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From the Private Secretary

MR. HATFIELD

Israel's arms exports

The Prime Minister read with interest JIC(83)N22.

Sir Robert Armstrong earlier informed the Prime Minister that a further report on current Israeli arms negotiations would be available in the course of March. When that report is available, the Prime Minister will wish to consider what action, if any, we should take to bring home to the Israelis our concern about their sales of arms to countries such as Argentina and Guatemala whose policies are opposed to our interests. Advice on this question will be largely a matter for the Foreign and Commonwealth Office but I thought you would wish to bear the point in mind in preparation of the further report.

I am copying this minute to Mr. Fall (Foreign and Commonwealth Office) and Mr. Mottram (Ministry of Defence).

A. J. COLES

21 February 1983

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From the Private Secretary

SIR ROBERT ARMSTRONG

ISRAELI/ARGENTINE ARMS NEGOTIATIONS

The Prime Minister has noted your minute of 15 February in which you state that you expect to produce a new assess-ment of Israeli/Argentine arms contracts by the end of March and that an initial paper on a new approach to this problem will be ready this week.

A. J. COLES

16 February 1983

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From the Private Secretary

Sir Robert Armstrong

Israeli/Argentine Arms Negotiations

Thank you for your minute of 14 January and the accompanying note by the Assessments Staff.

The Prime Minister commented that, unfortunately, we know very little about Israeli/Argentine arms contracts. *Passage deleted and retained under Section 3(4)*

A.I. Wayland
19 February 2013

See Argentina
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17 January, 1983.