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**Letter from Alan C. Goodison, Eastern Department
of the Foreign Office, to C. J. Audland, British
Embassy in Buenos Aires**

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Summary:

Alan Goodison reported that U.S. officials were skeptical of the Canadian report because their sources had no information about an Argentine-Israeli deal and Argentine exports to Israel had not been reported in the Official Bulletin.

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C.J. Audland,
Buenos Aires.

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From:

A.C. Goodison

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A.R.H. Kellas,
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Cairo,

The Hon. P.E.
Ramsbotham,
Paris.

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Washington.

Miss A.M. Warburton,
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3. I am copying this letter to Kellas in Tel Aviv, Maitland in Cairo, Ramsbotham in Paris, Miss Warburton in Bonn (with reference to her letter of 10644/129 2/July 2 to Robin McLaren), Arkell in the Defence Intelligence Staff and Redpath in the C.R.O.

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(A. C. Goodison)

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