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Letter from Christopher Audland, British Embassy in Buenos Aires, to Alan Goodison, Eastern Department of the Foreign Office

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Summary:

Christopher Audland, a political officer at the British Embassy in Buenos Aires, learned from the Canadian Charge d'Affaires that the information on the Argentine-Israel uranium deal "did not originate in Buenos Aires," and that the Argentine National Atomic Energy Commission had made previous uranium sales to West Germany and to Israel in 1962. Minutes are attached.

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FROM C. J. Andland

Buenos Aires -
Goodison

No. 1244/64G

Dated June 4th

Received June 12th

SUBJECT:

Canadian report of sales of Argentine
manure concentrate to Israel did not
originate in Buenos Aires but Canadian
Charge d'Affaires has confirmed information

Encloses Copy of:

References and Relevant Papers:

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(Outward Action)

- Df) C.J. Andland, 22/6 Buenos Aires/Goodison
- cc) Tel Aviv, Washington Cairo, Paris; D.I.S., CRD.;
- Df) Miss Warburton Bann & McLaren 22/6
- cc) Tel Aviv, Washington Buenos Aires; D.I.S.
- Df) C.J. Andland, Buenos Aires & Goodison 21/6
- B) Mr. Kellas Tel Aviv
- O.J. Meilband Cairo
- P.E. Rambotheram Paris
- P.R. Kingdon, W. Han
- Miss Warburton Bann
- Mr. Redpath, CRD.
- B. Arkell, D.I.S.

24/8

MINUTES

I attach drafts to Buenos Aires and to Brown. If you agree I will discuss Mr Andland's letter with Mr Elin & Canada House

AEDD 2/7 Mr. Shepherd 1/6
written Dept 1/6
P.U.S.D. (Mr. Kingdon) 1/6
insert Dept (Mr. Kingdon) 15/6

1/6

I believe the Canadians have requested DIS to pass the information in their possession to the U.S. authorities. Please check with Mr Arkell. If he agrees insert this information in the draft to Mr Andland with authority for his right to mention this correspondence to the State Dept and pt initial of.

M. McLaren

have consulted Mr Arkell, who agrees

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17/6

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A) Miss A.M. Warburton Bann-McLaren 10644/26 July 9th.

The original Canadian report is now beginning to look very threadbare — see the American (CIA)

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comments at -/25 and -/27. I have discussed with Mr Atken who says we may pass on the substance to Buenos Aires.

2. I have discussed Miss Warburton's Ewarton suggestion with Mr Gladstone who thinks it might be difficult to find out without looking unduly inquisitive. In view of the dubious authenticity of the information it would not be worth causing offence to the Germans over this but Mr Gladstone may care to look at the problem again with benefit of the papers, in consultation with W. Dept.

3. I attach a draft to Buenos Aires

R/W
14/8

General Dept (Mr Gladstone) } etc
W. Dept
Pm 9/9

W
14/8

I am afraid I have been unable to think of a way of doing this without letting the Germans know we are doing it

Jm
4/9


W
14/9

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BRITISH EMBASSY

BUENOS AIRES

June 4, 1964.

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Dear Goodison,

With reference to your letter of April 29 concerning an agreement for the sale of Argentine uranium concentrate to Israel, we have made enquiries here to Mr. E.R. Bellemare, the Canadian Chargé d'Affaires. Mr. Bellemare confirms that the information supplied by the Canadian Intelligence authorities did not originate in Buenos Aires. He is, however, in fairly close touch with the Argentine National Atomic Energy Commission which has volunteered information to him that the Commission has recently made sales of uranium concentrate both to Israel and to West Germany. An offer to sell uranium concentrate to Japan has apparently been unsuccessful because the Canadian Government offered Japan the same material at a lower price.

2. We have not been able to establish exact facts and figures for these uranium sales to Israel and West Germany. A previous sale of uranium concentrate to Israel on January 18, 1962, was covered by a Government Decree, published in the Official Bulletin, but no Decree has come to our notice on the sales under discussion. Should we hear more, I will keep you informed.

3. I am copying this letter to the addressees of yours.

yours sincerely,

Christopher Audland

(C. J. Audland)

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London, E.W.1.

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