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Mr. James R. Shea
Director of International Programs
United States Nuclear Regulatory Commission
Room 6714 - MNBB
Bethesda, Maryland

Dear Mr. Shea:

I refer to the letters from your office dated October 24 and September 11, 1985, requesting Executive Branch views as to whether issuance of an export license in accordance with the application hereinafter described meets the applicable criteria in the Atomic Energy Act, as amended by the Nuclear Non-Proliferation Act of 1978:

NRC No. XCOM0993 — Application by General Electric Company for authorization to export to Taiwan one Linde 3-channel gas blender with 3 control modules, valued at \$5,000, and one Hazen-Quinn laboratory rotary bench kiln, valued at \$15,000, for use at the Institute of Nuclear Energy Research (INER) in a joint GE-INER research project on alternate methods of processing UO₂ powder.

It is the judgment of the Executive Branch that the export contemplated will not be inimical to the common defense and security of the United States, and that this export is consistent with the provisions of the Atomic Energy Act of 1954, as amended by the Nuclear Non-Proliferation Act of 1978.

As Taiwan remains bound by the obligations of the NPT, Taiwan has committed itself to maintaining IAEA safeguards on all of its peaceful nuclear activities and has pledged not to produce or otherwise acquire any nuclear explosive device. It is therefore the judgment of the Executive Branch that Criteria (1) and (2) for exports of reactor components under Section 109 of the Atomic Energy Act, as amended are met. The remaining criterion, agreement not to retransfer any U.S.-supplied component without prior U.S. consent, has been satisfied by the receipt of a generic assurance letter, from the Coordination Council for North American Affairs dated August 27, 1979, a copy which has been previously provided to the NRC.

On the basis of the foregoing, the Executive Branch recommends that the license be issued.

Sincerely,

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