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ON OCTOBER 16 ADMIRAL QUIHIULLALT, CHAIRMAN CNEA, IN RESPONSE TO QUESTIONS CONCERNING SAFEGUARDS, INFORMED AEC REPRESENTATIVE AND EMBASSY SCIENTIFIC ATTACHE THAT ARGENTINE AGREEMENTS ON SHIPMENTS OF U3O8 TO ISRAEL OR ANY OTHER COUNTRY PROVIDE ONLY GENERAL SAFEGUARD PROVISIONS THAT URANIUM WILL BE USED FOR PEACEFUL PURPOSES.

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QUIHIULLALT ATTITUDE IS IAEA NOT INVOLVED IN ARGENTINE SHIPMENTS OF U3O8 AND QUANTITY OF URANIUM SHIPPED TO ISRAEL NOT IMPORTANT FROM SAFEGUARDS STANDPOINT EVEN THOUGH TOTAL QUANTITY EXCEEDS 10 TON IAEA LIMIT. QUIHIULLALT 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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