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SUBJECT: French Atomic Energy Project in Israel NSA-2 Paris-1
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An American technician who is installing Israel's atomic research reactor in the framework of the United States-Israeli atomic energy agreement told the Embassy recently of work being done by French scientists to erect a 60 megawatt atomic power reactor at Beersheba. A memorandum of this conversation is attached.

The Embassy would appreciate receiving any information available to the Department or Embassy, Paris concerning the French Government's connection with this power reactor.

FOR THE AMBASSADOR:

Jack B. Button
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Second Secretary of Embassy

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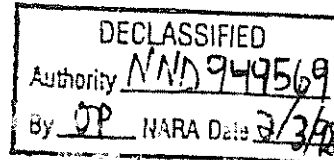
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MEMORANDUM OF CONVERSATION

Participants: Mr. D. Anderson, representative, American Machine and Foundry Company
Mr. John F. Shaw, First Secretary of Embassy
Mr. Jack B. Button, Second Secretary of Embassy

Subject: French Atomic Energy Project in Israel

Date: July 29, 1960

Place: American Embassy, Tel Aviv

In response to questions on reports that French scientists are working in Israel on an atomic energy project, Mr. Anderson stated that it was his impression, gained from conversations with Mr. Daniel Kimhi, Director of the Naptha Petroleum Company, that French nationals are at work on a project in the Beersheba area. This project has been described to him as a gas-cooled power reactor capable of producing approximately 60 magawatts of electric power. He said that he thought work had been under way there for about two years and that the completion date was still about two years off.

He said that there was general interest in Israel in utilizing power reactors to increase the country's power resources.

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