

September 04, 1968 Aide Mémoire, 'Sale of 5 Tons of Uranium to Brazil'

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Summary:

A Brazilian diplomat to Argentina expresses an interest in acquiring five tons of uranium free from safeguards to Argentine authorities. CNEA and the foreign ministry of Argentina approved the request, taking into consideration the favorable diplomatic relations between the two countries at the moment.

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September 4th – 2:30 PM

Dr. Martinez Favini accompanied the First Secretary of the Brazilian Embassy – Mr. Carlos Antonio Bettencourt Bueno – who manifested the Brazilian interest in buying 5T of U[ranium] from Argentina (free of safeguards and within the larger reserve).

(1) I answered that I had to consult higher officials, explaining that even though the quantity was not large, at this moment we were developing a production program related to Atucha Nuclear Power Plant and that these circumstances limited our current capabilities.

(2) Engineer Bancora was informed. He said that he did not see any difficulty in selling 5t of U_3O_8 to Brazil, and he thought the deal was convenient.

(3) Dr. Stipanivic was consulted, and he confirmed what was said in the sense that it was not convenient to divert the current production to other purposes except to build the needed stock to supply Atucha. According to the production schedule, we could analyze another commitment around mid-1969.

Consultation to Sr. Quilano, Director of Policy for the Ministry of Foreign Affairs Thursday, September 12th, 6 PM

- He considers that the current moment favors the goodwill that marks our relations with Brazil, and we should answer their requests whenever they do not cause us extra effort.

Summary

Mr. First Secretary of the Brazilian Embassy – Mr. Carlos Antonio Bettancourt Bueno – will be informally informed that within this spirit of cooperation between the two countries, his request for 5t of U_3O_8 will be granted, however it will not be possible to make it concrete before mid-1969, due to our current schedule, related to the stock for Atucha's reactor.

Ayuda Memoria - Asunto venta de 5 t de U a Brasil

- Día 4 de setiembre - 14.30 - Acompañado por el Dr. Martinez Favini se presentó el primer secretario de la Embajada del Brasil - Sr. Carlos Antonio Bettencourt Bueno quien manifestó el interés del Brasil de adquirir 5 t d U en la Argentina (libre de Salvaguardias y dentro de la mayor reserva).
- (1) - Le contesté que consultaría con la Superioridad, explicándole que si bien la cantidad solicitada no era mucha, en este momento estábamos con un programa de producción relacionado con la Central Nuclear en Atucha y que esa circunstancia limitaba nuestra posibilidad actual.
- (2) - Informado el Ingeniero Bâncora Dijo que en principio él no veía ninguna dificultad en vender las 5 t de U₃O₈ a Brasil y que convendría hacerlo.
- (3) - Consultado el Dr. Stipanovic confirmó lo dicho en el sentido de la conveniencia de no derivar la producción actual a otros propósitos que no sean la formación del stock necesario para el aprovisionamiento de Atucha. Que de acuerdo con la marcha del programa de producción, recién a mediados de 1969 podría analizarse la aceptación de otro compromiso.
- Considera que en el momento actual y dado el espíritu de buena voluntad que caracteriza nuestras relaciones con Brasil debe tratarse de accederse a lo solicitado siempre y cuando no suponga un mayor esfuerzo.

Consulta Dr. Quijano
 Director de Política del
 Ministerio de Relaciones
 Exteriores
 Jueves 12 de setiembre -
 18.00 hs.

En Síntesis

Se hablará informalmente al señor Primer Secretario de la Embajada de Brasil - Sr. Carlos Antonio Bettancourt Bueno - informando de dentro de ese espíritu de cooperación entre los dos países se tratará de satisfacer su pedido de las 5 t de U₃O₈, pero no es posible concretar la operación antes de mediados de 1969, por razones de nuestra programación actual, referida al stock para el Reactor de Atucha.