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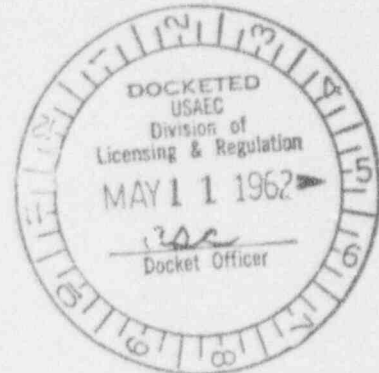
Wah Chang Smelting and Refining Company of America, Inc.

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GLEN COVE, N. Y.

WOOLWORTH BUILDING
NEW YORK 7, N. Y.

May 9th, 1962.

Mr. Eber R. Price
Assistant Director
Division of Licensing & Regulation
United States
Atomic Energy Commission
Washington 25, D. C.



Reference: 40-943

Dear Mr. Price:

Referring to your letter of April 18th, 1962, in regard to our compliance with the AEC's regulations, we wish to inform you as follows:

Paragraph 1

Operations at the Wah Chang Division at Fairlawn, New Jersey have been terminated as of December 31st, 1961. A new plant located in Huntsville, Alabama will continue the operations previously performed at Fairlawn. It is our understanding that the management at the new plant will secure the necessary license to handle thoriated material.

Paragraph 2

We believe that this paragraph in your letter refers to the blending of small amounts of thorium nitrate with tungsten powder. Previously, the operators of this operation wore dosimeters which showed very little radioactivity and no accurate record was kept. Since this operation is not performed regularly, we have not had an opportunity to conduct a complete air survey and a radiation survey. However, when the next blending operation is scheduled, we will make a complete air and radiation survey as required by the AEC regulations.



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Paragraphs 3 - 4 - 5

We have obtained the proper signs, labels, and signals as specified by the AEC regulations, and full compliance is achieved as of this date.

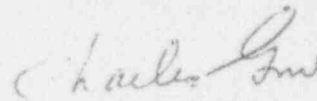
Paragraph 6

It is our intention to engage the services of an outside physicist to conduct the necessary surveys for the thorium nitrate blending operations. At that time he will also make another air survey of the room containing thorium oxide mentioned in this paragraph of your letter.

Please be assured that there was no deliberate violation of the AEC regulations. Any violation indicated was due to an incomplete understanding of the AEC requirements. However, as indicated above, we will make every effort to achieve full compliance, if we have not yet done so, in the near future.

Very truly yours,

W. C. Chang Smelting and Refining Company
of America, Inc.



Charles Gow
Vice President

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