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FROM F.O. Minute A C Goodison SECRET No. Dated Apr 29th Received Apr 30th	SUBJECT: <p style="text-align: center;">Canadian authorities reported agreement between Argentine Republic and Israel for sale of between 80 and 100 tons of uranium concentrate over period 33 months.</p>	
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(Printing Instructions)	HEAD Mr. Douglas D.I.S. A.R.D.D. Mr. Harvey Mr. Shepherd General Dept Mr. Gladstone Mr. White P.C.S.D. Mr. Leahy J.V. Mr. Stevenson Mr. Stevenson	
(Outward Action) (D) A.R. H. Kelso, Tel Aviv from Goodison 29/4 cc, C.J. Auckland Buenos Aires D.J. Maitland Cairo F.E. Ramsbottom Paris P.R. Wright, Washington D. Ankell, D.I.S. Mrs. Pedgley, C.R.C. 8) D. Ankell, D.I.S. 2/8	<p>At least the Israelis wish to retain the option. At any fork on their nuclear road, where they are confronted with purely civil as against civil plus military folks, they will surely opt for the latter. <i>Adkinson</i> +/5</p> <p>Also this surely throws light on recent Israeli pronouncements on the NREPA & safeguards. This only reinforces my earlier comments on that subject & I endorse the last sentence of Mr. Goodison's letter.</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><i>James Chadstone</i> 5/5</p> <p>12 x 28 (Mr. Shepherd) not yet seen? W.K. 2/5. <i>Ann</i> 2/5</p>	
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3. Although this information is unconfirmed we know that last November the Argentine were looking for a buyer for their uranium. If you or Buenos Aires can obtain any confirmation of it we should be very grateful. Since this is Canadian information we are not in a position to hand it over to the Americans. We understand that the Canadians are reluctant to do so because the Americans have refused them information on their recent inspection of Dimona; ^{I have suggested to the Canadian High} ~~we shall be talking further to the~~ ^{Commission here that this is perhaps short-sighted.} ~~Canadians about this.~~

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