

## UNITED STATES NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION WASHINGTON, D. C. 20555

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Mr. Carlton E. Thorne, Director Office of Nuclear Export Control Bureau of Oceans and International Environmental and Scientific Affairs U.S. Department of State Washington, D.C. 20520

Dear Mr. Thorne:

Enclosed please find a request from Los Alamos National Laboratory to export 7.492 grams of Neptunium-237 to France. The material will be used in research.

Before taking action on this request, we would appreciate your views, in accordance with established procedures and from the overall perspective of the Executive Branch, as to whether the proposed export meets the applicable criteria in the Atomic Energy Act of 1954, as amended by the Nuclear Non-Proliferation Act of 1978.

Sincerely.

Ronald D. Hauber, Assistant Director

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