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XSNM02858

Ronald D. Hauber, Director
Division of Nonproliferation, Exports
and Multilateral Relations
Office of International Programs
U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission
Washington, D.C. 20555-0001

Dear Mr. Hauber:

I refer to the letter dated September 19, 1996 from John M. Rooney, Deputy Director, Office of Arms Control and Nonproliferation, Department of Energy, regarding the physical protection measures for the IAN -R1 Research Reactor at the Instituto de Asuntos Nucleares (IAN) in Bogota. I also refer to Department of State letters dated April 4, and March 11, 1996, transmitting favorable Executive Branch recommendations for issuance of licenses for applications XSNM02858 and XR164, for export of fuel and components to the IAN-R1.

Mr. Rooney's letter stated that when certain additional physical protection measures at the IAN site were completed, the physical protection level of the site would be adequate for Category II materials and facilities as defined in INFCIRC/225/REV.3. A physical protection level adequate for Category II material would be adequate for the introduction of the 15.8 kilograms of low-enriched uranium fuel to be exported under application XSNM02858.

U.S. Embassy, Bogota, telegram number 11414, dated November 20, 1996, reports that the recommended additional physical protection measures have been completed. A copy of that telegram has been furnished to your office. The confirmation that all the recommended physical protection measures have been completed resolves the remaining questions regarding adequacy of physical protection measures at the reactor site, as required by section 127(3) of the Atomic Energy Act, as amended.

In view of the foregoing, the Executive Branch recommends that license XSNM02858 be issued.

Sincerely,

Robin DeLaBarre

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