

## **October 19, 1964**

### **Cable 555 from the US Embassy in Argentina to the Department of State**

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#### **Summary:**

Meeting with embassy officials, the chief of the National Atomic Energy Commission Admiral Oscar A. Quihillalt informed them that Argentine uranium sales agreements had only general safeguard provisions stipulating that the uranium would be used peacefully, and did not require reports, inspections, or any other independent verification that were loosely equivalent to Article XIII of the IAEA statute.

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**INCO URANIUM 17 ISR-ARG**

**INCOMING TELEGRAM** Department of State

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*Inco uranium 17 Isr-Arg*

DAC ON OCTOBER 16 ADMIRAL QUIHILLALT, CHAIRMAN CNEA, IN RESPONSE  
AEC TO QUESTIONS CONCERNING SAFEGUARDS, INFORMED AEC REPRESENTATIVE AND EMBASSY SCIENTIFIC ATTACHE THAT ARGENTINE AGREEMENTS ON SHIPMENTS OF U308 TO ISRAEL OR ANY OTHER COUNTRY PROVIDE ONLY GENERAL SAFEGUARD PROVISIONS THAT URANIUM WILL BE USED FOR PEACEFUL PURPOSES.  
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AGREEMENTS CONTAIN NO PROVISIONS FOR SAFEGUARDS REQUIRING REPORTS, INSPECTION, OR OTHER INDEPENDENT VERIFICATION EQUIVALENT TO REQUIREMENTS ARTICLE XII IAEA STATUTE. QUIHILLALT DID NOT APPEAR TO HAVE DEFINITIVE INFO ON END USES OF URANIUM BY ISRAEL.

QUIHILLALT ATTITUDE IS IAEA NOT INVOLVED IN ARGENTINE SHIPMENTS OF U308 AND QUANTITY OF URANIUM SHIPPED TO ISRAEL NOT IMPORTANT FROM SAFEGUARDS STANDPOINT EVEN THOUGH TOTAL QUANTITY EXCEEDS 10 TON IAEA LIMIT. QUIHILLALT MENTIONED THAT OTHER COUNTRIES SUCH AS SOUTH AFRICA HAVE SOLD URANIUM WITHOUT SAFEGUARD PROVISIONS. HE REFLECTED VIEW REPORTING INSPECTION SAFEGUARD PROVISIONS SOMEWHAT IMPRACTICAL FOR NATURAL URANIUM.

EMBASSY IS PROCEEDING TO DELIVER AIDE MEMOIRE TO FOREIGN MINISTRY AND MAKE FURTHER INFORMAL APPROACH TO ARGENTINE AEC ALONG LINES OF DRAFT WITH CA-3932. WILL INFORM DEPT. OF RESULTS ASAP.

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