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

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Mr. Carlton E. Thorne, Director Office of Nuclear Export and Import 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 Transnuclear, Inc. for the export of 32.6 kilograms of high-enriched uranium (93.3%) to France for use as fuel in the Orphee Research Reactor.

Before taking action on this request, we would appreciate your views, in accordance with established procedures, 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,

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cc w/enclosure Mr. Ted Hart, DOE Mr. Gary Bray, ACDA Mr. Gerald Oplinger, DOD Ms. Nataly Martin, DOE Mr. Robin DeLaBarre, DOS

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