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Westinghouse Electric Corporation
Atomic Power Division
Box 1526
Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania

Attention: Mr. H.C. Monroe
Supervising Buyer - Special Alloys

Gentlemen:

In accordance with your request and discussions with Mr. J.V. Myers and Mr. Robert Turner of the Westinghouse Corporation, we are enclosing Westinghouse Form Nos. 218, 219, and 220, which have been completed to describe National Research Corporation's facilities for receiving, storing and processing natural uranium.

National Research Corporation was established as an "Accountability Station" for uranium and thorium approximately from 1947 until 1953. Mr. James H. Moore, now General Manager of Vacuum Metals Corporation, Syracuse, New York, and Mr. P.J. Clough, Assistant Director, Metallurgical Research Department, National Research Corporation, were accountability officers during that time. The Accountability Station was withdrawn since we no longer had occasion to handle natural uranium in sufficient quantity to warrant the accountability procedure.

We have handled uranium metal in our facilities in the past and have performed melting operations with uranium for the AEC and its contractors starting in 1947. Our personnel are therefore familiar with the procedures and techniques required for handling source material.

We have been issued License No. RD-169 by the Division of Civilian Application which allows us to receive, possess and sell unlimited quantities of thorium and thorium-containing chemicals.

In as much as the material which will be sent to National Research Corporation for use in connection with your purchase inquiry JM 85255 is the accountability responsibility of Westinghouse we understand that it will be necessary that you send an accountability man to assist in maintaining proper accountability of the material. Until the Commission has taken action which they deem appropriate to cover the accountability phases of our proposed uranium

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melting operations we will at all times act in accordance with the judgement of your accountability man regarding such material.

We recognize the urgency of your melting requirements and will do all we can to expedite the necessary authorization so that we can receive, store and process this source material in quantity. We are now in communication with Mr. Lyall Johnson, Chief of the Licensing Branch, Division of Civilian Application in Washington, and Mr. R.B. Long, Deputy Director, Pittsburgh Area Office, AEC, to determine whether jurisdiction over our facility for handling uranium in quantity can best be accomplished by civilian license or by establishment of an Accountability Station. We believe we can operate under whichever system the Commission recommends as most suitable for our operations.

We trust our facility descriptions are in order and we will be glad to furnish additional information if you need it.

Very truly yours,

NATIONAL RESEARCH CORPORATION

Frederick H. Greene, Jr.
Administrator
Nuclear Energy Department

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Enclosures

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