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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 your letter dated June 17, 1982, requesting Executive Branch views 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. XT08546 — Application by Reactor Experiments, Inc. for authorization to export to Vietnam .3661 gram of Thorium-232 for use at Dalat University in a training project conducted by the IAEA.

The Executive Branch has reviewed this application and concluded it is not possible to determine that the requirements of the Atomic Energy Act, as amended, have been met and that the proposed export will not be inimical to the common defense and security of the United States. This judgment is based on the fact that Vietnam is an "embargoed destination" under 10 CFR Part 110.28.

On the basis of the foregoing, the Executive Branch recommends that the license be returned to the applicant without action.

Sincercly,

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Deputy Assistant Secretary

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