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Ms. Janice Dunn Lee
Acting Director, International Programs
United States Nuclear Regulatory Commission
Rockville, Maryland

Dear Ms. Lee:

I refer to the letter from your office dated November 30, 1999 requesting the views of the Executive Branch as to whether issuance of an export license in accordance with the application hereinafter described meets the applicable criteria of the Atomic Energy Act of 1954, as amended.

NRC No. XSNM03123—Mitsui & Co. (U.S.A.), Inc. has applied for authorization to export to Japan 2,434 kilograms of U-235 contained in 83,178 kilograms of uranium ranging from natural to a maximum enrichment of 4.95 percent in the form of uranium dioxide for the initial core loading of Unit 3 of the Onagawa Nuclear Power Plant. The fuel will be fabricated by Japan Nuclear Fuel Co.

It is the judgment of the Executive Branch that the proposed export will not be inimical to the common defense and security of the United States, and is consistent with the provisions of the Atomic Energy Act of 1954, as amended.

The proposed export to Japan would take place pursuant to the 1988 Agreement for Cooperation Between the United States and Japan, as reported in U.S. Embassy Tokyo telegram 380, dated January 18, 2000, a copy of which is enclosed.

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

Sincerely,

Richard J.K. Stratford
Director
Nuclear Energy Affairs

Enclosure: as stated.

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