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Mr. Ronald Hauber
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Dear Mr. Hauber:

In our December 24, 1990 letter to you, we requested approval for bringing an inoperative model of the TOPAZ II reactor system into the United States for exhibit at the 8th Space Nuclear Power Symposium in Albuquerque on January 6-10, 1991. We understand that you have decided the exhibit should be treated as a utilization facility, for which an import license should be obtained.

Given the extremely short suspense, we request that our previous letter, as supplemented by this letter, be considered an urgent application for the import of that exhibit by Space Power, Inc. Space Power, Inc., of 621 River Oaks Parkway, San Jose, California 95134, is a U.S.-owned and controlled company acting on behalf of SDIO for this purpose. While in the United States, the exhibit will be maintained at all times in the custody and control of Space Power, Inc., acting under our auspices. It is requested that this import license be issued on an urgent basis and not later than January 4, 1991.

With respect to the question you raised as to whether there is any radioactivity associated with the exhibit, the answer is there is none. The model has never been operated as a reactor, and there is no radioactivity, induced or otherwise, involved.

We recognize that any subsequent disposition of the reactor will require further advance consultations and mutual agreement with the Commission.

Sincerely yours,

Malcolm R. O'Neill
Major General, USA
Deputy Director

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