Authority <u>NND</u> 95 96 00 DEPARTMENT OF STATE RM/R FOR RM USE ONLY ARA EUR FE **A-350** SECRET AIR POUCH NO. NEA INR 5 TO DEPARTMENT OF STATE 10 4 BUENOS AIRES INFO FBO AID L ANALYSIS & DISTRIBUTION BRANCH SCI 4 AGR COM FRB DATE: October 22, 1965 Amembassy, TEL AVIV FROM 10 INT LAB TAR SUBJECT: Argentine Uranium (ref: Department's CA-2198\of August 24 XMB REF 5 Buenos Aires' A-160 of August 2 ARM NAVY CIA 3 3 The various elements of this Embassy interest d in uranium imports 10 OSD NSA have no information to supply in answer to the questions set forth in ref. 1, nor do we feel it likely that information will be developed during the AEC course of our collection efforts. 8 It seems probable that our only sizeable hope of oltaining the desired information in Israel would be through a high-level inquiry direct to the Israel Foreign Ministry. This course of action was, in fact, suggested by the GOI early this year in response to a question by a visiting American official about the sale of Argentine uranium to Israel as reported in 1 April 1964 issue of Nachrichten fur Aussenhandel. However, in view of the 1 reservations expressed in Buenos Aires' 749 to the Department (November 30), we have never mentioned the subject. N'Y If the Department decides that a direct inquiry should be ride, we would appreciate specific instructions. We would also be most in terested in learning whether the Government of Argentina ever responded to the questions raised by Deputy Cottonaro, as reported in ref. 2. FOR THE AMBASSADOR: R. J. Welle Robert T. Webber S Scientific Attache GROUP I EXCLUDED FROM AUTOMATIC DOWN-GRADING & DECLASSIFICATION FORM DS- 323 Out Drafted by: on Approved by: DCM - Will am N. Dale SA:RTWebber:nwi:10-20-65 (draft) Clearances: Defense Attache: Col. A. J. Perna (draft) Army Attache: Col. S.E. Whitmore Navy Attache: Commander E.C. Castle (draft) POL: JLHadden (draft) ECON - WMKerrigan (draft) AMB: WBarbour

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