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Mr. Richard Stratford, Director  
Office of Nuclear Energy Affairs  
Department of State  
2201 C Street, N.W.  
Washington, D.C. 20520

Dear Mr. Stratford:

Enclosed is a copy of a report dated May 31, 2000, from the MDS Nordion Company. This report was submitted in accordance with Condition 10 of NRC Export License XSNM03060 and the Commission's June 29, 1999 Memorandum and Order requiring the license applicants to submit a yearly status report detailing progress of the program and Canadian cooperation in developing low enriched uranium targets for the Multipurpose Applied Physics Lattice Experiment (MAPLE) reactors. The Commission hereby requests from the Department of State (DOS), an Executive Branch report on the same subject no later than 30 days after the submission of the MDS Nordion annual report (i.e., July 1, 2000).

The Commission also requests that the DOS report address the issues raised by the Nuclear Control Institute in its letters dated December 17, 1999 and May 9, 2000, which we provided to you under separate cover and also attach here for your convenience.

Sincerely,

*for* 

Janice Dunn Lee, Director  
Office of International Programs

Enclosures: MDS Nordion Report  
2 NCI letters  
NRC January 27, 2000 response

cc w/enclosures:

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