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Summary:

In a meeting with Foreign Office officials, a US embassy officer stated that the US did not object to the sale of uranium to Israel, but sought cooperation in order to assure that appropriate safeguards were put into place.

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NSC ON OCTOBER 22 AND 23 EMBASSY OFFICER DISCUSSED PROPOSED INR GOA SALE URANIUM OXIDE TO ISRAEL WITH FONOFF DIVISION CIA RESPONSIBLE RELATIONS WITH IAEA AND WITH DIRECTOR, NSA DEPARTMENT NORTH AMERICAN AFFAIRS. APPROACH BY EMBASSY DOD OFFICER FOLLOWED LINE SET FORTH IN REFERENCED AIRGRAM. DAC BOTH AIDE-MEMOIRE AND TECHNICAL NOTE LEFT WITH FONOFF AEC FOLLOWING DISCUSSIONS. RMR CFN 578 3932 555 4 2 22 23

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FONOFF OFFICIALS, ONE OF WHO PARTICIPATED APRIL 1964 DISCUSSIONS AT VIENNA ON SAFEGUARDS, AWARE BACKGROUND EFFORTS ESTABLISH SAFEGUARDS PRINCIPLES AND SYSTEM AS WELL AS GENERAL ARGENTINE SUPPORT FOR THAT U.S. POLICY OBJECTIVE. THEY ACKNOWLEDGED UNDERSTANDING OF U.S. POSITION IN MATTER BUT NOTED THAT THEY COULD NOT COMMIT GOA HOLD RESPONSE TO OUR APPROACH UNTIL FONOFF HAS OPPORTUNITY

EXAMINE MATTER WITH ARGENTINE ATOMIC ENERGY COMMISSION.

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