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Summary:

In this cable, the US Department of State requested the Embassy to remind the Argentine government that it was still awaiting a response on the uranium sale to Israel, and asked the Embassy to review the "full extent" of Argentine exports of uranium.

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Request Embassy remind GOA we still awaiting response our inquiry re uranium sale to Israel. Believe it important Argentines remain aware deep US concern this and any other sales uranium without adequate safeguards. Embassy, in its discretion, should therefore press FONOFF for early response.

FYI: Would appreciate Embassy review, on basis of available information, full extent Argentine foreign sales of uranium. Information available Department somewhat ambiguous (for example, Intelligence Field Report HAB-4050 from Buenos Aires, September 15, 1964, which indicates Argentines negotiating second sales agreement for additional 100 tons of uranium oxide). Also Embassy's A-230 indicates further information being developed regarding price, shipment schedule etc. Would appreciate any such details now available. If any ambiguities exist regarding other projected sales beyond present sale to Israel, Embassy should, in its discretion, make clear to GOA concern of USG regarding such preparations while we awaiting response our inquiry. Embassy should make clear US would expect have opportunity discuss any future transactions this nature well in advance of commitment. END FYI

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