

October 21, 1997

MEMORANDUM Carlton R. Stoiber, Director
TO: Office of International Programs
FROM: John C. Hoyle
SUBJECT: STAFF REQUIREMENTS: SECY-97-236 - PROPOSED RETRANSFER OF HIGH ENRICHED URANIUM (HEU) SCRAP FROM CANADA TO THE UK AND BACK TO CANADA FOR MEDICAL ISOTOPE PRODUCTION AT THE NRU REACTOR

The Commission approved, subject to the editorial comments noted in the enclosure, the staff's proposed response to the Department of Energy indicating that the NRC does not object to the transfer of 25 kilograms of enriched uranium scrap from Atomic Energy of Canada, Limited, to the United Kingdom Atomic Energy Authority for the purpose of recovering HEU, which will then be returned to Canada for use as target material for the production of molybdenum-99. The Commission's decision on this matter was made with the understanding that the retransfer will be transported in secured military aircraft. The proposed letter to the Department of Energy should be revised and issued promptly.

(OIP) (SECY Suspense: 10/21/97)

Enclosure: As stated

cc: Chairman Jackson
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