

**October 19, 1964**

**Cable 555 from the US Embassy in Argentina to the  
Department of State**

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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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*Inco uranium 17 Isr-Arg*

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.

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