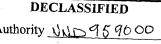
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states that the shipment was to be increased to 15 tons in March 1965, but reference d. reports that the shipments are continuing on the original schedule of 10 tons every 3 months.

2. References c. and d. report that Argentina is interested in negotiating a new contract with Israel for the sale of an additional 100 tons of uranium oxide. Reference d. stated that Argentina will require new machinery for its uranium-processing facilities before it can provide this amount of uranium. However, reference b. reported that Argentina then was producing about 60 tons of uranium per year at the Cordoba processing plant and that the total production capacity of uranium oxide would be about 120 tons per year when the plant in Mendoza is completed and in operation—expected within 1965.

Addressee posts are requested to coordinate all collection efforts of appropriate collection components in the field.

This request will be held on an alert basis until cancelled in June 1966. Pertinent information which comes to the Embassy's attention prior to that date should be transmitted to the Department without delay. Please reference replies to C-S15-51941.

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