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Summary:

Quihillalt suggests to the new Argentine foreign minister, Juan B. Martin, the formalization of the nuclear relationship with Brazil through the signature of a memorandum of understanding.

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SENOR MINISTRO:

Tengo el honor de dirigirme a V.E. para referirme a las tratativas mantenidas por esta COMISION NACIONAL con su similar de Brasil, con vistas a la concertación de un acuerdo de colaboración.

Como informé oportunamente a esa Cancillería, las primeras conversaciones en tal sentido se iniciaron en Buenos Aires a fines de 1967, en ocasión de la visita que nos hiciera el Presidente de la COMISION MACIONAL DE ENERGIA NUCLEAR de Brasil, General Uriel DA COSTA RIBEIRO, junto con otros siete funcionarios brasileños.

Posteriormente, una delegación de técnicos de esta COMISION NACIONAL, encabezada por el suscripto, se trasladó a Rio de Janeiro a fin de continuar las conversaciones y determinar sobre el terreno las áreas de mayor interés para un programa de intercambio entre ambas instituciones.

De los resultados de dicha misión informé a ese Ministerio por nota "SECRETA" del mes de abril de 1968, con la cual adjunté un detallado análisis sobre la situación de Brasil en el campo nuclear y las posibilidades de cooperación con la Argentina.

He creido de interés acompañar a la presente una sintesis del aludido informe para abreviar a V.E. la lectura del mismo.

Los antecedentes expuestos señalan la conveniencia de formalizar y encauzar las relaciones establecidas, mediante la firma de un convenio de colaboración. 11/2.

Este acuerdo podría ser de país a país o bien de Comisión a Comisión. A nuestro juicio esta última fórmula es la más expeditiva y nos permitiría concretar rápidemente un programa de intercambio con la Comisión brasileña.

Someto a consideración del señor Ministro la sugerencia expuesta, encareciéndole quiera tener a bien hacerme llegar sus instrucciones sobre el particular.

Al agradecerle desde ya la atención que se sirve dispensarme, saludo a V.E. con mi más alta consideración.

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Buenos Aires, 15 Dec 1969 Minister:

I have the honour of address Your Excellency in reference to the negotiations maintained by this NATIONAL COMMISSION with its counterpart in Brazil, with respect to the arrangement of a collaboration agreement.

As I have informed this Foreign Ministry, the first conversations in that direction began in Buenos Aires in the end of 1967, at the occasion of the visit of the President of the NATIONAL NUCLEAR ENERGY COMMISSION of Brazil, General Uriel DA COSTA RIBEIRO, with seven other Brazilian officials.

Later, a delegation of technicians from this NATIONAL COMMISSION, headed by the undersigned, travelled to Rio de Janeiro to continue conversation and determine the areas of greater interests for an exchange programme between the two institutions.

I have informed this ministry about the results of this mission through a "SECRET" note in the moth of April 1968, in which I attached a detailed analysis of the Brazilian situation in the nuclear domain and the possibilities for cooperation with Argentina.

I thought it was interesting to attach to this a synthesis of the mentioned report to abbreviate Your Excellency's reading of it.

The precedent exposed point to the convenience of formalising and channelling the established relationships through the signing of a collaboration agreement.

This agreement could be from country to country or well from commission to commission. In our judgement this last formula is the most expeditious and will allows us to swiftly establish an exchange programme with the Brazilian Commission.

I submit to the consideration of the Minister the stated suggestion, urging you to make your instructions on this issue reach me.

While thanking you for the attention you have offered, I salute Your Excellency with my best regards.

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