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ATTN MS BETTY WRIGHT, EXPORT/IMPORT  
INTERNATIONAL SAFEGUARD  
U S NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

DEAR MS WRIGHT:  
IN REFERENCE TO OUR TELEPHONE CONVERSATION THIS MORNING I  
WANT TO REPEAT THE URGENCY OF OUR SITUATION.  
MICRO DISPLAY SYSTEMS INC HAS MANUFACTURED DIGITAL ELECTRONIC  
WATCHES IN DALLAS TEXAS OVER THE LAST FEW YEARS. THE WATCH  
PRODUCTS INCORPORATE A GASEOUS TRITIUM LUMINOUS SOURCE.  
DURING THE MONTHS OF JULY & AUGUST ALL OF THE WATCH MANU-  
FACTURING ACTIVITY THAT WAS LOCATED IN DALLAS HAS BEEN  
TRANSFERRED TO OUR HONG KONG FACILITY. THE HONG KONG FACILITY  
IS, AS OF THIS MOMENT, BUILDING WATCHES THAT REQUIRE TRITIUM  
LIGHT SOURCES. THE TRANSFER OF THE WATCH PRODUCTION TO HONG  
KONG INCLUDES THE MOVEMENT OF ALL RAW MATERIAL & PRODUCTION  
EQUIPMENT USED FOR THE MANUFACTURE OF WATCHES. THE EXCEPTION,  
OF COURSE, IS THE TRITIUM LIGHT SOURCE INVENTORY THAT IS IN  
DALLAS.

I WAS INFORMED BY MICRO DISPLAY PERSONNEL THAT THE LICENSE  
APPLIED FOR & GRANTED (REF NRC LICENSE NUMBER XRD0000077)  
AUGUST 29, 1979, WOULD PROVIDE FOR THE EXPORT OF THE LIGHT  
SOURCE INVENTORY TO HONG KONG SO AS TO BE USED IN THE MANU-  
FACTURE OF OUR TIMEPIECES.

IT IS IN THIS REGARD THAT I AM DESPERATELY SEEKING YOUR AID  
& ASSISTANCE TO ALLOW US TO EXPORT THE LIGHT SOURCES TO  
HONG KONG.

THE SITUATION SIMPLY STATED IS THIS. WE HAVE AN INVENTORY OF  
TRITIUM LIGHT SOURCES IN DALLAS WHERE WE HAVE NO WATCH  
MANUFACTURING CAPABILITY AND WE HAVE A HIGH VOLUME WATCH  
MANUFACTURING CAPABILITY IN HONG KONG THAT IS SHUT DOWN BECAUSE  
THERE IS NO TRITIUM IN HONG KONG. AS YOU MAY KNOW, THE DIGITAL  
WATCH BUSINESS IS A SEASONAL BUSINESS AND WE ARE NOW AT THE VERY  
HEIGHT OF THE CYCLE IN TERMS OF MANUFACTURING REQUIREMENTS. IF  
WE DO NOT PRODUCE LARGE QUANTITIES OF WATCHES NOW FOR THE FALL  
AND HOLIDAY SELLING SEASON, WE LOSE THE BUSINESS OPPORTUNITY FOR  
ANOTHER YEAR.

IT IS WITH THESE FACTS THAT I WISH TO EMPHASIZE THE URGENCY  
OF OUR REQUEST TO EXPORT THE TRITIUM LIGHT SOURCES TO HONG KONG  
IMMEDIATELY.

SPECIFICALLY, I WANT TO EXPORT APPROXIMATELY SEVENTY-FIVE  
THOUSAND (75,000) LIGHT SOURCES TO HONG KONG. THESE LIGHT  
SOURCES EACH CONTAIN A MAXIMUM OF 200 MILLICURIES.

I CAN ONLY SAY THAT THIS ACTION IS EXTREMELY CRITICAL TO  
OUR COMPANY AND WE NEED TO ACT IMMEDIATELY. I WILL BE  
AVAILABLE TO HELP YOU WITH ANY OTHER INFORMATION WHICH YOU MAY  
REQUIRE AND I CAN BE REACHED AT 215-A66-7950 EXTENSION 204.

THANK YOU AGAIN FOR YOUR HELP  
STEPHEN C SHERMAN  
COMMODORE BUSINESS MACHINES  
950 WITTENHOUSE RD  
NOVINGTON, PA 19007

1735 EST

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*I have letter to  
Micro Display Systems, Inc.  
at Pa address.*

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