



UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
The Secretary of Commerce
Washington, D.C. 20230

July 18, 2018

The Honorable James N. Mattis
Secretary of Defense
Washington, DC 20301-3010

Dear Mr. Secretary:

I am writing to notify you that I am initiating an investigation to determine the effects of imported uranium on national security. I am taking this action pursuant to Section 232 of the Trade Expansion Act of 1962, as amended (19 U.S.C. 1862). Section 232 authorizes the Secretary of Commerce to initiate such an investigation upon application of an interested party and requires notice to be provided to the Secretary of Defense upon initiation of an investigation.

During the course of the investigation, Department of Commerce staff will consult with their counterparts at the Department of Defense regarding any methodological and policy questions that may arise during the investigation. The investigation report will include information the Department of Defense can provide regarding the national defense requirements for uranium. I look forward to our collaboration on this important issue.

Our point of contact is Brad Botwin, Director, Industrial Studies, Office of Technology Evaluation, Bureau of Industry and Security. Mr. Botwin can be reached at Brad.Botwin@bis.doc.gov or (202) 482-4060.

Sincerely,


Wilbur Ross