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Letter from Christopher Audland, British Embassy in Buenos Aires, to Alan Goodison, Eastern Department of the Foreign Office

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Summary:
Christopher Audland, a political officer at the British Embassy in Buenos Aires, learned from the Canadian Charge d'Affaires that the information on the Argentine-Israel uranium deal "did not originate in Buenos Aires," and that the Argentine National Atomic Energy Commission had made previous uranium sales to West Germany and to Israel in 1962. Minutes are attached.

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FROM

C. J. Ameland

Buenos Aires -
Gendarmerie

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DATED
June 9th

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SUBJECT:

Canadian report of sales of Argentine weapons sent to Israel and with
originate in Buenos Aires. Our Canadian Chargé d'Affaires has confirmed information

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I am pleased to inform you that Mr. Brown and Mr. Symons have discussed the
Canadian liaison officer's letter with Mr. Elkin.

A. M. Washington, M.B.B.E., P.E.

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2. I have discussed this with Mr. Arna, who says we may pass on the
substance to Reichenauer.

3. I have discussed this with Mr. Arna, who says it would be difficult to
find out without bringing unwelcome inquiries. In view
of the dubious authenticity of the information and the
urgent need for action, it would be worthwhile
considering putting the Germans on the
walk. The Germans may care to look at the
problems again.

4. I attach a draft to Reichenauer.

[Signature]

[Date]

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[Signature]

[Date]
Dear Goodison,

With reference to your letter of April 29 concerning an agreement for the sale of Argentine uranium concentrate to Israel, we have made enquiries here to Mr. B. Bellemare, the Canadian Chargé d'Affaires. Mr. Bellemare confirms that the information supplied by the Canadian Intelligence authorities did not originate in Buenos Aires. He is, however, in fair close touch with the Argentine National Atomic Energy Commission which has volunteered information to him that the Commission has recently made sales of uranium concentrate both to Israel and to West Germany. An offer to sell uranium concentrate to Japan has apparently been unsuccessful because the Canadian Government offered Japan the same material at a lower price.

2. We have not been able to establish exact facts and figures for these uranium sales to Israel and West Germany. A previous sale of uranium concentrate to Israel on January 18, 1962, was covered by a Government Decree, published in the Official Bulletin, but no Decree has come to our notice on the sales under discussion. Should we hear more, I will keep you informed.

3. I am copying this letter to the addressees of yours.

Yours sincerely,

Christopher Audland

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