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**Cable from the US Embassy in France to the  
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**Summary:**

Peter Ramsbotham, chief of the chancery at the British Embassy in France, passed along information to the US Embassy about his meeting with George Soutou, a senior official at the French Foreign Ministry. While the French by then did not want Israel to acquire nuclear weapons, they believed that the Israelis were seeking them.

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UK EMB OFF TELLS US THAT SOUTOU (QUAI DIRECTOR, AFRICA) AND DE LA GRANDVILLE (QUAI, PACTES) MADE FOLLOWING POINTS TO UK EMB EIGHT OF FRANCO-ISRAELI NUCLEAR RELATIONS: (1) GOF DOES NOT WANT ISRAEL TO ACQUIRE MILITARY NUCLEAR CAPABILITY; (2) FRENCH ESTIMATE ISRAELIS WISH TO ACQUIRE SUCH A CAPABILITY; (3) AGREEMENT UNDER WHICH FRENCH SUPPLY ISRAEL WITH URANIUM LOOSELY WORDED RE FRENCH CONTROLS OVER USES FRENCH SUPPLIED NUCLEAR FUEL, BUT INTENT IS FUEL NOT BE USED FOR PRODUCTION MILITARILY USEFUL FISSILE MATERIALS; (4) IF FRENCH EVER CONVINCED ISRAEL ATTEMPTING CIRCUMVENT CONTROLS NOTABLY BY OBTAINING SIGNIFICANT QUANTITIES OF URANIUM FROM NON-FRENCH SOURCES, GOF WOULD CONSIDER FRANCO-ISRAELI AGREEMENT NO LONGER BINDING.

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