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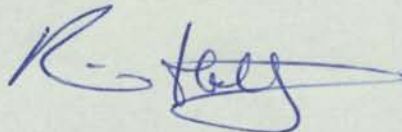
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Israel and Arms for Argentina

In your minute of 2nd August you said that the Prime Minister had asked when Israel purchased the Mirage aircraft which are now considered surplus. It is believed that their aircraft comprise most of a batch purchased over the period 1963-1966.

I should also draw your attention to an error in the assessment attached to my earlier minute. The word 'Argentine' should be substituted from 'Israeli' in the penultimate line of paragraph 2. The mistake is regretted.



R P HATFIELD

5th August 1982

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