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9 REPEATED IMMEDIATE INFO TO MODUK ~~SECRET~~
10 YOUR TELS NOS 1843 AND 1861: ISRAELI ARMS FOR ARGENTINA
11 1. We are continuing to receive reports of Argentine attempts
12 to obtain military equipment from Israel.
13 2. In the ~~secret~~ ^{list} case the MOD have learned from reliable
14 contacts that an American by the name of [redacted] has
15 heard of a ^{secret} meeting in Switzerland between Argentine and Israeli
16 dealers. It appears that Argentina hopes to negotiate the
17 acquisition of "smart bombs" (i.e. laser guided bombs) for
18 use against our aircraft carriers and the QE2. According to
19 [redacted] information the equipment had been due to leave Bremen
20 on 30 May but the German shipper had backed out. The dealers
21 now have Argentine transport, but whether it is by air or sea
22 is unclear.

3. [redacted]

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4 4. Please ask the Americans to make urgent enquiries and
5 to report back to you. In view of Mr. Haig's intervention (you tel.
6 No. 1861), State Department should be encouraged to draw this
7 PYM report to his attention.

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