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ACTION DEPT 749 INFO TELAVIV FIVE VIENNA NINE FROM BAIRE
NOV 30, 6 PM
VIENNA FOR IAEA.

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SUBJECT: SALE OF URANIUM TO ISRAEL.

REF: DEPTTEL 549, INFO TEL AVIV 436, VIENNA UNN.

EMBASSY DELIVERED FOLLOW-UP NOTE TO FONOFF NOVEMBER 27
URGING EARLY RESP HSE TO PREVIOUS INQUIRY WHETHER GOA
PREPARED APPLY SAFEGUARDS CONNECTION URANIUM SALE TO ISRAEL.
IN DISCUSSION WITH FONOFF OFFICIALS, EMBOFF WAS TOLD FONOFF
HAD, AS RESULT OUR INQUIRY, MADE FORMAL REQUEST OF GOA
ATOMIC ENERGY COMMISSION IMMEDIATELY UPON RECEIPT BUT THAT
TO DATE NO REPLY HAS BEEN RECEIVED. OFFICIALS ASSURED US
FONOFF WOULD PRESS FOR REPLY SOONEST.
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ACCORDING TO REMARKS BY OFFICIALS, SENTIMENT IN FONOFF
APPEARS FAVOR APPLICATION SAFEGUARDS NOT ONLY BECAUSE OF A
DISPORITION TO BELIEVE THAT COMMON APPLICATION THEREOF
MAY BE EFFECTIVE IN MINIMIZING PROLIFERATION NUCLEAR
WEAPONS BUT, AND PERHAPS MORE IMPORTANTLY, BECAUSE GOA
SENSITIVE TO PROBABLY ATTACKS FROM SOME DOMESTIC QUARTERS
AS RESULT SALE. IN THIS VIEW APPLICATION SAFEGUARDS,
AEAST NOMINALLY CONSISTENT WITH THOSE OF IAEA, WOULD
ASSIST IN ESTABLISHING THAT ARGENTINA ENGAGING IN TRANSFER
NUCLEAR MATERIALS ONLY IN CONNECTION WITH PEACEFUL USES
THEREOF AND THUS PLACE BEST POSSIBLE FACE ON TRANSACTION.
PROPOSED SALE NOT YET PUBLIC KNOWLEDGE IN ARGENTINA.

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EMBASSY DOES NOT REPEAT NOT CONCLUDE THAT FOREGOING, AND PERHAPS TENTATIVE, FONOFF VIEW NECESSARILY PORTRAYS ULTIMATE GOA POSITION, BUT BELIEVES IT CONSTITUTES REASON TO PROVIDE GOA FURTHER OPPORTUNITY TO WORK OUT RESPONSE OUR INQUIRY WITHOUT OUR TAKING, FOR THE MOMENT, FURTHER REPRESENTATIONS AT HIGHEST LEVELS HERE OR AT TEL AVIV. IN VIEW QUIHILLALT'S SENSITIVITY TO OUR APPROACHING ISRAELIS BEFORE MATTER

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THOROUGHLY EXAMINED BY GOA, WE BELIEVE APPROACH AT TEL AVIV UNLIKELY TO AFFECT GOA DECISION FAVORABLY.

QUIHILLALT HAS DEPARTED BAIRES FOR VIENNA. EMBASSY UNDERTAKING DETERMINE FROM CNEA IF ITS POSITION THIS MATTER FIRMED UP BEFORE HIS DEPARTURE.

GP-1. MARTIN

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