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Summary:

Meeting with embassy officials, the chief of the National Atomic Energy Commission Admiral Oscar A. Quihillalt informed them that Argentine uranium sales agreements had only general safeguard provisions stipulating that the uranium would be used peacefully, and did not require reports, inspections, or any other independent verification that were loosely equivalent to Article XIII of the IAEA statute.

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DOD ON OCTOBER 16 ADMIRAL QUIHILLALT, CHAIRMAN CNEA, IN RESPONSE
DAC TO QUESTIONS CONCERNING SAFEGUARDS, INFORMED AEC REPRE-
AEC SENTATIVE AND EMBASSY SCIENTIFIC ATTACHE THAT ARGENTINE
RMR AGREEMENTS ON SHIPMENTS OF U308 TO ISRAEL OR ANY OTHER
COUNTRY PROVIDE ONLY GENERAL SAFEGUARD PROVISIONS THAT
URANIUM WILL BE USED FOR PEACEFUL PURPOSES.
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AGREEMENTS CONTAIN NO PROVISIONS FOR SAFEGUARDS REQUIRING
REPORTS, INSPECTION, OR OTHER INDEPENDENT VERIFICATION
EQUIVALENT TO REQUIREMENTS ARTICLE XII IAEA STATUTE.
ZUIHILLALT DID NOT APPEAR TO HAVE DEFINITIVE INFO ON
END USES OF URANIUM BY ISRAEL.

QUIHILLALT ATTITUDE IS IAEA NOT INVOLVED IN ARGENTINE
SHIPMENTS OF U308 AND QUANTITY OF URANIUM SHIPPED TO
ISRAEL NOT IMPORTANT FROM SAFEGUARDS STANDPOINT EVEN
THOUGH TOTAL QUANTITY EXCEEDS 10 TON IAEA LIMIT. QUIHILLALT
MENTIONED THAT OTHER COUNTRIES SUCH AS SOUTH AFRICA HAVE
SOLD URANIUM WITHOUT SAFEGUARD PROVISIONS. HE REFLECTED
VIEW REPORTING INSPECTION SAFEGUARD PROVISIONS SOMEWHAT
IMPRACTICAL FOR NATURAL URANIUM.

EMBASSY IS PROCEEDING TO DELIVER AIDE MEMOIRE TO FOREIGN
MINISTRY AND MAKE FURTHER INFORMAL APPROACH TO ARGENTINE
AEC ALONG LINES OF DRAFT WITH CA-3932. WILL INFORM DEPT.
OF RESULTS ASAP.

GP-L. MARTIN
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