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Dear Messrs. Clements and Moglen:

Thank you for your letter of October 25, 2001, to the Secretary concerning the proposed return of mixed oxide (MOX) fuel from Japan to the United Kingdom. I appreciate your interest in ensuring the safe and secure transport of this material.

While the framers of the United States-Japan Agreement for Cooperation did not foresee the circumstances that have led Japan to take this action, it is clear that the U.S. legal and regulatory provisions, which you note in your letter, are sufficient to deal with this unique request from Japan and the European Supply Agency.

My Department is working closely with the Departments of State and Defense, and other agencies to ensure a thorough evaluation of the proposed subsequent arrangement. A key element of the evaluation will be a threat assessment conducted near the time of the planned shipment to address the security concerns. I can assure you that we will take into full account your concerns.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Linton F. Brooks".

Linton F. Brooks
Deputy Administrator
for Defense Nuclear Nonproliferation