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This is in response to the Embassy request for further instructions regarding reply to Argentine HonOf Note 72.

Concerning the Argentine Government's being prepared to consider favorably the conclusion of an agreement among the Western Suppliers of fertile material the U. S. has started preliminary approaches to other suppliers with regard to establishing a common policy of requiring that IAEA safeguards be applied to materials and equipment supplied to other countries. A formal approach requesting Argentina's participation in this common policy will be made at the appropriate time. The conclusion of a formal agreement among the suppliers is still some time in the future. Even before a common policy is adopted, it is hoped that Argentina will adopt a policy of requiring safeguards on nuclear materials sold to other countries. Further, the Argentine Government should also be requested to consider, in the event the supply agreement with Israel is renegotiated for any reason, seeking application of IAEA or similar safeguards to the uranium sold by Argentina to Israel.

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