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Dear Mr. Stoiber:

I refer to your letter of June 7, 1996 requesting Executive Branch concurrence in publication in the Federal Register of a final rule amending the NRC's export licensing regulations in 10 CFR Part 110. The amendments would: (1) update country lists; (2) conform U.S. export controls to amendments to the Nuclear Suppliers Group (NSG) or NPT Exporters (Zangger) Committee Trigger Lists; and (3) eliminate the requirement for Executive Branch review of certain exports under the U.S.-IAEA Agreement for Cooperation.

My letter of February 20, 1996 transmitted the Executive Branch recommendation that, in accordance with recent changes to the NSG Trigger List, 10 CFR Part 110 be amended to add plants for the conversion of uranium and specially designed or prepared assemblies and components for these plants to § 110.8 List of nuclear facilities and equipment under NRC export licensing authority.

In addition to the foregoing, the Executive Branch concurs in the other amendments to the NRC export licensing regulations in 10 CFR Part 110, circulated by your letter of June 7, 1996, with the following change. Afghanistan, Burma and Syria should be retained on the Restricted destinations list under §110.29 because there is no consensus at this time to remove those countries.

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