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Summary:

This cable from the US Department of State expresses concern that the Foreign Office was slow to respond to questions about the Argentine-Israeli deal, particularly with regards to safeguards, and says that the Dept. of State, ACDA, and the AEC were considering more "representations" to Argentina and possibly to Israel.

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Dept concerned over Foreign Office's slowness in responding US representations re question safeguards on reported Argentine uranium oxide sale to Israel. Request Embassy, in its discretion, convey this concern to Foreign Office and inquire when we may expect response.

FYI: Dept, in consultation AEC and ACDA, considering further representations to Argentina and possibly also to Israel, but wish first give Argentines full opportunity respond. As occasion permits, Embassy should indicate growing apprehension at highest level USG over proliferation nuclear weapons capability which reinforced by unsafeguarded sales natural uranium, of which reported Argentine sale is example. END FYI

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