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Agreement Civil Uses of Atomic Energy

Dept and AEC have refrained from pressing Embassy on subject expiring atomic agreement in hope situation would be clarified. We believe now timely to raise subject once again to see if feasible to come to prompt agreement along lines our proposal. Accordingly, and unless Embassy still regards as promature, it is requested that Embassy raise matter to see if new GOB administration can now accept amendment attached CA-8177.

Embassy may wish emphasize that approach made to GOB on transfer of safeguards is consistent with approach to all other countries whose agreements are now expiring. Several countries, including Argentina, have agreed our proposals. US believes prompt commitment by its bilateral partners to transfer safeguards to IAEA is basic to US gotting Agency safeguard system widely accepted. Also believe question of current review Agency's safeguard system should not deter Brazil and US from coming to agreement at this time per our proposal since Brazil is apparently already completely satisfied with US safeguards. We are convinced that safeguards administered

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by IAEA, supplanting the US safeguards system, will be equivalent of our system, being equally strict but no more so, and being applied equally professionally and objectively.

Schedule for obtaining Presidential and Congressional approval amendment before it expires on August 2, 1964, as contained in CA-8177, permitted only minimum slippage in reaching agreement on text so that approval could be obtained prior expiration of Agreement. We would therefore appreciate Embassy's efforts to obtain action by GOB soonest with understanding that negotiation any differences whichmay arise on terms of amendment would take place in Washington.

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