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INFORMATION REPORT

For: The Commissioners

From: James R. Shea, Director
Office of International Programs

Thru: *W. J. Burke*
Executive Director for Operations

Subject: REQUEST TO DEPARTMENT OF STATE TO CONSIDER APPROACHES
FOR ACQUIRING ADDITIONAL SAFEGUARDS IMPLEMENTATION
INFORMATION

Purpose: To inform the Commission of the staff's implementation
of the Commission's request that the Department of State
be asked to consider approaches to acquiring additional
safeguards implementation information.

Discussion: As a result of the Commission meeting of June 6, 1978
regarding NMSS' role in international safeguards and
physical security determinations, the staff was
requested (S.J. Chilk memorandum of June 14) to discuss
with the Executive Branch various approaches to the
acquisition of additional information on a voluntary
basis concerning international safeguards and to discuss
the possibility of incorporating in renegotiated agree-
ments for cooperation a requirement that information
related to IAEA safeguards inspections be provided to
the US.

Following the above-mentioned meeting, James R. Shea
contacted Mr. Louis Nosenzo, DOS, on June 7 regarding
these matters and was informed that State would seriously
study the proposed approaches. Mr. Nosenzo indicated
that he would consider it appropriate for NRC to write
State a letter in this regard.

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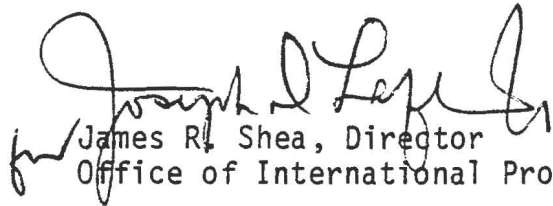
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Attached is a copy of the letter that IP has sent as a result of Mr. Nosenzo's suggestion. IP will inform the Commission of State's response as soon as it is available.


James R. Shea, Director
Office of International Programs

Enclosure:
Ltr to Nozenzo (State)
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Mr. Louis V. Nosenzo
Deputy Assistant Secretary for Nuclear
Energy and Energy Technology Affairs
Department of State, Room 7830
Washington, D.C. 20520

Dear Mr. Nosenzo:

As you know, the Commission is conducting a review of its role in assessing the effectiveness of IAEA safeguards in the export licensing context. Particularly important in making these assessments is the amount of information available to the NRC regarding the implementation of IAEA safeguards. The Action Plan to Strengthen IAEA Safeguards contains many valuable approaches to enhancing the information flow to the U.S. Government regarding the implementation of IAEA safeguards, but the Commission, as we discussed on June 7, would appreciate the Department of State's current views regarding two specific possibilities in this regard:

1. Are there any acceptable approaches to acquisition of additional safeguards information that would involve voluntary submissions by countries under IAEA safeguards? For example, if the Department of State were to request States receiving U.S. nuclear exports voluntarily to provide the NRC with copies of their regulations and regulatory guides or other official documents which describe the State's materials accountancy system for nuclear materials, would this present serious diplomatic problems and what is the likelihood of receiving meaningful information?
2. Could a provision be included in renegotiated Agreements for Cooperation and any new Agreements for Cooperation for States to provide the U.S. Government with information on IAEA safeguards implementation in these countries, e.g. any correspondence between the State and IAEA concerning problems or deficiencies in the State's materials accountancy system?

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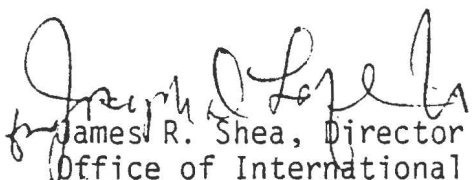
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The Commission would appreciate receiving the Department's assessments of the advantages and disadvantages of these possible approaches at an early date.

Sincerely,


James R. Shea, Director

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