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Dr. Yehuda Leibov  
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Dear Dr. Leibov:

As I am sure you know, an export license was issued by the Commission on June 12, 1958, to the American Machine and Foundry Company, New York, N. Y., authorizing export of a 1000 kilowatt pool-type research reactor to the Israeli Atomic Energy Commission. The license was of course issued pursuant to the Agreement for Cooperation in the Civil Uses of Atomic Energy entered into by Israel and the United States.

I thought it would be desirable to call to your attention that the Commission does not evaluate the health and safety characteristics of reactors for which export license applications are received, and that issuance of an export license implies no approval of design, or assumption of responsibility for the facility, by the Atomic Energy Commission.

However, the Commission does offer assistance in reactor hazards evaluation functions with which it has entered into Agreements for Cooperation in the Civil Uses of Atomic Energy. The nature of this assistance is outlined in the enclosed brochure, "United States Assistance to Cooperating Countries in Reactor Hazards Evaluation". The information in our letter to you dated April 9, 1958, was compiled and submitted in accordance with the policy stated in this brochure. I assure you that we would be pleased to be of any possible future assistance of this nature to your Government in its continuing study of the hazards incident to operation of this reactor.

Sincerely yours,

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