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When Abramowitz was here last week he said that the US had taken some action (unspecified) to put a check to the Condor missile programme in Egypt. He wondered whether, if the US were to continue to oppose the development of Condor in Argentina, the British Government would be willing to show greater flexibility to US assistance to Argentina in normal weapon procurement? He was left in no doubt on UK reactions. I see a related aspect of this issue has recently emerged in Washington (Washington telegram 2603, in which the Pentagon alert us to an Argentinian offer to abandon Condor in return for the sale of 60 A-4s from the US inventory).

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