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OFFICE OF INTERNATIONAL PROGRAMS

29 JUL 1981

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

Dear Mr. Shea:

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I refer to the letter from your office dated July 6, 1891, requesting Executive Branch views as to whether amendment of an export license in 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. XB001065 — Application by Edlow International Company for an amendment to license XB001065, which authorizes the export to the United Kingdom of 750,000 curies of tritium, in bulk gaseous form, for the production of sealed light sources, to extend the validity from September 1, 1981 to September 1, 1985.

It is the opinion of the Executive Branch that the proposed export may be made without being subject to the terms of an Agreement for Cooperation since byproduct material may be licensed under Sections 81 and 82 of the Atomic Energy Act without the prerequisite of a Section 123 Agreement. Further, it is the judgment of the Executive Branch that the byproduct material export contemplated will not be inimical to the common defense and security of the United States, provided that: 1) no additional material, other than the 750,000 curies originally authorized for export under this license, is shipped; 2) no individual shipment shall exceed 30,000 curies and no more than 2 shipments shall be made in any single month; 3) no re-export from the United Kingdom of this tritium in bulk gaseous form shall take place unless specifically authorized by the U.S. Government.

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

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Acting Deputy Assistant Secretary

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