

28 October 1970

Mr. Robert Brinkman
U.S. Atomic Energy Commission
Washington, D. C. 20545

Dear Mr. Brinkman:

I am concerned about the status of the request by Dakota County Deputy Sheriff J. A. Santiago for licensing of the "Nite-Site" adapter for police handguns.

As a member of the Grants Committee, Governor's Crime Commission and the Metropolitan Criminal Justice Advisory Committee, I have reviewed many police requests for funding during the last two years. Primarily, these requests have been for traditional police hardware; very few have been for a new technique, method or device to improve our police response. During the last funding phase we approved a project submitted by the Hennepin County (Minneapolis) Sheriff's Office for "Nite-Site" adapters.

This was a true innovation to improve police night marksmanship; therefore, reducing the chance that innocent persons may be injured during a night gun battle due to the impossibility of maintaining a sight alignment at night.

I know that requests for licensing radioactive substances must be carefully scrutinized; however, I respectfully request that your agency do its utmost to facilitate the licensing and production of this needed device for our nation's police.

Sincerely,



David C. Couper
Director
Department of Public Safety

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cc: Deputy Sheriff, J. A. Santiago
Mr. Emery Barrette, Executive Director, Governor's Crime
Commission
Mr. Donald Omodt, Hennepin County Sheriff
Mr. William Mavity, Program Manager, Criminal Justice Planning,
Metropolitan Council