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

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Dear Mr. Shea:

I refer to your letter dated August 15, 1980, requesting Executive Branch views as to whether issuance of an export license in accordance with the application hereinafter described meets the applicable criteria in the Atomic Energy Act of 1954, as amended by the Nuclear Non-Proliferation Act of 1978:

NRC No. XSNM01716 — Application by Reactor Experiments Incorporated for authorization to export to Egypt 0.102 micrograms of uranium enriched to 93.15 percent for use in fission track studies by post graduate physics students at the University of Alexandria.

Under amended regulations for the export of certain quantities of nuclear material which do not have significance from a nuclear proliferation perspective, only "the proposed export of a production or utilization facility or of more than 3 grams of special nuclear material would be under the terms of an agreement for cooperation" (10 CFR Part 110.44, effective April 21, 1980.) Quantities of 3 grams or less of special nuclear material may, accordingly, be exported without an agreement for cooperation.

The Executive Branch has concluded that the export contemplated 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.

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

Sincerely,

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