



December 3, 2005

The Hon. Eric Cline,  
Minister of Industry and Resources,  
Room 340, Legislative Building,  
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Dear Hon. Cline:

Thank you for your letter of November 24, 2005.

I see that you have adopted the rationalization of the CNSC regarding the use of uranium for weapons. I think you are a bit behind the times. I think you need to use increased critical analysis. The present policies and IAEA safeguards are a smokescreen and a paper trail, without effective enforcement.

You may know that once the USA **has processed** uranium ore, then the resulting residues are labeled "USA Material." Hence, if the USA uses U208 and enriches it for fuel bundles, then the U235 is employed and the remaining residue is U238. The molecules are re-arranged. This depleted uranium can then be used in preparing deadly ammunition.

The USA has used tons of depleted uranium ammunition in Kosovo (10 tons), in the Balkans (3

tons), in Afghanistan (800 tons), in the Gulf War (Kuwait and Iraq - 340 tons), and in the recent invasion of Iraq (170 tons). Moreover, the USA is now selling depleted uranium ammunition to 29 other countries.

In addition, the USA is now refitting and renewing portions of its 15,000 nuclear missiles with massive and devastating payloads. Initially, Canada supplied the uranium oxide for the Manhattan Project and for the subsequent build up of the USA missile capability. Where do you think it gets the uranium stock for all this current refitting of missiles, plus the depleted uranium ammunition? After all, Saskatchewan supplies 30% of the world's uranium needs, and we have been shipping **4000 tonnes** of uranium yellowcake to the USA for the last several years. That is quite a lot of uranium! Do you suppose a little teeny portion of that amount strays into the weapons industry?

After all, everyone knows that during the last few years the USA has been breaking the Non-Proliferation Treaty, and other international treaties and agreements regarding nuclear matters.

As long ago as 1997, Dr. Donald Lee, chairperson of the **Joint Federal-Provincial Panel on Uranium Mining in Northern Saskatchewan** wrote: "Although the Government of Canada prohibits the use of Canadian uranium in nuclear explosive devices, it permits the sale of uranium to foreign buyers in accord with the policy of fungibility. This policy requires that, for all Canadian uranium sold, an equivalent quantity must be accounted for in non-military applications. However, no process exists to separate Canadian uranium from uranium acquired from other sources; the policy of fungibility fails to provide assurances to the public that Canadian uranium will not be used in weaponry." (Cigar Lake, Cumulative Observations, p.25)

I think you need to update your understanding of the realities of uranium exports.

Yours truly,

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