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Department of State**

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

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EMBASSY OFFICER EXPLAINED THAT MINISTRY SHOULD UNDERSTAND
THAT U.S. NEITHER OBJECTS TO SALE, PER SE, OF URANIUM
TO ISRAEL NOR SUGGESTS THAT LATTER INTENDS USE MATERIALS
FOR OTHER THAN PEACEFUL PURPOSES. MOTIVATION UNDERLYING
U.S. INITIATIVE, HE POINTED OUT, IS RATHER THAT OF SEEKING
GOA COOPERATION IN MAINTENANCE OF CRITICAL PRINCIPLE THAT
SIGNIFICANT ATOMIC ASSISTANCE BE PROVIDED ONLY IN ACCORDANCE
WITH APPROPRIATE SAFEGUARDS.

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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