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Letter from Alan C. Goodison, Eastern Department of the Foreign Office to Arthur R. H. Kellas, British Embassy

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Summary:
In a letter to Arthur Kellas, counselor at the British Embassy in Tel Aviv, Alan Goodison of the Foreign Office's Eastern Department disclosed the Argentine-Israel uranium deal, which involved the transfer of 80-100 tons over 33 months. Since evidence suggested that Israel had facilities for plutonium separation, they estimated that there would be enough plutonium for a weapon within 20 months; however, Goodison had no proof that the Israelis planned to produce a nuclear weapon, only that they had the capability to do so. Minutes are attached.

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SUBJECT:
Canadian authorities reported agreement
between Argentina and Israel. The
interval between the two was
on account of maximum
concentration camp period.

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vocabulary, do they ever
use concepts of child
blackmail, etc., of what
mutilation, they will accept for
the latter.

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branch announcement in the MEA a safeguard. This may
remind any other consent or the subject of
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The Canadian Intelligence Authorities have informed the Defence Intelligence Staff that the Argentine Republic and Israel have signed an agreement for the sale of the entire Argentine production of uranium concentrate to Israel. This involves the transfer of 80-100 tons of concentrate over a period of 33 months. This means that Israel now has virtually uncontrolled supplies of uranium free of safeguards.

2. If recent evidence leads us to suppose the Israelis have adequate facilities for plutonium separation it now appears on a very rough estimate that she would have enough plutonium to fuel a nuclear bomb after between 16 and 20 months from the date when the Dimona reactor became critical, that is to say in June or August 1965.

3. Although this information is unconfirmed we know that last November the Argentine were looking for a buyer for their uranium. If you or Buenos Aires can obtain any confirmation of it we should be very grateful. Since this is Canadian information we are not in a position to hand it over to the Americans.

We understand that the Canadians are reluctant to do so because the Americans have refused them information on their recent inspection of Dimona; we shall be talking further to the Canadians soon in this regard and may in an appropriate case in a few months.

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4. This information does not of course prove that the Israelis are making a nuclear bomb but their anxiety to obtain such a large quantity of safeguard-free uranium suggests that they have some vested motives. Although the evidence is all circumstantial it is beginning to be overwhelming.

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The Canadian Intelligence authorities have informed the Defence Intelligence Staff that the Argentine Republic and Israel have signed an agreement for the sale of the entire Argentine production of uranium concentrate to Israel. This involves the transfer of 60-100 tons of concentrate over a period of 13 months. This means that Israel now has virtually unlimited supplies of uranium free of safeguards.

2. If, as recent evidence leads us to suppose, the Israelis have facilities for plutonium separation it now appears on a very rough estimate that she could have enough plutonium to fuel a nuclear bomb after between 15 and 20 months from the beginning of this year when the Dimona reactor became critical, that is to say in June or August 1965.

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5. I am copying this letter to Autodesk in Buenos Aires, Maltin in Cairo, Ramebooth in Paris, Bright in Washington, Arkell in the Defence Intelligence Staff, and Redpath at the G.C.C.

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