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Mr. John Bellinger
Head-NMAC Section
Australian Safeguards & Non-Proliferation Office
Canberra, ACT, Australia

Dear Mr. Bellinger:

Thank you for your facsimile regarding assurances for the export of uranium hexafluoride to the Lucas Heights Research Center in New South Wales, Australia, for use in experimentation in research and development facilities evaluating the SILEX uranium enrichment process. In a letter dated November 8, 1999 the Nuclear Regulatory Commission informed you that the export license application (XSNM3113) requested authorization to export a larger amount (33.5 kilograms) of the material than noted in your assurances. The license application is enclosed, and the U.S. Department of Energy requests your review and re-affirmation of Australian Government assurances, taking into account the larger amount of material.

If you have any questions, please contact Christine Riendeau of my staff at (202) 586-7612.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jack Caravelli".

Jack Caravelli, Ph.D.
Acting Director
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Enclosures

cc: Ms. Betty Wright, NRC
Mr. Robin DeLaBarre, DOS

