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TELEGRAM NO 1618 OF 5 MAY

INFO PRIORITY MODUK (DS8(AIR)), ROUTINE: TEL AVIV, MONTEVIDEO

ISRAELI ARMS SUPPLIES TO SOUTH AMERICA

1. WE WERE CONTACTED YESTERDAY BY A US CITIZEN, MR STEADMAN HINKLEY. HE EXPLAINED THAT THE NEW YORK AIRLINE COMPANY, OVERSEAS NATIONAL AIRWAYS, OF WHICH HE IS CHAIRMAN, HAS BEEN APPROACHED BY A FREIGHT COMPANY OPERATING OUT OF HOUSTON, PAN AIRCRAFT, A SUBSIDIARY OF THE BARING CORPORATION, TO CHARTER TEN FLIGHTS CARRYING AMMUNITION FROM TEL AVIV TO MONTEVIDEO IN ABOUT ONE WEEK'S TIME. HINKLEY, WHO SUSPECTS THAT THESE CONSIGNMENTS ARE INTENDED FOR ARGENTINA, HAS ASSURED US THAT HE WILL NOT ACCEPT THIS BUSINESS. HE HAS INFORMED ENDERS IN THE STATE DEPARTMENT. WE HAVE ALSO TAKEN THE MATTER UP WITH THE POLITICO-MILITARY BUREAU, WHO HAVE UNDERTAKEN TO LOOK INTO IT URGENTLY. HINKLEY HAS PROMISED TO LET US KNOW ANYTHING FURTHER HE DISCOVERS ABOUT THE CHARTER.

HENDERSON