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DOD ON OCTOBER 22 AND 23 EMBASSY OFFICER DISCUSSED PROPOSED DAC GOA SALE URANIUM OXIDE TO ISRAEL WITH FONOFF DIVISION AEC RESPONSIBLE RELATIONS WITH IAEA AND WITH DIRECTOR, DEPARTMENT NORTH AMERICAN AFFAIRS. APPROACH BY EMBASSY OFFICER FOLLOWED LINE SET FORTH IN REFERENCED AIRGRAM. BOTH AIDE-MEMOIRE AND TECHNICAL NOTE LEFT WITH FONOFF FOLLOWING DISCUSSIONS. CFN 578 3932 555 4 2 22 23

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PAGE 2 RUESBA 279 SECRET EMBASSY OFFICER EXPLAINED THAT MINISTRY SHOULD UNDERSTAND THAT U.S. NEITHER OBJECTS TO SALE, PER SE, OF URANIUM TO ISRAEL NOR SUGGESTS THAT LATTER INTENDS USE MATERIALS FOR OTHER THAN PEACEFUL PURPOSES. MOTIVATION UNDERLYING U.S. INITIATIVE, HE POINTED OUT, IS RATHER THAT OF SEEKING GOA COOPERATION IN MAINTENANCE OF CRITICAL PRINCIPLE THAT SIGNIFICANT ATOMIC ASSISTANCE BE PROVIDED ONLY IN ACCORDANCE WITH APPROPRIATE SAFEGUARDS.

FONOFF OFFICIALS, ONE OF WHO PARTICIPATED APRIL 1964 DISCUSSIONS AT VIENNA ON SAFEGUARDS, AWARE BACKGROUND EFFORTS ESTABLISH SAFEGUARDS PRINCIPLES AND SYSTEM AS WELL AS GENERAL ARGENTINE SUPPORT FOR THAT U.S. POLICY OBJECTIVE. THEY ACKNOWLEDGED UNDERSTANDING OF U.S. POSITION IN MATTER BUT NOTED THAT THEY COULD NOT COMMIT GOA HOLD RESPONSE TO OUR APPROACH UNTIL FONOFF HAS OPPORTUNITY

EXAMINE MATTER WITH ARGENTINE ATOMIC ENERGY COMMISSION.

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