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Mr. James R. Shea  
Director of International Programs  
United States Nuclear Regulatory Commission  
Room 6714 - MNBB  
Bethesda, Maryland

Dear Mr. Shea:

I refer to the letter from your office dated September 13, 1985, requesting Executive Branch views as to whether issuance of an export license in accordance with the application hereinafter described meets the applicable criteria of the Atomic Energy Act, as amended by the Nuclear Non-Proliferation Act of 1978:

NRC No. XCOM0994 — Application by Westinghouse Electric Corporation for authorization to export to Argentina via Canada eight ion chambers, valued at \$16,000 each, for use in the Embalse Nuclear Power Reactor.

It is the judgment of the Executive Branch that the contemplated component export will not be inimical to the common defense and security of the United States and is consistent with the provisions of the Atomic Energy Act of 1954, as amended by the Nuclear Non-Proliferation Act of 1978.

The Government of Canada, by Note No. 107 dated March 1, 1979, confirmed that it had received assurances from the Government of Argentina covering exports for use in the Embalse Reactor, regarding maintenance of IAEA safeguards, no use for nuclear explosives or for research and development of nuclear explosives and that no U.S.-origin export from Canada would be retransferred from Argentina without the prior consent of the Government of Canada. The Government of Canada in the same note provided an assurance that no such transfer would be permitted by Canada without prior U.S. Government consent.

It is the view of the Executive Branch that the assurances provided by the Canadian Government meet the requirements of Section 109b of the Atomic Energy Act, as amended.

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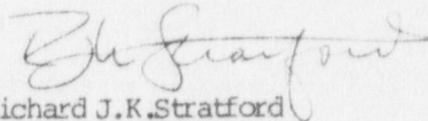
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On the basis of the foregoing, the Executive Branch recommends that the license be issued.

Sincerely,



Richard J.K. Stratford  
Deputy Assistant Secretary  
Nuclear Energy & Energy Technology Affairs

Enclosure:

Canadian Note No. 107

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