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

*XSNM 01965 - Japan
Initial Core
Takahama Unit 3
(Region 1)*

Dear Mr. Shea:

This letter is in response to the letter from your office dated June 14, 1982, 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. XSNM01965 - Application by Mitsubishi International Corporation for authorization to export to Japan 575 kilograms of U-235, contained in 26,698 kilograms of uranium in the form of uranium dioxide enriched to a maximum of 2.15 percent. This low-enriched uranium is to be used for the initial core loading (Region No. 1) of Unit No. 3 of the Takahama Nuclear Power Station.

The proposed export would take place pursuant to the Agreement for Cooperation Between the United States and Japan as confirmed by a letter from the Embassy of Japan, a copy of which is enclosed. Japan has adhered to the provisions of its Agreement for Cooperation with the United States.

The Executive Branch has reviewed this application and concluded that the requirements of the Atomic Energy Act, as amended by the Nuclear Non-Proliferation Act of 1978, have been met and that the proposed export will not be inimical to the common defense and security of the United States. A detailed analysis for Japan was submitted April 30, 1979 for NRC application No. XSNM01435. There has been no material change in circumstances since that submission.

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

Sincerely,

James B. Devine
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Deputy Assistant Secretary

Enclosure:
Assurance letter

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September 2, 1982

Mr. John A. Griffin
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Dear Mr. Griffin:

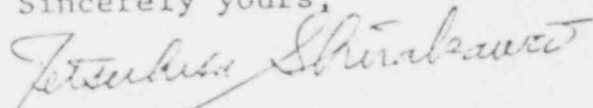
Concerning import of the special nuclear material for the facility noted below, this will confirm that the Government of Japan appointed Kansai Electric Power Co., Inc. (KEPCO) as an authorized person under the terms and conditions pursuant to Article VI of the Agreement for Cooperation between the Government of the United States of America and Government of Japan concerning Civil Uses of Atomic Energy which entered into force on July 10, 1968, amended by the Protocol on December 21, 1973.

Fuel for Takahama Unit No. 3 reactor of KEPCO: 575 kgs of U-235 (2.15 % maximum enrichment) contained in 26,698 kgs of uranium

Further, it is confirmed that the transfer of the special nuclear material identified above will take place under all the terms and conditions of the Agreement for Cooperation between our Governments, and that the appointee(s) named above have been authorized to receive and possess the material by both Governments.

Also, the Government of Japan confirms that the safeguards and guarantees of the Agreement for Cooperation will always apply to this special nuclear material, except for that material subsequently retransferred with the written approval of the United States.

Sincerely yours,


Tetsuhisa Shirakawa
First Secretary (Scientific)

Ref: This is in reference to the case number of XSNM-1965 stated in your letter dated June 23, 1982.

The intermediate consignee, Mitsubishi Nuclear Fuel Co., Ltd. is also authorized to receive and possess the material.