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SUBJECT : Brazilian press reports on nature of Franco-Brazilian agreements on peaceful uses of atomic energy.

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The Correio da Manhã of Sunday, October 18, carries an item under the heading: "France will not buy uranium from Brazil".

Since the article is short, it is repeated below in translation:

"Mr. Louis Peffau, Attaché for Nuclear Affairs of the Embassy of France, stated yesterday that cooperation between Brazil and his country, in the field of peaceful uses of atomic energy, which is to be expanded, has no commercial character whatsoever and, accordingly, commerce in uranium between the two countries is, at least for the time being, out of the question.

"Mr. Peffau added that France has uranium deposits and that Brazil also should have them within, at least, two years. (Embassy comment: this may be a misquote: uranium deposits either exist or they do not. This may be a garbled reference to the possibility that hitherto unknown deposits may be discovered.)

"In order for the two countries to do business in uranium', he continued, 'a commercial agreement in this field is necessary, but no such agreement exists yet'.

"He said further that the agreement between Brazil and France for cooperation in the field of nuclear energy dates from May of 1962, and covers technical cooperation only.

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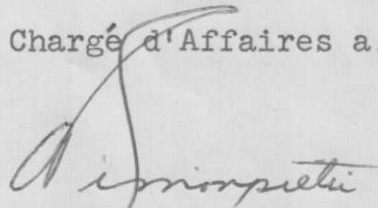
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"He reported that there is now being studied the possibility of the cooperation of French engineers in the training of technical personnel and in the speeding up of research and formulation of projects for nuclear development in Brazil, principally in matters concerned with the production of electricity of nuclear origin".

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