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Mr. Robin DeLaBarre
Non-Proliferation/Nuclear Energy Affairs (NP/NEA)
Department of State
Washington, DC 20520

Dear Mr. DeLaBarre:

Enclosed is an application for a license (XSOU8778), recently received by the Nuclear Regulatory Commission, for the export of 310.0 kilograms of natural uranium and 160.0 kilograms of thorium to China for recovery of the tantalum for production of tantalum powder and wire for sale to tantalum capacitor manufactures in the U.S. and other countries for non-nuclear end use.

Before taking action on this request, we would appreciate your views, in accordance with established procedures and from the overall perspective of the Executive Branch, as to whether the requested export meets the applicable criteria in the Atomic Energy Act of 1954, as amended.

Please note that the material contains Canadian origin source material.

Sincerely,

Ronald D. Hauber, Deputy Director
Office of International Programs

Enclosure: Appl. Dtd. 02/02/00
(XSOU8778 - China)

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