

**March 26, 1964**  
**Cable from the US Embassy in France to the  
Department of State**

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**Summary:**

According Jacques Martin, a French Foreign Ministry expert, the Israelis were demanding to know why the French were holding up uranium shipments. The French replied that until Israel was ready to purchase only from France, allowing France "some control over the situation" [in Dimona], the restrictions would continue.

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INFORMATION CONTAINED PARAGRAPH 1 REFTEL WAS RELAYED TO MARTIN THIS MORNING. HE WAS GRATEFUL AND SAID IT CONFIRMED RENCH FINDINGS.

ASSYRO STATUS OF NEGOTAITONS FRENCH-ISRAELI URANIUM PURCHASE AGREEMENT. MARTIN SAID THAT SOM WEEKS AGO SHORTLY FOLLOWING HIS CONVERSATION WITH LYON ISRAELI EMBASSY OFFICIAL HAD LONG DISCUSSION WITH HIM DEMANDING EXPLANATION AS TO WHY FRENCH WERE HOLDING UP DELIVERY OF RAW MATERIALS, ETC. MARTIN EXPLAINED TO ISRAELI OFFICIAL THAT UNTIL ISRAELIS WERE PREPARED TO AGREE TO PURCHASE RAW MATERIALS ONLY FROM FRANCE, AND THUS ENABLE FRANCE TO HAVE SOME CONTROL OVER SITUATION, PRESENT RESTRICTIONS WOULD CONTINUE.

MARTIN SAYS HE NOW HOPES TO HAVE REPLY FROM ISRAEL SHORTLY AND IS OPTIMISTIC THAT IF OTHER SOURCES NOT AVAILABLE TO ISRAELIS THEY WILL AGREE TO FRENCH TERMS, I. E. TO PURCHASE RAW MATERIALS ONLY FROM FRANCE.

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