with the application hereinafter described meets the applicable criteria in the Atomic Energy Act as amended by the Nuclear Non-Proliferation Act of 1978:

NRC No. XCOM0529 — Application by the Canadian Embassy for authorization to export to Romania via Canada specially designed or prepared components and parts, valued at \$24,000,000, from various U.S. firms as listed in the application, for use in the two 600 MWe CANDU-type reactors at the Cernavoda Nuclear Power Station.

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

As stated in Mr. Nosenzo's letter to you dated June 23, 1980, the Government of Canada, by Note No. 190, dated May 9, 1980, has confirmed receipt of assurances from the Government of Romania that exports for use in the Cernavoda Nuclear Power Station would be subject to IAEA safeguards, would not be used for nuclear explosives or for research and development of nuclear explosives and would not be retransferred from Romania without the prior consent of the Government of Canada. The letter of June 23 also pointed out that Canadian Note No. 190 included an assurance that no retransfer would be permitted by Canada without prior U.S.G. consent.

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

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Sincerely

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