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Mr. Gerard Helfrich
Office of Program Implementation
Bureau of Oceans and International
Environmental and Scientific Affairs
U.S. Department of State
Washington, D.C. 20520

Dear Mr. Helfrich:

Enclosed please find an application from Pathfinder Mines Corporation for a license to export U_3O_8 to Mexico which had originally been imported from Mexico as impure uranium concentrate. Pathfinder will purify the material and export the material to Mexico for storage purposes. It is our understanding that the U_3O_8 will be reimported into the United States at a later date for enrichment purposes and eventual use as fuel for the Laguna Verde nuclear reactor facility.

Before taking action on this license application, we would appreciate your views, in accordance with established procedures and from the overall perspective of the Executive Branch, as to whether the issuance of the requested license would be inimical to the interests of the United States, including the common defense and security, and whether the proposed export meets the applicable criteria in the Atomic Energy Act as amended by the Nuclear Non-proliferation Act of 1978,

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Marvin R. Peterson".

Marvin R. Peterson, Acting Assistant
Director
Export/Import and International
Safeguards
Office of International Programs

Enclosure:
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(XU08476)

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