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Mr. Harold R. Denton
Director, International Programs
United States Nuclear Regulatory Commission
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Dear Mr. Denton:

I refer to the letter from your office dated March 12, 1993, requesting the views of the Executive Branch as to whether issuance of an export license in accordance with the application hereinafter described meets the applicable criteria of the Atomic Energy Act of 1954, as amended by the Nuclear Non-Proliferation Act of 1978:

NRC No. XB001284 -- Application by the U.S. Department of Energy Office of Isotope Production & Distribution to export to the United Kingdom 3,000,000 curies of bulk gaseous tritium in annual increments of 600,000 curies for five years for fabrication of sealed light sources by Surelite Limited, Priors Court, Weldon, Northhamptonshire, England. The requested license is intended to replace license XB001267, issued in 1988, extended in 1991 and expiring on July 31, 1993, which authorized the export of 3,000,000 curies to the U.K. for fabrication of light sources by Surelite Limited for the period 1988 to 1993.

It is the judgment of the Executive Branch that the proposed 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, provided that: 1) individual shipments are limited to a maximum of 50,000 curies; 2) the maximum quantity shipped in any one year does not exceed 600,000 curies; 3) the tritium authorized for export under this license is not re-exported from the United Kingdom in bulk gaseous form without prior U.S. Government consent; and 4) light sources containing more than 40 curies of U.S.-supplied tritium will be re-exported only to the United States.

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

Sincerely,

Fred McGoldrick

Fred McGoldrick, Acting
Deputy Assistant Secretary
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