

**September 11, 1974**

**Letter, Secretary-General of the National Security  
Council to the President of Brazil, on Nuclear  
Cooperation with Argentina**

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**Summary:**

Cover letter from an explanatory memorandum on a possible agreement of mutual cooperation in nuclear energy between Brazil and Argentina. Contains President Geisel's response to the opinion of the National Security Council about nuclear cooperation between Argentina and Brazil. It concludes that the solution of pending issues with Buenos Aires should come before advancing in the nuclear field.

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Senhor Ministro

Tenho a honra de dirigir-me a Vossa Excelência a respeito da Informação nº 0169, SECRETA, de 18 de julho de 1974, desse Ministério.

O assunto contido no referido documento versa sobre Cooperação BRASIL-ARGENTINA na utilização da energia nuclear para fins pacíficos e deu origem à Exposição de Motivos nº 062/74, de 8 de setembro de 1974, desta Secretaria-Geral, na qual o Excelentíssimo Senhor Presidente da República exarou o seguinte despacho:

- "- Há diversos assuntos pendentes de negociação entre o BRASIL e a ARGENTINA, inclusive o da cota de Itaipu.
- Um possível acordo de cooperação sobre energia nuclear poderá ser negociado na oportunidade em que o forem os demais assuntos acima referidos.
- Recomendo, pois, que se aguarde a ocasião para o adequado procedimento e que, entretanto, se continuem os estudos a respeito, inclusive no preparo de minuta do acordo a ser proposto.

Em 8 Set 74"

Dando cumprimento à determinação presidencial, passo às mãos de Vossa Excelência cópia da citada Exposição de Motivos.

Aproveito a oportunidade para renovar a Vossa Excelência os protestos de elevada estima e distinta consideração.

  
General-de-Divisão HUGO DE ANDRADE ABREU

Secretário-Geral do Conselho de Segurança Nacional

A Sua Excelência

Embaixador ANTÔNIO FRANCISCO AZEREDO DA SILVEIRA

DD Ministro das Relações Exteriores

SECRET

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Minister,

I have the honor of communicating to your Excellency the report no 0169, SECRET, dated 18th of July of 1974, generated by this Ministry.

The area under discussion in the document mentioned above refers to Brazilian -Argentinian cooperation in the utilization of nuclear energy for peaceful purposes, and originated the explanatory memorandum no 062/74, on September 8th, 1974, coming from this General Secretariat, in which his Excellency, the President of the Republic, wrote the following:

"- There are various issues pending negotiation between BRAZIL and ARGENTINA, including the one pertaining to Itaipu´s quota.  
- A possible agreement of mutual cooperation involving nuclear energy could be negotiated along with the above mentioned matters.  
- I recommend, therefore, that you wait until the time comes to apply the proper procedure, and in the meantime continue to study and work on this matter as well as on the draft of the agreement to be proposed.  
September 8th, 1974"

Fulfilling the Presidential determination, I pass to the hands of your Excellency a copy of the cited Explanatory Memorandum.

I would also like to take the opportunity to send your Excellency my warmest regards, as an expression of my highest esteem and distinct consideration.

Lieutenant General HUGO DE ANDRADE ABREU  
Secretary-General of the National Security Council

To his Excellency  
Ambassador ANTÔNIO FRANCISCO AZEREDO DA SILVEIRA  
DD Minister of Foreign Relations