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FROM: LEGAT BRASILIA
LEGAT BUENOS AIRES

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SECURITY OF BUENOS AIRES OFFICE PERSONNEL.

FOR INFORMATION,

REPORTED HE HAD

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A RECENT MEETING WITH A LEADER OF THE ARGENTINE SOCIALIST
WORKERS PARTY (PST) - PEOPLE'S REVOLUTIONARY ARMY (ERP) IN
BUENOS AIRES. WAS INFORMED THAT THE PST-ERP
WAS ACTIVELY STUDYING THE POSSIBILITIES OF KIDNAPPING AN
OFFICER OF THE U. S. EMBASSY IN BUENOS AIRES IN ORDER TO
EXCHANGE HIM FOR VARIOUS PST-ERP PRISONERS PRESENTLY BEING HELD
AND TORTURED BY THE ARGENTINE GOVERNMENT. WAS
INFORMED THAT THE PST-ERP HAD STUDIED THE POSSIBILITIES OF
KIDNAPPING AMBASSADOR HILL BUT CONCLUDED THAT HE WAS TOO HEAVILY
GUARDED TO MAKE ANY ATTEMPT AT KIDNAPPING HIM FEASIBLE.
SOURCE WAS TOLD THAT THE PST-ERP HAD THE IDENTITIES AND ADDRESSES
OF ALL OFFICERS ASSIGNED TO THE U. S. EMBASSY IN BUENOS AIRES.

IT SHOULD BE NOTED THAT THE NIECE AND BROTHER OF ERP LEADER
MARIO ROBERTO SANTUCHO WERE RECENTLY TAKEN PRISONER IN BUENOS
AIRES AND ASUNCION, PARAGUAY RESPECTIVELY BY ARGENTINE AND
PARAGUAYAN SECURITY FORCES.

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IT IS NOTED THAT THE PST IS THE POLITICAL UMBRELLA FOR
THE ERP AND THE ERP IS THE MILITARY ARM OF THE PST.

LEGAT PERSONNEL ARE CONTINUING TO TAKE APPROPRIATE
SECURITY MEASURES AND WILL CONTINUE TO DO SO. THE BUREAU WILL
BE ADVISED OF ANY ADDITIONAL DEVELOPMENTS IN THIS MATTER.

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DIRECTOR, FBI

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LEGAT, BUENOS AIRES (66-50)

SECURITY OF BUENOS AIRES OFFICE PERSONNEL

The following is a general summary of the current security situation in Argentina and security measures being taken by personnel of the Buenos Aires Office. (U)

I. GENERAL SITUATION

Since the 3/26/76 intervention by the Argentine military in the floundering Peronist Government, Argentine security forces, spearheaded by the military, have made steady and impressive gains against the terrorist target. During the 3½ years, which preceded the 3/26/76 military intervention, Argentine terrorists were allowed to develop to the point that the Government was virtually impotent to act against them. During this 3½-year period, terrorists carried out at will arson, assassinations, bombings, kidnappings, aircraft hijacking, and massive armed attacks against Argentine police and military units. These occurrences virtually became a common, everyday occurrence. Also, during this 3½-year period, the U. S. Consular Agent in Cordoba was kidnapped by terrorists and subsequently executed. Additionally, during this period, an officer of the U. S. Information Service was kidnapped and seriously wounded by terrorists in Cordoba. Also, during this period, [any number of captured terrorist documents clearly indicated that specific personnel at the U. S. Embassy, Buenos Aires, were targeted for terrorist acts, such as assassination or kidnapping.] (S) At one particularly critical period of accelerated terrorist activities, a large portion of non-essential U. S. Embassy Buenos Aires personnel was evacuated to neighboring Uruguay, in order to reduce terrorist targets. The Bureau was kept currently advised of these terrorist activities. (e) (u)

At the present time, the Peoples Revolutionary Party (ERP) has been virtually annihilated, while the Montonero organization has been reduced drastically making effective

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activities by these groups against the U. S. Embassy, Buenos Aires, personnel extremely difficult. (U)

**II. PAST AND PRESENT SECURITY PRECAUTIONS TAKEN BY
BUENOS AIRES OFFICE PERSONNEL**

On personal orders of the Ambassador and the recommendation of the Security Watch Committee of the U. S. Embassy, Buenos Aires, Legat had guards assigned to his residence on a daily basis from 5:00 P.M. to 9:00 A.M. Since 9/30/77, guards at Legat's residence have been discontinued. In order to avoid setting patterns which would facilitate terrorist surveillance, Legat personnel have and continue to vary their hours up to two hours each day with regard to arrival and departure times. Also, Legat personnel vary their routes to and from work and the method of transportation, rotating the Bureau car, personally owned automobiles and public transportation in a further effort to thwart attempts at surveillance by terrorists. (U)

In the residential area, where Legat and Assistant Legat reside, roving Embassy patrol cars constantly observe residences of U. S. Embassy personnel in this area to identify possible terrorist surveillance. There is also a roving patrol in the Federal Capital where the two Clerk-Stenographers of the Buenos Aires office reside. (U)

Severe travel restrictions have been imposed on Embassy personnel, requiring clearances from the Security Officer, prior to traveling outside of the Federal Capital and secure residential area and suburbs. Certain areas of Argentina are out of bounds for travel by U. S. Embassy personnel because of the greater terrorist threat in these areas. (U)

Bureau car is equipped with a Motorola radio, which is connected to the Embassy Control Center, which is manned 24 hours a day. In addition, residences of all Legat personnel are reequipped with Motorola radios that are connected with the Embassy Control Center. The Bureau car is also partially armored. (U)

Both the Legal Attache and Assistant Legal Attache are armed when traveling to and from work and at other times as deemed appropriate. Permission has been given to the Legal Attache and the Assistant Legal Attache by the Argentine Ministry of Defense to carry weapons. (U)

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Legat is closely following the security situation in Argentina through police and military contacts. Should any situation develop indicating that Legat personnel might be in danger, the Bureau will be immediately advised and prompt on-the-spot action will be taken by the Legal Attache. (U)

3/25/75

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI
FROM: LEGAT, BUENOS AIRES (66-73)

BRIEFING MATERIAL FOR
FOREIGN SERVICE INSPECTIONS
FOREIGN LIAISON MATTER

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ENCLOSURES

For the Bureau four copies of an LHM dated and captioned as above.

ADMINISTRATIVE

It is noted that the enclosed LHM contains no mention of the existing vacancy in the Assistant Legal Attache position in Buenos Aires. This subject was not raised in the LHM since it is believed that it would be too controversial and in view of the fact that it is currently being considered by Ambassador HILL.

CLASSIFICATION

Enclosed LHM has been classified "~~Secret~~" inasmuch as it contains information provided by an Argentine Government source, which was so classified by the Argentine Government. Classified and unclassified paragraphs in the enclosed LHM have been clearly marked.

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March 25, 1975

BRIEFING MATERIAL FOR
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FOREIGN LIAISON MATTER

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The Legal Attache Office in Buenos Aires, Argentina, in addition to covering Argentina, is also responsible for Bolivia, Chile, Paraguay, Peru and Uruguay. Coverage of the latter countries is accomplished by road trips. (U)

The Buenos Aires Legal Attache Office has the following FBI personnel:

Mr. Robert W. Scherrer, Legal Attache
Mrs. Gloria J. King - Clerk-Stenographer
Mrs. Josephine Navarro - Clerk-Stenographer (U)

The Office of the Legal Attache is responsible for maintaining liaison with Argentine Law Enforcement and Intelligence agencies, as well as the Judiciary. Requests for investigation in FBI cases are made directly to the responsible Argentine government agency. No investigations are conducted in Argentina by FBI personnel. Requests are accepted for investigation and assistance in the United States from Argentine Law Enforcement agencies. (U)

Principal accomplishments of the Buenos Aires Legal Attache Office during the past year have been the recovery of approximately \$90,000 worth of stolen property in the form of travelers checks, securities and motor vehicles. Additionally, 30 FBI fugitives and 18 other fugitives have been located. Assistance has been afforded to the Embassy in the areas of passport and visa fraud and protection and welfare of U. S. citizens in Argentina. [During October 1974 a liaison contact of the Legal Attache's Office provided information regarding a plot by the Army of Liberation--August 22 Faction, a dissident faction of the Peoples Revolutionary Army (ERP), an Argentine terrorist organization, to assassinate members of the U. S. Military] (U)

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~~(S)~~ Group in Argentina and information regarding other projected attacks against the Embassy and a U. S. citizen of the General Motors Corporation in Montevideo, Uruguay. Other intelligence secured from liaison contacts regarding terrorist activities has been provided to the Ambassador and the Security Watch Committee of which the Legal Attache is an Executive Committee member. X(u)

The cooperation, support and assistance of all components of the Buenos Aires Embassy under the direction of the Ambassador with the Legal Attache's Office has been outstanding and is deeply appreciated. (U)

LEGAT, BUENOS AIRES

11/24/78

ASST. LEGATT BERNARDO M. PEREZ

LUIS ALBERTO SALAS

LUIS ALBERTO SALAS, Dean Funes 136, First Floor, Office 20, telephone--#5000, Cordoba, came to the office this morning at 10:00 A.M. and claimed that he knows VADJA KOLOMBATOVIC, BOB BIRMINGHAM, ROGER TERRAZAS and BOB SCHERRER. He spoke in a rambling manner about forming an international policeman's union. He also spoke about people that he has killed in the anti-terrorist actions in Cordoba. When asked what his current employment was he hinted that he was still with the police in an unofficial capacity.

I was cordial to him and after talking for about an hour he left asking first to meet with DEA.

FRED DUNCAN called me later and said he is a "flake". FRED advised that he gave SALAS some hand-out literature and sent him on his way.

The above is for information. It appears that since SALAS likes to talk and has nothing to offer that he be politely refused interview in the future.

Review of 80-179 shows that SALAS was former Chief of the Homicide Division in Cordoba and that he travelled to the U.S. in 1975 where he met Bureau officials and DEA officials. He also travelled to New York City where he met former ADIC MALONE and also travelled to Houston, Texas where he met then ASAC FRED GRUBERT.

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TO DIRECTOR PRIORITY -21

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GUILLERMO NOVO SAMPOL, AKA - FUGITIVE; PROBATION VIOLATOR;
CHILBOM; PFO - MURDER; EID; OOJ.

RE BU CAB JUNE 17, 1977, WHICH SET FORTH INFORMATION PROVIDED
BY NY 15583-C.

REFERENCE BUCAB INDICATED THAT IGNACIO NOVO SAMPOL TOLD NY
15583-C THAT A CONTACT OF CUBAN EXILES IN ~~ENXATE~~ ~~ENXATE~~ GUATEMALA
WAS ONE ADOLPH MOLENA ORTANAS (LAST NAME PHONETIC), WHO ALLEGEDLY
WAS HIGH IN THE GUATEMALAN GOVERNMENT. [LEGAT, BUENOS AIRES, FILES
INDICATE THAT NY 4114-S (BUFILE 134-1173) ADVISED ON JANUARY 10,
1972, THAT DR. ADOLFO MOLINA ORANTES, THE FORMER GUATEMALAN FOREIGN
MINISTER, WAS A CLOSE PERSONAL FRIEND, AND THAT MOLINA ORANTES
~~HAD~~
~~WOULD~~ BE IN RIO DE JANEIRO, BRAZIL, BEGINNING JANUARY 8, 1972,
TO ATTEND A MEETING OF THE INTERAMERICAN JURIDICAL COMMITTEE.
NY 4114-S ADVISED THAT MOLINA ORANTES, IN ADDITION TO BEING A
~~FOREIGN~~ GUATEMALAN FOREIGN MINISTER, ALSO SERVED AS DEAN OF
THE LAW SCHOOL AT THE UNIVERSITY OF GUATEMALA WHERE NY 4114-S] (S) (U)

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1 - 80-81 (DR. ADOLFO MOLINA ORANTES) RWS:jn (3)

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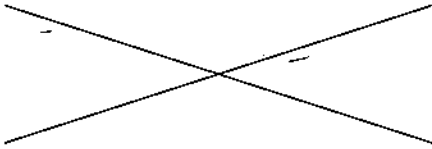
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[FIRST MET HIM IN THE EARLY 60'S WHEN THE SOURCE TAUGHT INTERNATIONAL LAW AT THE LAW SCHOOL. NY 4114-S ADVISED MOLINA ORANTES IS AN ADMIRER OF THE U. S. AND A PERSONA OF EXCELLENT CHARACTER AND REPUTATION.] ~~(S)~~ (U)

THE FOREGOING INFORMATION WAS PROVIDED TO FORMER LEGAT, BRASILIA, SA WARREN C. DE BRUYS, WHO SUBSEQUENTLY CONTACTED DR. MOLINA ORANTES ON SEVERAL OCCASIONS IN RIO. DURING THESE CONTACTS WITH FORMER LEGAT, BRASILIA, DR. MOLINA ORANTES DISPLAYED A COOPERATIVE ATTITUDE AND PROVIDED INFORMATION OF VALUE WHICH WAS SUBSEQUENTLY FURNISHED TO FBIHQ.

IT IS BELIEVED THAT ADOLPH MOLENA ORTANAS REFERRED TO BY IGNACIO NOVO IS IDENTICAL WITH DR. ADOLFO MOLENA ORANTES. IF IT SHOULD BE DEEMED ADVISABLE, [IT IS BELIEVED THAT DR. MOLINA ORANTES WOULD BE AMENABLE TO CONTACTS BY REPRESENTATIVES OF THE FBI CONCERNING HIS RELATIONSHIP WITH CUBAN EXILES IN GUATEMALA.] ~~(S)~~ (U)

REBUCAB ALSO REPORTED THAT IGNACIO NOVO TOLD NY 15583-C THAT "THEY" HAD CONTACTS WITH "TRIPLE A" PARTY IN ARGENTINA. AS THE BUREAU HAS BEEN PREVIOUSLY ADVISED, THE "TRIPLE A" PARTY, ALSO KNOWN AS THE AAA (ALIANZA ANTI-COMUNISTA ARGENTINA) (ANTI-COMMUNIST PARTY ALLIANCE) DOES NOT EXIST. IT IS NOTED THAT TORLANDO BOSCH AVILA ALSO



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CLAIMED HE HAD CONTACTS WITH THE AAA, SPECIFICALLY DURING A RECENT INTERVIEW WITH BLAKE FLEETWOOD IN CARACAS, VENEZUELA. BOSCH AVILA CLAIMED THAT HE, TOGETHER WITH THE "RIGHT WING EXTREMIST AAA PARTY IN CHILE", CONSPIRED TO KILL TWO CUBAN DIPLOMATS, WHO DISAPPEARED ON AUGUST 9, 1976, IN BUENOS AIRES, ARGENTINA. REFER TO BUE AIRTEL MAY 20, 1977, UNDER THE CHILBOM CAPTION FOR COMPLETE DETAILS ON THE AAA AND THE DISAPPEARANCE OF THE TWO CUBAN DIPLOMATS IN BUENOS AIRES DURING AUGUST, 1976.

BUREAU REQUESTED TO ADVISE MIAMI, NEW YORK, NEWARK, AND WFO ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

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DIRECTOR (100-1) NO 034-27

LEAD BUENOS AIRES (100-2) (103-684) 2P

ARGENTINA; IS-ARGENTINA.

APPROXIMATELY 1130 AM, FEBRUARY 27, 1975,

A CALL TO NEWS MEDIA IN CONDONA DISCLOSED THAT THE
"EL QUERRELLA" ORGANIZATION HAD KIDNAPPED CONSULAR
COUNSEL FOR THE PURPOSE OF HOLDING HIM AS A HOSTAGE IN
CONJUNCTION WITH SEVERAL DETAINED TERRORISTS. THE ANONYMOUS
SOURCE DISCLOSED THAT THE MONTONEROS WOULD ISSUE AN OFFICIAL
STATEMENT SOMETIME LATER IN THE DAY OF FEBRUARY 27.

FEBRUARY 27, 1975, A CONFIDENTIAL SOURCE

ADVISED THAT IN THE PAST, THE SOURCE

HAD BEEN IN CONTACT WITH THE SOURCE

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ADMINISTRATIVE - RE NY CABLE FEBRUARY 26, 1975.

[CONFIDENTIAL SOURCE IS COMISARIO MAYOR JORGE CROVETTO,

CHIEF, FEDERAL POLICE OF ARGENTINA.] ~~SECRET~~ (U)

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TO: DIRECTOR NR. -05
LEGAT, BRASILIA NR. -05
FROM: LEGAT, BUENOS AIRES (109-103)

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FOREIGN POLITICAL MATTERS-ARGENTINA; ARGENTINE TERRORIST
ACTIVITIES; FPM-ARGENTINA.

ON SEPTEMBER 4, 1975, A CONFIDENTIAL SOURCE ABROAD, WHO IS
AN OFFICER WITH THE CORDOBA PROVINCIAL POLICE, REPORTED THAT
LEONARDO CASTELLI, THE PUBLIC RELATIONS DIRECTOR FOR TRANSAX,
A FORD MOTOR COMPANY SUBSIDIARY, WAS SERIOUSLY WOUNDED DURING
THE MORNING OF SEPTEMBER 4, 1975, AS THE RESULT OF A TERRORIST
ASSASSINATION ATTEMPT IN CORDOBA. THE SOURCE NOTED THAT THE
TRANSAX COMPANY HAD RECENTLY BEEN THE TARGET OF ANOTHER
TERRORIST OPERATION ON AUGUST 27, 1975 WHEN TERRORISTS ABDUCTED
TRANSAX EMPLOYEE MARCELO JOSE DI FERNANDO. THE SOURCE NOTED THAT
DI FERNANDO'S BODY WAS RECOVERED THE NEXT DAY IN CORDOBA.

ON SEPTEMBER 5, 1975, A CONFIDENTIAL SOURCE ABROAD WHO IS
A RANKING OFFICIAL WITH THE FEDERAL POLICE OF ARGENTINA (FPA), ~~(S)~~ (U)

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ADVISED THAT A MEETING WAS ORDERED DURING SEPTEMBER 4, 1975 BY PRESIDENT PERON IN ORDER TO CONSIDER THE CRITICAL TERRORIST SITUATION IN ARGENTINA. THE SOURCE NOTED THAT THE ARGENTINE CABINET, THE THREE ARMED FORCES CHIEFS, THE CHIEF OF THE FPA AND DEPUTY CHIEF, PARTICIPATED IN THIS CONFERENCE. THE SOURCE ADVISED THAT THERE WAS GENERAL AGREEMENT THAT MORE VIGOROUS COORDINATED ACTION MUST BE TAKEN IN ORDER TO CONTROL THE MOUNTING WAVE OF TERRORISM IN ARGENTINA. ~~(S)~~ (U)

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ADMINISTRATIVE. REMYCABLE, AUGUST 28, 1975 UNDER THE ABOVE DUAL CAPTION, WHICH REPORTED THE ABDUCTION OF THE TRANSAX EMPLOYEE ON AUGUST 27, 1975.

FIRST SOURCE IS COMISARIO LUIS ALBERTO SALAS, CORDOVA PROVINCIAL POLICE.

SECOND SOURCE IS COMISARIO MAYOR JORGE CROVETTO, DIRECTOR OF FEDERAL SECURITY, FPA. ~~(S)~~ (U)

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THE AMBASSADOR
VIA DCM

8/26/75

LEGAT ROBERT W. SCHERRER

ARGENTINE TERRORIST ACTIVITIES

On 8/25/75, a ranking official of the Federal Police of Argentina (FPA) Intelligence Service provided the following information regarding the recent death of Montonero leader MARCOS OSATINSKY in Cordoba: ~~(S)~~ (U)

According to the FPA delegation in Cordoba, OSATINSKY, whose Montonero code name was "SANTIAGO," was picked up approximately three weeks ago by Cordoba Provincial Police and members of Governor LACABANNE's Security Detail. OSATINSKY was severely tortured by members of Governor LACABANNE's Security Detail over an extended period of time; however, he refused to divulge any information. OSATINSKY was in such bad shape that it became obvious he would have to be killed rather than produce him alive since the marks of torture would be obvious. In order to dispose of OSATINSKY, whose detention was known among extremists in Cordoba, it was decided to stage his assassination in connection with a fictitious rescue attempt. Three Cordoba Provincial Police Officers volunteered to take part in the charade with the understanding they would have to submit to being slightly wounded during the performance. ~~(S)~~ (U)

The hijacking of the hearse transporting OSATINSKY's body from Cordoba to Tucuman was not carried out by the Montoneros as indicated in the press, but by the same members of Governor LACABANNE's Security Staff, who had tortured OSATINSKY. The purpose of stealing his body was to prevent the body from being subjected to an autopsy, which would have clearly shown that he had been tortured. It is doubtful that OSATINSKY's body will ever turn up. ~~(S)~~ (U)

Attached is a photograph of OSATINSKY taken during 1972 at Rawson Prison. ~~(S)~~ (U)

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TO: DIRECTOR NR. -028
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DURING THE AFTERNOON OF FEBRUARY 27, 1975, A COMMUNIQUE WAS RECEIVED FROM THE MONTONEROS IN CORDOBA, ARGENTINA, INDICATING THAT U. S. CONSULAR AGENT JOHN PATRICK EGAN WOULD BE EXECUTED AT SEVEN P.M., FEBRUARY 28, 1975, UNLESS FOUR TERRORISTS ALLEGEDLY TAKEN PRISONER BY THE GOVERNMENT ARE PRODUCED. ~~(S)~~ (U)

A CONFIDENTIAL SOURCE WHO HAS FURNISHED RELIABLE INFORMATION IN THE PAST ADVISED THAT AT LEAST TWO OF THE TERRORISTS WERE SUMMARILY EXECUTED BY THE FEDERAL POLICE OF ARGENTINA OFFICERS IN CONNECTION WITH "NO HOLDS BARRED" CAMPAIGN AGAINST TERRORISM IN ARGENTINA. ~~(S)~~ (U)

ADMINISTRATIVE: REMYCAB FEBRUARY 27, 1975. [SOURCE IS

COMISARIO MAYOR JORGE CROVETTO, SECRETARY GENERAL, FEDERAL] ~~(S)~~ (U)

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[POLICE OF ARGENTINA.] ~~∞~~ (U)

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THE AMBASSADOR
VIA ACTING DCS

1/18/75

ROBERT W. SCHERRER, LEGAL ATTACHE

[FEDERAL POLICE OF ARGENTINA] (S) (U)
CORDOBA PROVINCIAL POLICE

As reported in the local news media, HECTOR LUIS GARCIA REY recently mysteriously resigned as the Chief of the Cordoba Provincial Police (CPP) for "personal reasons." GARCIA REY was replaced by AMERICO ARGUELLO, a career CPP officer.

On January 13, 1975, an official of the Federal Police of Argentina (FPA) provided the following information: (S) (U)

According to FPA officers assigned to the staff of FPA Chief LUIS MARGARIDE, GARCIA REY traveled to Asuncion, Paraguay, on January 13, 1975, or January 14, 1975, for the purpose of personally contacting Argentine Ambassador to Paraguay, Col. (R) JORGE OSINDE. It is noted that the latter served as the FPA Director of Intelligence during the Peron Government, prior to the 1935 military coup. According to MARGARIDE's staff members, GARCIA REY's purpose in contacting OSINDE is to enlist the Ambassador's support in replacing MARGARIDE as FPA Chief. MARGARIDE's staff members advised that MARGARIDE was enraged when he learned of GARCIA REY's intentions and is extremely apprehensive that GARCIA REY might succeed in ousting him with OSINDE's backing. (S) (U)

- 1 - The Ambassador, Embassy, Asuncion
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(80-87) [Comisario Mayor Jorge Crovetto] (S) (U)

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THE AMBASSADOR

1/9/75

LEGAL ATTACHE

[FEDERAL POLICE OF ARGENTINA] ~~(S)~~ (U)

On 1/8/75, an official of the Federal Police of Argentina (FPA), who had been assigned to the Department of Federal Security (DFS) until his recent reassignment due to promotion, provided the following personal observations regarding the DFS operations: ~~(S)~~ (U)

During the past three months young commissioned and non-commissioned FPA officers assigned to DFS have undertaken raids, kidnappings and assassinations against extremists. With increasing regularity, various groups made up of up to five DFS officers have acted independently without specific orders in carrying out raids, kidnappings and assassinations of extremists. The main purpose of these independent acts has been to secure money and valuables from leftists and extremists. A disturbing number of these young commissioned and noncommissioned officers have adopted life styles well beyond their police salaries which obviously are being supported from loot taken from extremists and leftists. Several young commissioned and noncommissioned officers have acquired expensive automobiles, have taken on mistresses which they previously could not afford to maintain, and sport expensive, flashy clothing. ~~(S)~~ (U)

The previous policy in DFS regarding currency and valuables recovered in extremist raids was to place any such proceeds in the DFS secret funds for future use in operating informants or acquiring equipment that could not be traced to the FPA. ~~(S)~~ (U)

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[Comisario Mayor Jorge Crovetto] (Source)
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RE: FEDERAL POLICE OF ARGENTINA) ~~(S)~~ (U)

Should an unauthorized raid, abduction, or assassination backfire, requiring that it be officially reported, the officers involved concoct a cover story indicating that their actions resulted from information provided by an anonymous tip or from acting on their gut feeling that an individual encountered on the street might be an extremist or leftist. Because of these activities, which are increasing, the DFS professional analysis and evaluation of intelligence secured during these unauthorized raids has not been carried out due to the very nature of these activities. ~~(S)~~ (U)

Source noted that the flow of intelligence going into DFS files has slowed down to a trickle and that many of the younger commissioned and noncommissioned officers only act on information where they believe they can secure a monetary gain. The source indicated his personal opinion of this situation was that it was extremely critical since the DFS has become literally an undisciplined mob of unprincipled young commissioned and non-commissioned officers. The source stated that he is not alone in this conclusion and that several other senior responsible FPA officials believe that some form of action will have to be taken in the immediate future to restore discipline and professionalism to the DFS. ~~(S)~~ (U)

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FOREIGN POLITICAL MATTERS - ARGENTINA; IS - ARGENTINA;
ARGENTINE TERRORIST ACTIVITIES; FPM -ARGENTINA.

ON SEPTEMBER 9, 1976, A CONFIDENTIAL SOURCE ABROAD, WHO IS AN OFFICIAL OF THE BUENOS AIRES PROVINCIAL POLICE INTELLIGENCE SERVICE, PROVIDED THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION:

DURING THE EVENING OF SEPTEMBER 9, 1976, MEMBERS OF THE MONTONERO TERRORIST ORGANIZATION ASSASSINATED CARLOS BALZA, AN EXECUTIVE OF THE CHRYSLER CORPORATION NEAR HIS RESIDENCE IN RAMOS MEJIA, BUENOS AIRES PROVINCE. IT IS NOTED THAT THE CHRYSLER CORPORATION AND OTHER AUTOMOTIVE MANUFACTURERS IN ARGENTINA HAVE BEEN THE OBJECTS OF VARIOUS WORK STOPPAGES AND STRIKES DURING THE PAST SEVERAL DAYS, IN ORDER TO DEMAND HIGHER WAGES. THE CHRYSLER CORPORATION ANNOUNCED IT WOULD SUMMARILY DISMISS ANY EMPLOYEE, WHO TOOK PART IN WORK STOPPAGES OR UNAUTHORIZED STRIKES.

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ADMINISTRATIVE - SOURCE IS COMISARIO MAYOR OSVALDO DE BALDRICH, BUENOS AIRES PROVINCIAL POLICE INTELLIGENCE SERVICE.

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FOREIGN POLITICAL MATTERS - ARGENTINA; IS - ARGENTINA;
ARGENTINE TERRORIST ACTIVITIES; FPM - ARGENTINA.

ON SEPTEMBER 3, 1976, A CONFIDENTIAL SOURCE ABROAD,
WHO IS AN OFFICIAL OF THE BUENOS AIRES PROVINCIAL POLICE,
PROVIDED THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION:

ON SEPTEMBER 2, 1976, DAVID KRAISELBURD, THE TWO-YEAR-OLD
SON OF THE EDITOR OF "EL DIA," A SPANISH-LANGUAGE DAILY
NEWSPAPER PUBLISHED IN LA PLATA, ARGENTINA, WAS ABDUCTED NEAR
THE FAMILY RESIDENCE IN LA PLATA, ARGENTINA. IT IS NOTED THAT
THE VICTIM OF THE KIDNAPPING IS THE GRANDSON OF DAVID KRAISELBURD,
WHO WAS KIDNAPPED AND MURDERED BY ARGENTINE TERRORISTS IN LA
PLATA DURING JULY, 1974. ALTHOUGH THE KIDNAPPED VICTIM'S
PARENTS ARE ARGENTINE CITIZENS, HE WAS BORN ON NOVEMBER 3, 1974,
IN SANTA BARBARA, CALIFORNIA, AND IS A UNITED STATES CITIZEN.

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ADMINISTRATIVE - SOURCE IS COMISARIO MAYOR OSVALDO DE
BALDRICH, CHIEF OF INTELLIGENCE, BUENOS AIRES PROVINCIAL POLICE.
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On 8/3/76, an official of the Buenos Aires Provincial Police (BAPP) Intelligence Service provided the following information:

Approximately one week to ten days prior to the discovery of the location of ERP leader, MARIO ROBERTO SANTUCHO, elements of the BAPP Intelligence Service and the Argentine Army Intelligence Service (SIE) apprehended ranking ERP leader, DOMINGO MENA, near Tigre, Buenos Aires Province. SANTUCHO was almost caught at the same time; however, he managed to escape. (U)

MENA, after initial resistance, cooperated with SIE in providing locations of ERP safe houses and the identities of ERP support personnel. For example, MENA identified one of his lieutenants, who was subsequently apprehended on 7/28/76, from whom information was secured by the SIE with regard to the ERP interest in members of the U. S. Milgrp in Argentina. Additionally, MENA told the SIE about the location of an ERP safe house located in Villa Martelli, Buenos Aires Province, which was occupied by a female identified only as "La Gringa." Accordingly, one BAPP Intelligence Agent, two SIE Agents, and a SIE Captain, were dispatched to this apartment to pick up "La Gringa." Prior to entering the apartment, the BAPP Intelligence Agent discovered that his weapon had no ammunition since he had forgotten to load the clip after discharging all of the rounds on the preceding day; however, expecting no trouble from the lone female occupant of the apartment, the group of four security officers knocked on the door, which was opened by the female. The BAPP Intelligence Agent pushed his way into the small foyer of the apartment, searched the female, found she was unarmed and beckoned his SIE companions into the apartment. Immediately after entering the apartment, two unidentified male individuals were observed sitting in an extremely small kitchen of the apartment. The SIE Captain, armed with a 9 mm. machine gun, commanded the two unidentified male individuals to stand up from the table and put themselves on the floor of the kitchen. In the process of placing themselves on the floor, an indi- (S) (U)

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vidual, subsequently identified as ERP leader JORGE BENITO URTEAGA, managed to execute an abrupt maneuver, kicking the machine gun out of the SIE Army Captain's hands. After clattering to the floor, the machine gun was recovered by the other male individual subsequently identified as MARIO ROBERTO SANTUCHO. SANTUCHO fired the machine gun at point blank range at the SIE Army Captain and two rounds were discharged striking the Captain in the chest and arms before the machine gun jammed. URTEAGA and SANTUCHO had no other weapons available to them and were gunned down by two SIE Agents. The SIE Army Captain died enroute to a hospital in Vicente Lopez, Buenos Aires Province, Buenos Aires. If the machine gun had not jammed on SANTUCHO, it is more than likely that both he and URTEAGA would have been able to eliminate the two SIE Agents and the BAPP Intelligence Agent and escape. ~~(S)~~ (U)

The entire episode as narrated above demonstrates the general modus operandi of Argentine security forces in running down leads secured from captioned ERP prisoners and/or documentation without first conducting basic checks of the information. As has occurred in previous instances, faulty equipment available to the security forces has resulted in disaster and in this instance almost allowed SANTUCHO to escape. ~~(S)~~ (U)

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THE AMBASSADOR
VIA AIRMAIL

7/16/76

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LEGAL ATTACHE ROBERT W. JOHNSON

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PERSONNEL UTILIZATION OF
ROADBLOCKS POSING AS SECURITY FORCES

On 7/16/76, an official of the Federal Police of Argentina (FPA), Department of Federal Security (Intelligence Division), provided the following information: (S) (U)

Recently the Argentine Army Intelligence Service (SIR) circulated information to all Argentine security units indicating that information had been obtained from captured Montonero documents indicating that the Montoneros were working on plans to set up roadblocks posing as military and police personnel. The Montoneros were planning to attempt to identify military and police personnel passing through the roadblocks and assassinate them on the spot. (S) (U)

On 7/16/76, an official of the Buenos Aires Provincial Police Intelligence Service provided the following information:

Recently the ERP set up a roadblock on the Panamerican Highway at Kilometer 46 under the pretext of being plainclothes Buenos Aires Provincial Police officers. Approximately 30 motorists were stopped and a monetary contribution to the ERP was demanded from each motorist. The motorists caught in the roadblock were given a receipt for their donation to the ERP and a large red ERP star was affixed to their windshield before they were allowed to leave the roadblock area. One unfortunate motorist proceeded directly to a Buenos Aires Provincial Police Sub-station and was assassinated by Buenos Aires Provincial Police guards outside of the Police Sub-station, who upon viewing the ERP star on the motorist's windshield, opened fire believing that an ERP attack against the Sub-station was about to commence.

With regard to Montonero plans to set up roadblocks to facilitate the assassination of military and police personnel, the FPA and the Argentine military have been utilizing extensive helicopter patrols throughout the Federal Capital and Buenos Aires Province, in order to detect any fraudulent roadblocks or checkpoints. To date none have been detected.

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TERRORIST UTILIZATION OF ROADBLOCKS POSING AS SECURITY FORCES

The FPA source noted that should the Montoneros put their plan into operation, their roadblocks would more than likely be established during the evening hours in order to avoid the possibility of helicopter detection and to minimize the opportunity of close examination of uniforms and presumed police and military vehicles utilized in the roadblock. This conclusion was arrived at since military and police personnel have expert knowledge of the correct uniforms of their services and also would easily be able to recognize a fictitious military or police vehicle, or one that was brought from another district to the location of the roadblock, should the Montoneros steal a vehicle. The FPA source noted that generally speaking, combined police and military units manned roadblocks in the Federal Capital and the areas of Buenos Aires Province close to the Federal Capital. In most instances the source noted that plainly marked Federal Police or Provincial Police cruisers are present in the immediate vicinity of the roadblock, as well as military vehicles. Thus the source noted that a roadblock manned by individuals in uniform of either the police or military without the presence of a vehicle from either the military or police forces would be highly suspicious. Additionally, should combinations of uniforms be used, i.e. part of the individuals in street uniforms with others in combat dress, this should be viewed with suspicion. ~~(S)~~ (U)

The Buenos Aires Provincial Police source noted that his service conducted no roadblocks or checkpoints by police officers in civilian attire. Additionally, although unmarked police cruisers may be placed at a roadblock or checkpoint, there almost always is a marked cruiser on the scene. The source noted that any roadblock in Buenos Aires Province manned by individuals in civilian clothes with unmarked vehicles should be viewed with considerable suspicion and avoided if possible.

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THE AMBASSADOR
VIA ACTING DCM BEAL

6/21/76

LEGAL ATTACHE ROBERT W. SCHERRER

FRICTION BETWEEN THE BUENOS AIRES
PROVINCIAL POLICE, THE STATE SECRETARIAT
FOR INFORMATION (SIDE), and THE ARGENTINE
ARMY INTELLIGENCE SERVICE (SIE)

On 6/21/76, an official of the Buenos Aires
Provincial Police (BAPP) provided the following information:

During the week of 6/14/76, officers of the
Criminal Investigations Department of the BAPP raided the
residence of Colonel MITCHELL, a ranking official with SIDE.
During the course of the raid, Colonel MITCHELL's wife was
struck in the face several times by raiding BAPP Officers.
Colonel MITCHELL, who was incensed over the raid, went directly
to the head of SIDE, General PALADINO, in order to demand that
those responsible in the BAPP be severely admonished. Inquiries
by the Argentine Army disclosed that the BAPP raid on Colonel
MITCHELL's residence had been carried out on orders of BAPP
Comisario General ERNESTO VERDUM, the Director of BAPP Investiga-
tions, based on information passed directly to him by SIE. The
BAPP Chief, Colonel RAMON CAMPS, an active duty Army Colonel,
upon ascertaining the foregoing information, forced Comisario
General VERDUM into immediate retirement.

There is considerable bad feeling between BAPP,
SIE and SIDE. It is noted that SIE and the BAPP have been
collaborating with a considerable degree of success against
the terrorist target in Buenos Aires province. The entire
episode has demonstrated the need for closer coordination between
the civilian police forces and the military.

The foregoing should not be discussed with any
foreign officials, including those of the Argentine Government.

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FROM: LEGAT BUENOS AIRES (109-2)(109-103)

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ARGENTINE TERRORIST ACTIVITIES; FPM - ARGENTINA.

ON APRIL 18, 1976, A CONFIDENTIAL SOURCE ABROAD WHO
IS AN OFFICIAL OF THE BUENOS AIRES PROVINCIAL POLICE (BAPP)
INTELLIGENCE SERVICE, PROVIDED THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION:

ATTACKS AGAINST ARGENTINE AFFILIATES OF U. S. CORPORATIONS
RECENTLY INCREASED DRAMATICALLY IN BUENOS AIRES, ARGENTINA.

ON APRIL 13, 1976, TERRORISTS KILLED TWO SECURITY GUARDS
DURING AN ATTACK AGAINST THE RESIDENCE OF AN ARGENTINE EXECUTIVE"
OF THE GOODYEAR TIRE AND RUBBER COMPANY, S. A. IN SANTOS LUGARES,
BUENOS AIRES PROVINCE. THE GOODYEAR TIRE AND RUBBER COMPANY, S.A.,
IS THE ARGENTINE SUBSIDIARY OF GOODYEAR INTERNATIONAL, AKRON, OHIO.

ON APRIL 14, 1976, TERRORISTS ASSASSINATED AN ARGENTINE
EXECUTIVE OF THE CHRYSLER FEVRE ARGENTINA, S.A.I.C., COMPANY
AT HIS RESIDENCE IN MORON, BUENOS AIRES PROVINCE. THE CHRYSLER
FEVRE S.A.I.C., COMPANY IS THE ARGENTINE SUBSIDIARY OF THE
CHRYSLER CORPORATION, DETROIT, MICHIGAN.

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ON APRIL 16, 1976, TERRORISTS WOUNDED A SECURITY GUARD DURING AN ATTACK AGAINST THE CRISTALERIAS RIGOLLEAU, S. A., COMPANY IN BERAZATEGUI, BUENOS AIRES PROVINCE. THE CRISTALERIAS RIGOLLEAU, S. A., COMPANY IS THE ARGENTINE SUBSIDIARY OF THE CORNING GLASS WORKS, CORNING, NEW YORK.

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ADMINISTRATIVE - SOURCE IS COMISARIO MAYOR OSVALDO DE BALDRICH, CHIEF, BAPP INTELLIGENCE SERVICE.

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TERRORIST ACTIVITIES; FPM-ARGENTINA.

ON APRIL 8, 1976, A CONFIDENTIAL SOURCE ABROAD WHO IS AN
OFFICIAL OF THE BUENOS AIRES PROVINCIAL POLICE (BAPP) INTELLIGENCE
SERVICE PROVIDED THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION:

DURING THE MORNING OF APRIL 8, 1976 TERRORISTS ATTACKED
THE RESIDENCE OF CARLOS SARDAN, AN ARGENTINE EXECUTIVE OF THE
PFIZER COMPANY, S.A.I.C., IN BOULOGNE, BUENOS AIRES PROVINCE.
DURING THE ATTACK ONE OF SARDAN'S GUARDS WAS KILLED AND ANOTHER
SERIOUSLY WOUNDED. SARDAN ESCAPED INJURY.

IT IS NOTED THAT THE PFIZER COMPANY, SACI. IS THE
ARGENTINE SUBSIDIARY OF THE PFIZER CORPORATION, 235 EAST 42ND
STREET, NEW YORK, N. Y.

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BALDRICH, CHIEF, BAPP INTELLIGENCE SERVICE.

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ACTIVITIES; IS - ARGENTINA.

ON MARCH 29, 1976, A CONFIDENTIAL SOURCE ABROAD, WHO IS AN
OFFICIAL OF THE BUENOS AIRES PROVINCIAL POLICE (BAPP) INTELLIGENCE
SERVICE PROVIDED THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION:

ON MARCH 26, 1976, TERRORISTS ATTACKED THE RESIDENCE OF A
FORD MOTOR COMPANY ENGINEER IN HURLINGHAM, BUENOS AIRES PROVINCE,
FOR THE APPARENT PURPOSE OF KIDNAPPING THE ENGINEER. DURING
THE GUN BATTLE AT THE RESIDENCE, TWO FORD MOTOR COMPANY
SECURITY GUARDS WERE SLAIN AND THEIR WEAPONS STOLEN.

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ADMINISTRATIVE - SOURCE IS COMISARIO MAYOR OSVALDO DE
BALDRICH, CHIEF, BAPP INTELLIGENCE SERVICE.

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TERRORIST ACTIVITIES; FPM-ARGENTINA.

ON JANUARY 29, 1976, A CONFIDENTIAL SOURCE ABROAD WHO IS
AN OFFICIAL OF THE BUENOS AIRES PROVINCIAL POLICE (BAPP)
INTELLIGENCE SERVICE, PROVIDED THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION:

ON JANUARY 29, 1976 AT APPROXIMATELY 9:45 A.M., FIFTEEN
ARMED INDIVIDUALS, INCLUDING TWO WOMEN, FORCIBLY TOOK OVER
THE BENDIX CORPORATION PLANT IN MUNRO, BUENOS AIRES PROVINCE.
THE INDIVIDUALS ENTERED THE BENDIX CORPORATION LOCATION IN A
PICKUP TRUCK AND FOUR AUTOMOBILES. THE INDIVIDUALS WERE
ARMED WITH AUTOMATIC WEAPONS. THE INTRUDERS DEMANDED THAT
THE PRESIDENT AND GENERAL MANAGER OF THE BENDIX CORPORATION BE
PRODUCED BUT WERE INFORMED THAT THE FORMER WAS IN EUROPE
AND THAT THE LATTER HAD NOT YET ARRIVED AT THE COMPANY
INSTALLATION. AT APPROXIMATELY THE SAME TIME THAT THE TERRORISTS

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WERE DEMANDING TO SEE THE BENDIX CORPORATION PRESIDENT AND GENERAL MANAGER, THE CHIEF OF PERSONNEL AND THE CHIEF OF INDUSTRIAL RELATIONS OF THE BENDIX CORPORATION, BOTH ARGENTINE CITIZENS, ARRIVED AT WORK. THE TERRORISTS UNCEREMONIOUSLY GUNNED THEM DOWN AND ALSO KILLED A BAPP CORPORAL WHO ATTEMPTED TO COME TO THE EXECUTIVES' DEFENSE.

THE BENDIX CORPORATION HAS BEEN HAVING RECENT LABOR PROBLEMS AND IT IS BELIEVED THAT THE MONTONERO GUERRILLA ORGANIZATION WAS RESPONSIBLE FOR THE ABOVE-DESCRIBED ATTACK, ALTHOUGH AS OF 11:30 A.M., JANUARY 29, 1976, THE CUSTOMARY COMMUNIQUE FROM THE ORGANIZATION RESPONSIBLE FOR THE ASSASSINATIONS HAD NOT YET BEEN RECEIVED BY THE BUENOS AIRES NEWS MEDIA.

THE BENDIX CORPORATION IS AN ARGENTINE SUBSIDIARY OF THE BENDIX CORPORATION OF NEW YORK.

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ADMINISTRATIVE. SOURCE IS COMISARIO MAYOR OSVALDO DE BALDRICH, CHIEF OF INTELLIGENCE, BAPP.

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TERRORIST ACTIVITIES; FPM-ARGENTINA.

[TWO CONFIDENTIAL SOURCES ABROAD WHO ARE OFFICIALS OF THE
INTELLIGENCE SERVICES OF THE FEDERAL POLICE OF ARGENTINA (FPA) ~~AN~~ (U)
THE BUENOS AIRES PROVINCIAL POLICE (BAPP) PROVIDED THE FOLLOWING
SUMMARY OF RECENT TERRORIST ACTIVITIES IN ARGENTINA:

ON OCTOBER 23, 1975, TERRORISTS IN CORDOBA, ARGENTINA
ATTEMPTED TO KIDNAP EDUARDO J. JOHNES, THE DIRECTOR OF LABOR
RELATIONS OF THE TRANSAX COMPANY, A SUBSIDIARY OF THE FORD MOTOR
COMPANY. THE TERRORISTS ATTEMPTED TO INTERCEPT JOHNES AS HE
WAS RETURNING TO HIS SUBURBAN CORDOBA RESIDENCE; HOWEVER,
JOHNES ESCAPED UNHARMED AFTER A VIOLENT SHOOT-OUT BETWEEN THE
TERRORISTS AND HIS GUARDS, WHO WERE ACCOMPANYING HIM.

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DURING THE WEEK OF OCTOBER 20, 1975 THE BAPP ARRESTED A 30-YEAR OLD ARGENTINE CITIZEN, ISMAEL JACINTO HAIEK, WHO WAS OPERATING A PRINTING SHOP AND SHORT WAVE RADIO STATION FOR THE MONTONERO ARGENTINE GUERRILLA ORGANIZATION. AT THE TIME OF HIS ARREST, HAIEK HAD TWO PUBLICATIONS, "CUESTIONES ARABES" (ARAB QUESTIONS") AND "LA VOZ DE PALESTINA" (THE VOICE OF PALESTINE") IN HIS POSSESSION. DURING INTERROGATION, HAIEK ADMITTED HE HAD BEEN A MEMBER OF A PALESTINIAN TERRORIST GROUP.

DURING THE LATE EVENING OF OCTOBER 23, 1975, TERRORISTS ATTEMPTED TO ASSASSINATE COMISARIO GENERAL HORACIO ALBERTO ROJAS, THE FPA DEPUTY CHIEF, WHO WAS RETURNING TO HIS RESIDENCE FROM FPA HEADQUARTERS. AN HOUR LONG FIRE FIGHT ENSUED DURING WHICH ROJAS' BODYGUARDS MANAGED TO HOLD OFF THE TERRORISRS UNTIL FPA REINFORCEMENTS ARRIVED ON THE SCENE. ROJAS ESCAPED WITHOUT INJURY.

MEMBERS OF THE ARGENTINE TERRORIST ORGANIZATION, PEOPLE'S REVOLUTIONARY ARMY-AUGUST 22 FACTION, ASSASSINATED RETIRED ARGENTINE AIR FORCE COLONEL ARTURO LEOPOLDO LONGINOTTI NEAR HIS RESIDENCE IN SUBURBAN CASTELAR ON OCTOBER 26, 1975. COLONEL

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LONGINOTTI'S SON WAS SERIOUSLY WOUNDED BY HIS FATHER'S ASSASSINS WHEN HE ATTEMPTED TO COME TO THE DEFENSE OF HIS FATHER.

DURING THE EARLY MORNING OF OCTOBER 26, 1975, MEMBERS OF THE MONTONEROS AMBUSHED TWO BAPP CRUISERS IN SAN ISIDRO, BUENOS AIRES PROVINCE UTILIZING AUTOMATIC WEAPONS AND HAND GRENADES. FOUR BAPP OFFICERS DIED IN THE FIRE FIGHT.

SEVERAL IMPORTANT KIDNAPPINGS ALSO TOOK PLACE IN THE GREATER BUENOS AIRES AREA DURING THE PERIOD OCTOBER 23-27, 1975. ON OCTOBER 23, 1975, REBECA MADANES DE FRIEDENTHAL, AN ARGENTINE MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE FATE TIRE COMPANY, WAS KIDNAPPED WHILE EN ROUTE FROM HER RESIDENCE TO THE FATE PLANT. SHE WAS RELEASED ON OCTOBER 27, 1975, AFTER A LARGE RANSOM HAD BEEN PAID. .ON OCTOBER 24, 1975, ARTURO R. BULLRICH, A WEALTHY ARGENTINE CATTLE BREEDER AND BUSINESS MAN, WAS KIDNAPPED BY TERRORISTS. ON OCTOBER 27, 1975, FRANZ MITZ, A WEST GERMAN CITIZEN AND THE DIRECTOR OF PRODUCTION FOR THE MERCEDES BENZ COMPANY, WAS KIDNAPPED BY THE MONTONERO GUERRILLA ORGANIZATION.

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ADMINISTRATIVE. [SOURCES ARE COMISARIO GENERAL JORGE
CROVETTO, DIRECTOR OF FEDERAL SECURITY, FPA] ~~(S)~~ (U) AND COMISARIO MAYOR
OSVALDO DE BALDRICH, CHIEF OF INTELLIGENCE, BAPP.

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THE AMBASSADOR
VIA DCM

9/12/75

LEGAL ATTACHE ROBERT W. SCHERRER

MONTONEROS

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ON 10-25-95

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On 9/12/75, an official of the Buenos Aires Provincial Police (BAPP) provided the following information:

(u) During the late evening hours of 9/11/75, the BAPP conducted a raid against a Montonero stronghold at Florencio Varela, Buenos Aires Province (BAP), in the general area of the Pepsi Cola Bottling Company. The BAP found that the Montoneros were thoroughly entrenched in a private residence and firepower available to the BAPP was not sufficient to dislodge the Montoneros. In order to terminate the long shootout, the BAPP, who were acting in concert with members of the Argentine Army Intelligence Service (SIE), requested the Army to provide heavy weapons. A field cannon was provided from the Argentine Army arsenal in La Plata and Army personnel fired the cannon several times at the Montonero stronghold resulting in virtually complete destruction. (u)

The source noted that the BAPP and SIE have been collaborating very closely during recent weeks against the terrorist targets; however, the source noted that this collaboration has always been well guarded and known only among the hierarchy of the BAPP. The source pointed out that the immediate assistance of the Argentine Army in providing a field cannon to dislodge the Montoneros in what was a strictly police function, is a good indication of the seriousness of the Argentine Army and its commanders to involve the Army in the anti-terrorist campaign. (u)

cc: 1 - Addressee
1 - POL
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(1 - 80-185 Com.

de Baldrich)

RWS:gjk

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THE AMBASSADOR
VIA DCN

9/4/75

LEGAL ATTACHE ROBERT W. SCHERER

ARGENTINE TERRORIST ACTIVITIES

On 9/3/75, an official of the Argentine Army Intelligence Service (AAIS) provided the following information: ~~(S)~~ (U)

In addition to the raids noted in the press which were carried out by the Buenos Aires Provincial Police (BAPP) during the weekend of 8/30-9/1/75, the AAIS, through a penetration agent in the People's Revolutionary Army (ERP), extralegally detained a high ranking official of the ERP, ranking third or fourth in that organization, immediately after Mario Roberto Santucho and Enrique Haroldo Gorriaran Merlo, in Buenos Aires Province. This individual was detained with the assistance of the BAPP and is currently being interrogated by an AAIS and BAPP interrogation team. The source emphasized that the individual under detention is one of the most important ERP leaders to have been detained during the past year. ~~(S)~~ (U)

On 9/3/75, an official of the BAPP Intelligence Service, who is aware of the above-described detention of the ERP leader, advised it is the opinion of the BAPP that the assassination of BAPP Chief of Investigations, Comisario Alfonso Vergel in La Plata, and the attack against an Argentine Army truck during which Sgt. Anselmo Rios was killed, were acts of retaliation carried out by the ERP in answer to the extra-legal detention of the ERP official, as noted above. ~~(S)~~ (U)

The foregoing should not be discussed with foreign officials, including those of the Argentine Government.

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1 - DAO

1 - SY

5 - Bue (109-103) ~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

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Montoneros)

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(1 - 109-38 ERP)

(1 - 80-185 Baldrich) Exemption Category 5B(2)

(1 - 80-173)(Lucero) Automatically declassified on IMDET.

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THE AMBASSADOR
VIA BOB

4/6/73

LEGAL ATTACHE

DISCOVERY OF EXTREMIST ARMS FACTORY

On 4/7/73, an official of the Buenos Aires Provincial Police (BAPP) provided the following information:

During the morning of 4/7/73, the BAPP, in a joint operation with officials of the State Secretariat for Information (SIDE) raided an extremist arms factory and assembly location in San Justo, Buenos Aires Province. In the raid components of 30 9 mm. machine guns were seized. Certain components seized were obviously fabricated in other locations; however, various other parts of the machine guns originated at the San Justo factory and assembly point. In addition, plans for a hand-operated bazooka were discovered among the technical material at the location. Specifications for the bazooka indicated it would be approximately 3 1/2 feet long and held with a pistol grip. The projectile for the bazooka was to be fired electrically, utilizing four large lantern batteries.

A married couple and another male individual were picked up at the factory and assembly site. These individuals all admitted to being members of the Montonero guerrilla organization. Information leading to the raid was secured from interrogations of various Tupamaros captured during the preceding week. Three of these Tupamaros have already been executed by security forces, since they refused to disclose any information.

During the morning of 4/7/73, the BAPP invited representatives of the three Argentine armed forces intelligence agencies to view the captured components for the machine gun. Shortly after the arrival of the armed forces representatives, a representative of the Federal Police of Argentina (FPA), Depart

1 - Ambassador, Embassy, Montevideo

1 - POL

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4 - Buenos Aires

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DISCOVERY OF EXTREMIST ARMS FACTORY

ment of Federal Security, appeared and requested that he be allowed to examine the arms factory and assembly point. Acting on orders from Buenos Aires Provincial Governor VICTOR CALABRO, the FPA representative was denied admittance and turned away.

The SAPP intend to maintain information concerning the discovery of the arms factory and assembly location a secret, inasmuch as they are acting on additional information secured through interrogations with prisoners.

The foregoing information should not be discussed with any foreign officials, including those of the Argentine and Uruguayan Governments.

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THE AMBASSADOR

3/3/75

VIA DCM

LEGAL ATTACHE ROBERT W. SCHERRER

EGAN KILLING

On 2/28/75, an official of the Buenos Aires Provincial Police, advised that during the past month four individual activities of a terrorist nature were attributed to the Luis Silva Command of the Montonero guerrilla organization. The source advised that the Montoneros habitually name their commands after Montonero members killed "in the line of duty", indicating that the Montoneros have acknowledged Silva's demise by naming a command after him. The source noted that the above-described arrest acts took place in the general area of Ramos Mejia, Buenos Aires Province.

cc's: 1 - Addressee

1 - SY

1 - POL

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1 - DAO

2 - Buenos Aires (109-2)

(1 - 163-604)

(1 - 80-185)

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Comisario Inspector Osvaldo
De Baldrich)

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IMMEDIATE

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (109-12-201) NR. 053-28

FROM: LEGAT, BUENOS AIRES (109-2) 1-P

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FOREIGN POLITICAL MATTERS-ARGENTINA; IS-ARGENTINA.

ON FEBRUARY 28, 1975, A CONFIDENTIAL SOURCE WHO HAS FURNISHED RELIABLE INFORMATION IN THE PAST, ADVISED THAT JUDGE HUGO ALFREDO ANZOARREGUI, THE CHIEF JUSTICE OF THE BUENOS AIRES PROVINCIAL SUPREME COURT, WAS KIDNAPPED IN MONTE GRANDE, BUENOS AIRES PROVINCE, DURING THE MORNING OF FEBRUARY 28, 1975 BY THE MONTONERO TERRORIST ORGANIZATION.

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ADMINISTRATIVE: SOURCE IS COMISARIO INSPECTOR OSVALDO DE BALDRICH, CHIEF OF INTELLIGENCE, BUENOS AIRES PROVINCIAL POLICE.

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3 - Buenos Aires

(1 - 109-NEW Kidnapping of Hugo Alfredo Anzoarregui, Chief Justice, Buenos Aires Provincial Supreme Court)

(1 - 80-185 - Comisario Baldrich)

RWS:gjk

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THE AMBASSADOR
VIA THE DCM

2/28/75

LEGAL ATTACHE ROBERT W. SCHERRER

KIDNAPPING OF HUGO ALFREDO ANICARREGUI
CHIEF JUSTICE
BUENOS AIRES PROVINCIAL SUPREME COURT

On 2/28/75, an official of the Buenos Aires Provincial Police advised that captioned individual was abducted by presumed terrorists this morning in Monte Grande. Source advised Buenos Aires Provincial Police have launched an extensive investigation.

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3 - Bue (109-103) ~~CONFIDENTIAL~~
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(1 - 80-185-Baldrich) Exempt from General Declassification
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THE AMBASSADOR
VIA THE DCM

1/30/75

LEGAL ATTACHE ROBERT W. SCHERRER

ASSASSINATION OF OSCAR ISMAEL LALLIA
LA PLATA, ARGENTINA
1/29/75

On 1/29/75, two ranking officials of the Buenos Aires Provincial Police (BAPP), advised that from all available information and evidence, captioned assassination was not the work of terrorists. The BAPP believe, based on interviews with witnesses at the scene of the assassination in La Plata, that the victim knew his assassins since he unhesitatingly approached their car and spoke with them for a short period of time before the assassination took place. The BAPP believed that the motive for victim's assassination may be related to a union problem or some matter of personal vengeance against the victim or his father.

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1 - SY

3 - Bue (1 - 109-New-Assassination of Oscar Ismael Lallia,
~~CONFIDENTIAL~~ La Plata, Argentina, 1/29/75)

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Comisario

Inspector Baldrich-

(Source)

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TO: DIRECTOR (109-12-201) NR. -05

FROM: LEGAT BUENOS AIRES (109-2)(109-103)(P)

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FOREIGN POLITICAL MATTERS - ARGENTINA; IS - ARGENTINA;
ARGENTINE TERRORIST ACTIVITIES; FPM - ARGENTINA.

ON APRIL 2, 1976, A CONFIDENTIAL SOURCE ABROAD, WHO
IS AN OFFICIAL OF THE FEDERAL POLICE OF ARGENTINA (FPA),
DEPARTMENT OF FEDERAL SECURITY (INTELLIGENCE DIVISION) PROVIDED
THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION: ~~(S)~~ (U)

FROM MARCH 1, 1976, TO APRIL 1, 1976, THIRTY-TWO POLICE
OFFICERS HAVE BEEN ASSASSINATED THROUGHOUT ARGENTINA. SINCE THE
MARCH 23-24, 1976, MILITARY INTERVENTION OF THE PERON GOVERNMENT
IN ARGENTINA, TWO SENIOR FPA OFFICIALS HAVE BEEN ASSASSINATED
BY TERRORISTS AND ANOTHER SENIOR FPA OFFICIAL NARROWLY ESCAPED A
TERRORIST ASSASSINATION ATTEMPT. ~~(S)~~ (U)

ON APRIL 2, 1976, A SECOND CONFIDENTIAL SOURCE ABROAD,
WHO IS AN KNOWN OFFICIAL OF THE ARGENTINE ARMY INTELLIGENCE
SERVICE (AAIS) PROVIDED THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION: ~~(S)~~ (U)

FROM RECENTLY ACQUIRED INTELLIGENCE, THE AAIS ASCERTAINED THAT
TACTICS OF ARGENTINE TERRORISTS WILL BE TO CONDUCT AN ACCELERATED ~~(S)~~ (U)

1 - 80-173 [Capt. LUCERO] ~~(S)~~ (U)
1 - 80- [Com. Gen. BESTEIRO] ~~(S)~~ (U)
RWS:jn (4)

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CAMPAIGN OF ASSASSINATIONS OF ARGENTINE POLICE AND MILITARY PERSONNEL IN AN EFFORT TO PROVOKE THE MILITARY GOVERNMENT INTO VIOLENT RETALIATION IN ORDER TO DISCREDIT THE GOVERNMENT, WHICH, SINCE THE MARCH 23-24, 1976, MILITARY INTERVENTION, HAS FOLLOWED A MODERATE COURSE. SHOULD THE MILITARY GOVERNMENT LED BY THE PRESIDENT, ARMY LIEUTENANT GENERAL JORGE RAFAEL VIDELA, FAIL TO REACT TO TERRORIST PROVOCATIONS, THE TERRORISTS HOPE THAT MORE RADICAL OFFICERS IN THE ARGENTINE MILITARY WILL TAKE STEPS TO TAKE OVER THE MILITARY GOVERNMENT BY REMOVING THE INCUMBENT MODERATE MILITARY JUNTA WHICH INCLUDES PRESIDENT VIDELA AND UNLEASHING A BLOODBATH AGAINST LEFTISTS AND TERRORISTS. ~~(S)~~ (U)

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ADMINISTRATIVE - F FIRST SOURCE IS CAPTAIN JUAN LUCERO, AAIS. SECOND SOURCE IS COMISARIO GENERAL ENRIQUE BESTEIRO, DIRECTOR OF FEDERAL SECURITY, FPA. COORDINATED LOCALLY. ~~(S)~~ (U)

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TO: DIRECTOR (109-12-201) NR. ~~025~~ -17

FROM: LEGAT BUENOS AIRES (109-2)(109-103)(P)

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FOREIGN POLITICAL MATTERS - ARGENTINA; IS - ARGENTINA;
ARGENTINE TERRORIST ACTIVITIES; FPM - ARGENTINA.

ON FEBRUARY 16, 1976, [A CONFIDENTIAL SOURCE ABROAD, WHO
IS AN OFFICIAL OF THE FEDERAL POLICE OF ARGENTINA (FPA)], ADVISED
AS FOLLOWS:

DURING THE EARLY MORNING HOURS OF FEBRUARY 16, 1976, THE
MONTONERO GUERRILLA ORGANIZATION BOMBED A FORD MOTOR COMPANY
SHOWROOM IN BUENOS AIRES. THERE WERE NO PERSONAL INJURIES AND
MODERATE STRUCTURAL DAMAGE.

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ADMINISTRATIVE - [SOURCE IS COMISARIO GENERAL ENRIQUE BESTEIRO,
DIRECTOR OF FEDERAL SECURITY, FPA.] (U)

COORDINATED LOCALLY.

1 - 105-767 (MONTONEROS)

1 - 80-244 (BESTEIRO) (U)

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TO: DIRECTOR NR. 02/ -10

FROM: LEGAT, BUENOS AIRES (109-2) (109-103)

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FOREIGN POLITICAL MATTERS-ARGENTINA; IS-ARGENTINA; ARGENTINE
TERRORIST ACTIVITIES; FPM-ARGENTINA.

ON FEBRUARY 9, 1976, [AN OFFICIAL OF THE FEDERAL POLICE OF
ARGENTINA (FPA) PROVIDED THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION:] ~~(S)~~ (U)

DURING THE EARLY MORNING HOURS OF FEBRUARY 9, 1976, A
BOMB DETONATED AT A BRANCH OF THE FIRST NATIONAL CITY BANK
OF NEW YORK LOCATED AT VILLA URQUIZA, BUENOS AIRES. THE BOMB
CAUSED MODERATE STRUCTURAL DAMAGE AND RESULTED IN NO PERSONAL
INJURIES. TO DATE, NO TERRORIST ORGANIZATION HAS CLAIMED
CREDIT FOR THE BOMBING.

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ADMINISTRATIVE. [SOURCE IS COMISARIO GENERAL ENRIQUE
BESTEIRO, DIRECTOR OF FEDERAL SECURITY, FPA.] ~~(S)~~ (U)

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(1 - 80-214)

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[Com. Gen. Enrique Besteiro] ~~(S)~~ (U)

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FOREIGN POLITICAL MATTERS-ARGENTINA; IS-ARGENTINA; ARGENTINE
TERRORIST ACTIVITIES; FPM-ARGENTINA.

OCTOBER 17, 1976 WAS THE ANNIVERSARY OF PERONIST LOYALTY
DAY WHICH MARKED THE RELEASE OF FORMER ARGENTINE PRESIDENT JUAN
DOMINGO PERON FROM MILITARY CUSTODY ON OCTOBER 17, 1943, ALLOW-
ING HIM TO BE SUBSEQUENTLY ELECTED PRESIDENT OF ARGENTINA.
OCTOBER 17TH IS TRADITIONALLY CELEBRATED BY PERONISTS AND THEIR
SUPPORTERS THROUGHOUT ARGENTINA.

ON OCTOBER 17, 1976, A CONFIDENTIAL SOURCE ABROAD WHO IS
AN OFFICIAL WITH THE STATE SECRETARIAT FOR INFORMATION (SIDE),
AN ARGENTINE INTELLIGENCE AGENCY, PROVIDED THE FOLLOWING
INFORMATION: ~~(S)~~ (U)

AT APPROXIMATELY 12:05 A.M., OCTOBER 17, 1976, A POWERFUL

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(1 - 109-103)
(1 - 105-767 Montoneros)
(1 - 80-84 Dr. Poiré)
(1 - 80-217 Carlos Vicente Marcotte) ~~(S)~~ (U)

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BOMB MADE UP OF APPROXIMATELY FOUR KILOS OF TNT, WAS DETONATED BY AN AUTOMATIC TIMING DEVICE NEAR A RECREATION ROOM IN THE "CIRCULO MILITAR" (MILITARY CIRCLE), AN EXCLUSIVE CLUB FOR ARGENTINE ARMED FORCES OFFICERS IN DOWN TOWN BUENOS AIRES. AT THE TIME OF THE DETONATION, APPROXIMATELY 114 PERSONS, INCLUDING MILITARY OFFICERS AND THEIR FAMILIES, WERE VIEWING A FILM. FORTY-NINE INDIVIDUALS WERE INJURED AS A RESULT OF THE BOMBING, 19 BEING HOSPITALIZED. AMONG THE INJURED, WERE MANY WOMEN AND CHILDREN. TWO WOMEN LOST THEIR SIGHT DUE TO EXTENSIVE INJURIES RECEIVED. SHORTLY AFTER THE DETONATION, THE MONTONERO GUERRILLA ORGANIZATION TOOK CREDIT FOR THE BOMBING.

ON OCTOBER 17, 1976, A CONFIDENTIAL SOURCE ABROAD WHO IS AN OFFICIAL OF THE FEDERAL POLICE OF ARGENTINA (FPA), DEPARTMENT OF FEDERAL SECURITY (INTELLIGENCE DIVISION), PROVIDED THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION: ~~(S)~~ (U)

DURING THE LATE EVENING HOURS OF OCTOBER 17, 1976, NUMEROUS BOMB ATTACKS WERE CARRIED OUT THROUGHOUT THE CITY OF BUENOS AIRES BY UNIDENTIFIED TERRORISTS. THE PRINCIPAL TARGETS OF THESE BOMB ATTACKS WERE PARKED AUTOMOBILES AND BUSES, INCLUDING A COLOR TELEVISION TRANSMISSION TRUCK. A VEHICLE BELONGING TO THE U. S. ~~(S)~~ (U)

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EMBASSY, BUENOS AIRES, BEARING DIPLOMATIC LICENSE TAGS, WAS
ATTACKED BY AN INCENDIARY BOMB THROWN FROM A PASSING AUTOMOBILE.
THE U. S. EMBASSY VEHICLE WAS BEING DRIVEN BY A CHAUFFEUR WHO
WAS UNHURT. MODERATE DAMAGE WAS CAUSED TO THE EMBASSY VEHICLE
AS A RESULT OF THE BOMBING. NO TERRORIST GROUP HAS TAKEN CREDIT
FOR THE AFOREMENTIONED ATTACK AGAINST THE U. S. EMBASSY VEHICLE. ~~(S)~~

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ADMINISTRATIVE:

THE EMBASSY VEHICLE WHICH WAS ATTACKED ON OCTOBER 17, 1976,
BELONGED TO THE DEFENSE ATTACHE'S OFFICE OF THE EMBASSY. THE
CHAUFFEUR WHO WAS DRIVING THE VEHICLE ADVISED HE DID NOT
DETECT ANY SURVEILLANCE AND BELIEVES THAT HE WAS THE VICTIM OF A
RANDOM ATTACK CARRIED OUT BY TERRORISTS.

LEGAT PERSONNEL CONTINUE TO TAKE STRINGENT SECURITY
PRECAUTIONS.

SOURCES ARE DR. ARTURO H. POIRE, SIDE and ~~KARRE~~ CARLOS
VICENTE MARCOTTE. ~~(S)~~ (U)

COORDINATED LOCALLY.

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TO DIRECTOR (109-12-201) PRIORITY 217-08

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ARGENTINE TERRORIST ACTIVITIES; FPM - ARGENTINA.

ON OCTOBER 8, 1976, A CONFIDENTIAL SOURCE ABROAD, WHO IS AN
OFFICIAL WITH THE FEDERAL POLICE OF ARGENTINA (FPA), DEPARTMENT
OF FEDERAL SECURITY (INTELLIGENCE DIVISION), PROVIDED THE FOLLOWING
INFORMATION: ~~(S)~~ (U)

DURING THE EVENING OF OCTOBER 7-8, 1976, IN COMMEMORATION OF
THE CAPTURE AND DEATH OF ARGENTINE-BORN CUBAN GUERRILLA LEADER,
ERNESTO CHE GUEVARA, ARGENTINE TERRORISTS CARRIED OUT A SERIES OF
BOMBINGS IN THE FEDERAL CAPITAL OF BUENOS AIRES, PRIMARILY AGAINST
THE SHOWROOMS OF FOREIGN CONTROLLED AUTOMOBILE COMPANIES. ONE OF
THE SHOWROOMS OF THE FORD MOTOR COMPANY WAS BOMBED, AS WELL AS A
BRANCH OF THE BANK OF BOSTON.

THERE WERE NO ~~XXXXXX~~ PHYSICAL INJURIES AS A RESULT OF THE
BOMBINGS AND PROPERTY DAMAGE WAS GENERALLY REPORTED AS MODERATE.

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1 - 80 [MARCOTE] ~~(S)~~ (U)
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ADMINISTRATIVE

SOURCE IS COMISARIO MAYOR CARLOS VICENTE MARCOTE, DIRECTOR
OF OPERATIONS, FPA, DEPARTMENT OF FEDERAL SECURITY. ~~(S)~~ (U)

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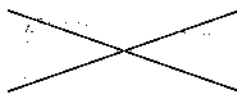
ON OCTOBER 4, 1976, A CONFIDENTIAL SOURCE ABROAD, WHO IS
AN OFFICIAL WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF FEDERAL SECURITY (INTELLIGENCE
DIVISION), FEDERAL POLICE OF ARGENTINA (FPA), PROVIDED THE
FOLLOWING INFORMATION: ~~(S)~~ (U)

AT APPROXIMATELY 10:00 A.M., OCTOBER 4, 1976, A SUSPICIOUS
VEHICLE WAS OBSERVED NEAR A PUBLIC PLAZA IN FRONT OF THE
SHERATON HOTEL IN BUENOS AIRES, ARGENTINA. THE FPA BOMB SQUAD
WAS CALLED AND ASCERTAINED THAT THE VEHICLE CONTAINED FIVE ARMED
ROCKETS WHICH WERE AIMED AT THE SHERATON HOTEL AND WERE TO BE
FIRED BY A TIMING DEVICE. THE ROCKETS WERE DEACTIVATED BY THE
FPA BOMB SQUAD BEFORE THEY COULD BE FIRED. ~~(S)~~ (U)

A PREVIOUS ROCKET ATTACK WAS CARRIED OUT AGAINST THE SHERATON
HOTEL UTILIZING THE SAME TYPE OF ROCKETS ON . ON THIS
OCCASION ROCKETS REACHED THE UPPER FLOORS OF THE HOTEL AND
UPON EXPLODING AGAINST THE BUILDING RELEASED PROPAGANDA TO ~~(S)~~ (U)

1 - 80-Marcote ~~(S)~~ (U)
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COMMEMORATE THE DEATH OF SLAIN ARGENTINE-BORN CUBAN GUERRILLA
LEADER, ERNESTO CHE GUEVARA. ~~(S)~~ (U)

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ADMINISTRATIVE (2 CR, 3 1f)

[SOURCE IS COMISARIO MAYOR CARLOS VICENTE MARCOTE, DEPARTMENT
OF FEDERAL SECURITY, FEDERAL POLICE OF ARGENTINA] ~~(S)~~ (U)

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THE AMBASSADOR
VIA ACTING DCE

7/16/76

LEGAL ATTACHE ROBERT W. SCHERRER

TERRORIST UTILIZATION OF
ROADBLOCKS POSING AS SECURITY FORCES

On 7/15/76, an official of the Federal Police of Argentina (FPA), Department of Federal Security (Intelligence Division), provided the following information: ~~(S)~~ (U)

Recently the Argentine Army Intelligence Service (SIE) circulated information to all Argentine security units indicating that information had been obtained from captured Montonero documents indicating that the Montoneros were working on plans to set up roadblocks posing as military and police personnel. The Montoneros were planning to attempt to identify military and police personnel passing through the roadblocks and assassinate them on the spot. ~~(S)~~ (U)

On 7/16/76, an official of the Buenos Aires Provincial Police Intelligence Service provided the following information:

Recently the ERP set up a roadblock on the Panamerican Highway at Kilometer 46 under the pretext of being plainclothes Buenos Aires Provincial Police officers. Approximately 50 motorists were stopped and a monetary contribution to the ERP was demanded from each motorist. The motorists caught in the roadblock were given a receipt for their donation to the ERP and a large red ERP star was affixed to their windshield before they were allowed to leave the roadblock area. One unfortunate motorist proceeded directly to a Buenos Aires Provincial Police Sub-station and was assassinated by Buenos Aires Provincial Police guards outside of the Police Sub-station, who upon viewing the ERP star on the motorist's windshield, opened fire believing that an ERP attack against the Sub-station was about to commence.

With regard to Montonero plans to set up roadblocks to facilitate the assassination of military and police personnel, the FPA and the Argentine military have been utilizing extensive helicopter patrols throughout the Federal Capital and Buenos Aires Province, in order to detect any fraudulent roadblocks or checkpoints. 11D Addressees have been detected.

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TERRORIST UTILIZATION OF ROADBLOCKS POSING AS SECURITY FORCES

The FPA source noted that should the Montoneros put their plan into operation, their roadblocks would more than likely be established during the evening hours in order to avoid the possibility of helicopter detection and to minimize the opportunity of close examination of uniforms and presumed police and military vehicles utilized in the roadblock. This conclusion was arrived at since military and police personnel have expert knowledge of the correct uniforms of their services and also would easily be able to recognize a fictitious military or police vehicle, or one that was brought from another district to the location of the roadblock, should the Montoneros steal a vehicle. The FPA source noted that generally speaking, combined police and military units manned roadblocks in the Federal Capital and the areas of Buenos Aires Province close to the Federal Capital. In most instances the source noted that plainly marked Federal Police or Provincial Police cruisers are present in the immediate vicinity of the roadblock, as well as military vehicles. Thus the source noted that a roadblock manned by individuals in uniform of either the police or military without the presence of a vehicle from either the military or police forces would be highly suspicious. Additionally, should combinations of uniforms be used, i.e. part of the individuals in street uniforms with others in combat dress, this should be viewed with suspicion. (S)

The Buenos Aires Provincial Police source noted that his service conducted no roadblocks or checkpoints by police officers in civilian attire. Additionally, although unmarked police cruisers may be placed at a roadblock or checkpoint, there almost always is a marked cruiser on the scene. The source noted that any roadblock in Buenos Aires Province manned by individuals in civilian clothes with unmarked vehicles should be viewed with considerable suspicion and avoided if possible.

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TO: DIRECTOR NR. -08
FROM: LEGAT, BUENOS AIRES (109-2) (109-103)

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FOREIGN POLITICAL MATTERS-ARGENTINA; IS-ARGENTINA; ARGENTINE
TERRORIST ACTIVITIES; FPM-ARGENTINA.

DURING THE EARLY MORNING HOURS OF JULY 4, 1976, THREE
ROMAN CATHOLIC PRIESTS AND TWO SEMINARIANS WERE BRUTALLY
MURDERED IN THE RECTORY OF ST. PATRICK'S CHURCH IN BELGRANO,
BUENOS AIRES FEDERAL CAPITAL. INITIAL REPORTS INDICATED
THAT A MESSAGE HAD BEEN SCRAWLED ON A DOOR IN CHALK TO
THE EFFECT THAT THE CLERGYMEN HAD BEEN ASSASSINATED IN
RETALIATION FOR THE TERRORIST BOMB ATTACK AGAINST THE
FEDERAL POLICE OF ARGENTINA (FPA) DEPARTMENT OF FEDERAL
SECURITY (DFS) HEADQUARTERS ON JULY 2, 1976, WHICH AS OF
JULY 8, 1976, CLAIMED 21 LIVES. THERE WAS WIDESPREAD
SPECULATION THAT THE AUTHORS OF THE ASSASSINATION OF THE
CLERGYMEN MAY HAVE BEEN MEMBERS OF THE ARGENTINE SECURITY
FORCES CARRYING OUT RETALIATION FOR THE JULY 2, 1976 FPA DFS

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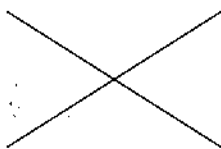
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HEADQUARTERS BOMBING OR LEFTIST TERRORISTS WHO ASSASSINATED THE CLERGYMEN IN ORDER TO MAKE IT APPEAR THAT THE ARGENTINE MILITARY GOVERNMENT WAS RESPONSIBLE, THEREBY DISCREDITING THE GOVERNMENT.

ON JULY 7, 1976, INFORMATION WAS PASSED TO THE U. S. EMBASSY, BUENOS AIRES FROM AN EXTREMELY SENSITIVE SOURCE WHICH INDICATED THAT THE FIVE CLERGYMEN HAD BEEN ASSASSINATED BY A UNIT OF THE ARGENTINE ARMY INTELLIGENCE SERVICE (AAIS) WHO DISCOVERED THAT THE CLERGYMEN HAD BEEN HARBORING MONTONERO GUERRILLA LEADER MARIO EDUARDO FIRMENICH. INFORMATION WAS ALSO PASSED TO THE U. S. EMBASSY BY THIS SAME SOURCE INDICATING THAT THE AAIS HAD ALSO MURDERED THREE ROMAN CATHOLIC NUNS WHO HAD FACILITATED FIRMENICH'S ESCAPE FROM ST. PATRICK'S ON JULY 4, 1976. ~~(S)~~ (U)

ON JULY 7, 1976, A CONFIDENTIAL SOURCE ABROAD WHO IS A RANKING OFFICER OF THE FPA DFS, PROVIDED THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION: ~~(S)~~ (U)

AFTER THE JULY 2, 1976 MONTONERO GUERRILLA ORGANIZATION BOMBING OF FPA DFS HEADQUARTERS, NUMEROUS FPA OFFICERS EMBARKED UPON ACTIVITIES TO RETALIATE AGAINST THE TERRORISTS ~~(S)~~ (U)



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TARGET FOR THE JULY 2, 1976 BOMBING WHEREIN MANY OF THEIR FRIENDS WERE KILLED AND MAINED. A GROUP OF SIX FPA NON-COMMISSIONED OFFICERS HAD INFORMATION INDICATING THAT TWO SEMINARIANS ATTACHED TO ST. PATRICK'S PARISH IN BELGRANO WERE ACTIVELY ENGAGED IN PROPAGANDA ACTIVITIES AT THE OFFICE OF THE THIRD WORLD MOVEMENT LOCATED A FEW BLOCKS FROM ST. PATRICK'S CHURCH. ~~(S)~~ (U)

THE THIRD WORLD MOVEMENT IS CONSIDERED BY MANY TO BE MARXIST-ORIENTED.

THESE SIX FPA NON-COMMISSIONED OFFICERS, WITHOUT ANY HIGHER AUTHORITY, DECIDED TO CARRY OUT A RETALIATORY ATTACK AGAINST THE TWO SEMINARIANS, WHICH RESULTED IN THE JULY 4, 1976 MURDER OF THE THREE PRIESTS AND TWO SEMINARIANS. IT WAS EMPHASIZED THAT THE ASSASSINATION OF THE CLERGYMEN WAS CARRIED OUT WITHOUT ANY SANCTION OR AUTHORITY OF FPA SUPERIOR OFFICERS OR ANY ENTITY OF THE ARGENTINE GOVERNMENT. ~~(S)~~ (U)

INFORMATION CONCERNING THE ASSASSINATION OF THREE NUNS PROVIDED TO THE U. S. EMBASSY ON JULY 7, 1976, AS NOTED ABOVE, IS COMPLETELY ERRONEOUS, IT BEING NOTED THAT NO CATHOLIC NUNS WERE ASSASSINATED OR MISSING DURING THE PERTINENT PERIOD. ~~(S)~~ (U)

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THE SOURCE OFFERED HIS PERSONAL OPINION THAT INFORMATION PASSED TO THE U. S. EMBASSY ON JULY 7, 1976 WAS PROBABLY A MISGUIDED EFFORT TO MISINFORM U. S. EMBASSY REGARDING THE ALLEGED PRESENCE OF A RANKING TERRORIST LEADER AT ST. PATRICK'S PARISH IN ORDER TO GET SOME JUSTIFICATION TO THE ATROCIOUS MURDER OF THE FIVE CLERGYMEN ON JULY 4, 1976. ~~(S)~~ (U)

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ADMINISTRATIVE.. ~~KIRKX~~ THE SOURCE IS COMISARIO MAYOR CARLOS VICENTE MARCOTE, ACTING DIRECTOR, FPA DFG. ~~(S)~~ (U)
COORDINATED LOCALLY.

THE FOREGOING INFORMATION WAS PERSONALLY DISCUSSED WITH ~~THE~~ AMBASSADOR HILL, WHO WAS DEEPLY DISTURBED AT ITS CONTENT. INFORMATION PROVIDED TO THE U.S. EMBASSY DURING THE MORNING OF JULY 7, 1976, REFERRED TO ABOVE, WAS ALLEGEDLY MADE AVAILABLE TO THE EMBASSY'S SECURITY OFFICER BY A MEMBER OF PRESIDENT VIDELA'S PRESS OFFICE. DURING THE MORNING OF JULY 8, 1976, THE AMBASSADOR ADVISED ME THAT HE WAS VISITED BY THE PAPAL NUNCIO, WHO CONFIRMED THAT THE STORY CONCERNING THE THREE NUNS HAVING BEEN ASSASSINATED IS COMPLETELY WITHOUT ~~(S)~~ (U)

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FOUNDATION, AS WELL AS THE ALLEGATION THAT MARIO FIRMEINICH WAS BEING HARBORED AT ST. PATRICK'S PARISH. THE PAPAL NUNCIO TOLD THE AMBASSADOR THAT ONE OF THE TWO ASSASSINATED SEMINARIANS DEFINITELY HAD QUESTIONABLE CONNECTIONS AND THAT THE ROMAN CATHOLIC HIERARCHY IN ARGENTINA, INCLUDING CARDINAL ARAMBURU, WERE CONVINCED THAT THE MOTIVATION FOR THE ASSASSINATION OF THE FIVE CLERGYMEN ON JULY 4, 1976 WAS POLICE RETALIATION FOR THE JULY 2, 1976 FPA OFS BOMBING. ~~(S)~~ (U)

INFORMATION CONCERNING THE ALLEGED HARBORING OF MARIO FIRMEINICH BY THE ASSASSINATED CLERGYMEN AT ST. PATRICK'S PARISH AND ERRONEOUS INFORMATION CONCERNING THE MURDER OF THREE CATHOLIC NUNS WAS REPORTED BY THE U. S. EMBASSY IN BUENOS AIRES IN A U. S. DEPARTMENT OF STATE TELEGRAM ON JULY 7, 1976. THIS U. S. DEPARTMENT OF STATE TELEGRAM WAS HIGHLY CLASSIFIED AND WAS RESTRICTED FROM NORMAL DISTRIBUTION AND DISSEMINATION. ~~(S)~~ (U)

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TO: DIRECTOR

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FROM: LEGAT, BUENOS AIRES (109-2) (100-103)

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FOREIGN POLITICAL MATTERS-ARGENTINA; IS-ARGENTINA; ARGENTINE
TERRORIST ACTIVITIES; FPM-ARGENTINA.

ON JULY 6, 1976, A CONFIDENTIAL SOURCE ABROAD WHO IS
A RANKING OFFICIAL OF THE FEDERAL POLICE OF ARGENTINA (FPA)
DEPARTMENT OF FEDERAL SECURITY (DFS) (INTELLIGENCE DIVISION)
PROVIDED THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION: ~~(S)~~ (U)

DURING THE AFTERNOON OF JULY 6, 1976, THE WIFE OF AN FPA
DFS COMMISSIONED OFFICER WAS KIDNAPPED IN THE FEDERAL CAPITAL
BY UNKNOWN SUBJECTS PRESUMED TO BE TERRORISTS. AS OF THE
EVENING OF JULY 6, 1976 NO COMMUNICATION HAD BEEN RECEIVED
FROM THE KIDNAPPERS. ~~(S)~~ (U)

THE DEATH TOLL FROM THE JULY 2, 1976 MONTONERO TERRORIST
ORGANIZATION BOMBING OF DFS HEADQUARTERS ROSE TO 20 ON JULY
6, 1976, WHEN TWO OTHER INDIVIDUALS DIED OF THEIR INJURIES. ~~(S)~~ (U)

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THE FPA BOMB SQUAD COMPLETED THEIR ANALYSIS OF THE JULY 2, 1976 MONTONERO BOMBING OF DFS HEADQUARTERS AND CONCLUDED THAT THE BOMB WAS COMPOSED OF AT LEAST EIGHT KILOS OF TROTYL, SIMILAR TO PLASTIC EXPLOSIVES, AND HAD BEEN FABRICATED IN THE FORM OF A CLAYMORE-TYPE BOMB UTILIZING BALL BEARINGS TO INSURE HEAVIER PERSONNEL CASUALTIES. A SECOND BOMB WAS DISCOVERED ON JULY 2, 1976 IN A LAVATORY AT DFS HEADQUARTERS BUT HAD BEEN DEFUSED BY FPA EXPLOSIVE EXPERTS. THE FPA BOMB SQUAD CONCLUDED THAT SHOULD THE SECOND BOMB HAVE DETONATED, IT WOULD HAVE VIRTUALLY LEVELED DFS HEADQUARTERS. ~~(S)~~ (U)

AS ANTICIPATED, THE ARGENTINE MINISTRY OF THE INTERIOR CONFIRMED THE APPOINTMENT OF BRIGADIER GENERAL EDMUNDO OJEDA AS CHIEF OF THE FPA. ~~(S)~~ (U)

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ADMINISTRATIVE. REMYCABLE JULY 6, 1976.

SOURCE IS COMISARIO MAYOR CARLOS VICENTE MARCOTTE, ACTING DIRECTOR OF DFS. ~~(S)~~ (U)

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TO: DIRECTOR (109-12-201)

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FROM: LEGAT BUENOS AIRES (109-2)(109-103)

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FOREIGN POLITICAL MATTERS - ARGENTINA; IS - ARGENTINA;
ARGENTINE TERRORIST ACTIVITIES; FPM - ARGENTINA.

ON JULY 2, 1976, AN OFFICIAL OF THE FEDERAL POLICE OF
ARGENTINA (FPA), DEPARTMENT OF FEDERAL SECURITY (INTELLIGENCE
DIVISION), PROVIDED THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION: ~~(S)~~ (U)

AT THE NOONTIME LUNCH HOUR AT FPA DEPARTMENT OF FEDERAL
SECURITY HEADQUARTERS, A POWERFUL BOMB DETONATED IN THE CAFETERIA
KILLING AT LEAST TWENTY-FIVE FPA OFFICIALS AND EMPLOYEES AND
INJURING OVER THIRTY INDIVIDUALS. THE MONTONERO GUERRILLA
ORGANIZATION CLAIM CREDIT FOR THIS ATROCITY. ~~(S)~~ (U)

COORDINATED LOCALLY.

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ADMINISTRATIVE - [SOURCE IS COMISARIO MAYOR CARLOS VICENTE
MARCOTE, DEPUTY DIRECTOR, DEPARTMENT OF FEDERAL SECURITY, FPA.] ~~(S)~~ (U)

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THE AMBASSADOR
VIA THE DCM

4/5/76

LEGAL ATTACHE ROBERT W. SCHERER

ERP

On 4/2/76, an official of the Federal Police of Argentina (FPA), Department of Federal Security (Intelligence Division) provided the following data: ~~(S)~~ (U)

During the week of 3/29/76, the FPA Department of Federal Security received information from a retired Argentine Army Major indicating that the quintero at the latter's rented quinta in Moreno, Buenos Aires Province, reported that his suspicions had been aroused by unusual movement and the arrival of a number of strangers at the quinta. The quintero reported that the leasees, a young married couple, had explained the foregoing by explaining that a family reunion was taking place; however, the quintero reported that the leasees had acted in an extremely nervous manner and that he doubted the family reunion story since only young persons in their early twenties and thirties had arrived with no older individuals falling into the age categories of parents, uncles, aunts, etc., or small children were in evidence. ~~(S)~~ (U)

The FPA, Department of Federal Security, dispatched three officers to investigate. These FPA officers traveled to Moreno in an FPA vehicle which had an inoperative FPA radio. Upon arriving in Moreno, the FPA officers checked in with the local Buenos Aires Provincial Police (BAPP) comisaria to identify themselves, explain the purpose of their mission and request BAPP support. The BAPP Comisario assigned eight BAPP officers to accompany the three FPA officers who proceeded directly to the Major's rented quinta. No neighborhood inquiries ~~(S)~~

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were conducted and the officers approached the quinta openly. They were greeted by a hail of bullets from a large number of automatic weapons and a violent firefight ensued. The police officers soon ran out of ammunition and by the time reinforcements arrived the majority of individuals inside the quinta managed to escape. Fourteen terrorists were killed in the immediate vicinity of the quinta. (S) (U)

Subsequent investigation established that the quinta was being used for a high level policy meeting of the PRT/PST and the ERP, which was attended by between fifty and sixty ranking leaders of these organizations, including MARIO ROBERTO SANTUCHO and DOMINGO MENA (who escaped). Authorities did recover a large number of valuable documents, including tapes, which are being processed and analyzed. (S) (U)

The Argentine Army, which is responsible for ERP repression, was incensed over the bungling of the FPA operation at the quinta and the failure of the FPA to at least inform the Army of the information provided by the retired Army Major. (S) (U)

The foregoing should not be discussed with any foreign officials, including those of the Argentine Government.

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THE AMBASSADOR
VIA ACTING OCM

2/20/76

ROBERT W. SCHERRER, LEGAL ATTACHE

[FEDERAL POLICE OF ARGENTINA (FPA)] ~~(S)~~ (U)

Reference my memo dated 2/10/76 under the above caption, which reported that the recently installed FPA Chief, General ALBANO HARGUINDEGUY, intended to press for the appointment of active duty military officers to key positions in FPA Intelligence, specifically the Director of Federal Security. ~~(S)~~ (U)

On 2/19/76, a ranking official of the FPA provided the following information: ~~(S)~~ (U)

During the past several days, there has been a flurry of rumors circulating at FPA Headquarters, indicating that General HARGUINDEGUY intended to appoint Argentine Army Colonel TEPELINO as the Chief of the FPA Estado Mayor. Additionally, rumors indicated that General HARGUINDEGUY intended to install Colonel RAO, who currently holds an intelligence function in the Argentine Army First Corps at Palermo, as the Director of Federal Security. The latter rumor was so definite, that several FPA officials reported that the installation ceremony for Colonel RAO would be held on 2/19/76. ~~(S)~~ (U)

General HARGUINDEGUY is holding off on any further action with regard to replacing career FPA officers with military personnel, inasmuch as during the morning of 2/19/76 a delegation of senior FPA Comisario Generales and Comisario Mayores informed General HARGUINDEGUY that should either Colonel TEPELINO or Colonel RAO replace a career FPA officer, then all career active duty FPA Comisario Generales and Comisario Mayores would resign en masse in order to protest. ~~(S)~~ (U)

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It should be noted that the mass resignation of all FPA Comisario Generales and Comisario Mayores would leave the FPA in an unmanageable state, since the incumbent Comisario Generales and Comisario Mayores are relatively inexperienced in senior command functions due to the recent frequent turnover within these ranks due to the many changes of the FPA Chiefs over the past several years. However, although the incumbent Comisario Generales and Comisario Mayores are relatively inexperienced, they are veterans compared to those immediately junior in rank to them. The FPA sorely needs at least a year of stability in senior officer ranks, in order to allow middle grade officers sufficient seasoning to take over the senior grade positions when vacated. ~~(S)~~ (U)

The foregoing should not be discussed with any foreign officials including those of the Argentine Government.

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TO: DIRECTOR (109-12-201) NR. 630-20
FROM: LEGAT BUENOS AIRES (109-2)

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FOREIGN POLITICAL MATTERS - ARGENTINA; IS - ARGENTINA.

ON FEBRUARY 19, 1976, A CONFIDENTIAL SOURCE ABROAD, WHO IS A SENIOR OFFICER OF THE FEDERAL POLICE OF ARGENTINA (FPA), CURRENTLY ASSIGNED TO THE DEPARTMENT OF FEDERAL SECURITY (POLICE INTELLIGENCE), PROVIDED THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION: ~~(S)~~ (U)

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DURING LATE JANUARY 1976, BRIGADIER GENERAL ALBANO EDUARDO HARGUINDEGUY, AN ACTIVE DUTY ARGENTINE ARMY GENERAL, WAS APPOINTED TO THE POSITION OF CHIEF OF THE FEDERAL POLICE OF ARGENTINA (FPA), REPLACING A CAREER FPA OFFICER AS CHIEF. DURING THE PAST SEVERAL WEEKS, GENERAL HARGUINDEGUY HAS INDICATED TO CONFIDANTS IN THE FPA, THAT HE DESIRES TO FILL CERTAIN KEY POSITIONS CURRENTLY OCCUPIED IN THE FPA BY CAREER FPA OFFICERS WITH ARGENTINE MILITARY PERSONNEL. GENERAL HARGUINDEGUY INDICATED THAT THE REASON FOR HIS DESIRE TO INCORPORATE ARGENTINE MILITARY PERSONNEL IN KEY FPA POSITIONS WAS TO INSURE THAT THE FPA WAS COMPLETELY RESPONSIVE TO THE ARGENTINE MILITARY AND NOT TO THE ARGENTINE MINISTER OF THE INTERIOR, UNDER WHOSE ~~(S)~~ (U)

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AUTHORITY THE FPA NORMALLY OPERATES. GENERAL HARGUINDEGUY INDICATED THAT AN ACTIVE DUTY MILITARY OFFICER, SERVING IN THE FPA, WOULD BE RESPONSIVE TO THE ORDERS OF THE COMMANDER IN CHIEF OF THE RESPECTIVE MILITARY SERVICE, WHEREAS A CAREER FPA OFFICER WILL OBVIOUSLY HAVE TO FOLLOW THE ORDERS OF THE MINISTER OF THE INTERIOR, SHOULD A CONFLICT ARISE BETWEEN THE ORDERS ISSUED BY A MILITARY FPA CHIEF AND THE CIVILIAN MINISTER OF THE INTERIOR. ~~(S)~~ (U)

GENERAL HARGUINDEGUY LET IT BE KNOWN THAT HE INTENDED TO INSTALL ACTIVE ARGENTINE ARMY COLONELS IN THE POSITIONS OF FPA CHIEF OF THE ESTADO MAYOR (HIGH COMMAND) AND THE DIRECTOR OF FEDERAL SECURITY (POLICE INTELLIGENCE). DURING THE MORNING OF FEBRUARY 19, 1976, A DELEGATION OF INCUMBENT FPA COMISARIO GENERALES AND COMISARIO MAYORES INFORMED GENERAL HARGUINDEGUY THAT SHOULD HE REPLACE ANY INCUMBENT FPA CAREER OFFICER WITH MILITARY PERSONNEL, EVERY COMISARIO GENERAL AND COMISARIO MAYOR PRESENTLY SERVING IN THE FPA WOULD RESIGN IN PROTEST. SUCH A MASS RESIGNATION WOULD CAUSE HAVOC IN THE COMMAND STRUCTURE ~~(S)~~ (U)

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OF THE FPA AND MAKE IT VIRTUALLY UNMANAGEABLE. FOR THE TIME
BEING GENERAL HARGUINDEGUY HAS BACKED DOWN FROM HIS INTENTION
OF INSTALLING ARMY OFFICERS IN THE TWO AFOREMENTIONED FPA
POSITIONS. ~~(S)~~ (U)

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ADMINISTRATIVE - [SOURCE IS COMISARIO MAYOR CARLOS VICENTE
MARCOTE, DEPUTY DIRECTOR, DEPARTMENT OF FEDERAL SECURITY,
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DAVID GRAIVER; ET AL; BE&E-CONSPIRACY; ITSP-FBW. 00: NEW YORK.

RE BUCAR, APRIL 14, 1977, INSTRUCTING THAT INVESTIGATION
IN CAPTIONED MATTER BE DISCONTINUED, BASED ON AUSA, SDNY'S
DECLINATION IN FAVOR OF LOCAL PROSECUTION. (U) &

FOR INFORMATION OF THE BUREAU AND RECIPIENT OFFICES,
DURING THE PAST WEEK, INFORMATION, ALLEGEDLY LEAKED BY BUENOS
AIRES PROVINCIAL GOVERNMENT SOURCES, HAS APPEARED AS SENSATIONAL
PAGE ONE ITEMS IN THE NEWSPAPER, "LA NUEVA PROVINCIA," PUBLISHED
IN BAHIA BLANCA, BUENOS AIRES PROVINCE, INDICATING THAT GRAIVER
AND FORMER PERONIST ECONOMY MINISTER, JOSE BER GELBARD, LAUNDERED
FUNDS FOR THE MONTONEROS, AN ARGENTINE TERRORIST ORGANIZATION,
THROUGH GRAIVER-CONTROLLED BANKING INSTITUTIONS IN ARGENTINA,

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THE UNITED STATES AND EUROPE. IT WAS FURTHER ALLEGED THAT GRAIVER DEPOSITED THE MONTONERO FUNDS, UPWARDS OF 25 MILLION DOLLARS, IN EUROPEAN ACCOUNTS AND FACILITATED THE PAYMENT OF MONTHLY INTEREST, ESTIMATED AS HIGH AS 130 THOUSAND DOLLARS, TO THE MONTONEROS FROM EUROPEAN ACCOUNTS ESTABLISHED BY GRAIVER. (U)

THE STORY IN "LA NUEVA PROVINCIA" HAS BEEN PICKED UP AND FOLLOWED BY THE MAJOR BUENOS AIRES DAILY NEWSPAPERS AND INTERNATIONAL WIRE SERVICES. CONSIDERABLE SPECULATION HAS BEEN ADDED TO "LA NUEVA PROVINCIA'S" ORIGINAL INFORMATION. THE ENTIRE MATTER REACHED SENSATIONAL PROPORTIONS DURING THE WEEKEND OF APRIL 16-17, 1977 FOLLOWING THE ARREST ON APRIL 15, 1977 OF JACOBO TIMERMAN, THE EDITOR OF "LA OPINION", AN IMPORTANT BUENOS AIRES DAILY NEWSPAPER, ON CHARGES RELATED TO THE GRAIVER INVESTIGATION. (U)

ARGENTINE PRESIDENT GENERAL JORGE RAFAEL VIDELA CLAIMED PERSONAL RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE GRAIVER INVESTIGATION, NOTING THAT THE ARGENTINE GOVERNMENT, THROUGH THE GRAIVER INVESTIGATION, HAD UNCOVERED MASSIVE ILLEGAL ACTIVITIES BY NUMEROUS PROMINENT ARGENTINE CITIZENS. PRESIDENT VIDELA STATED THAT THE ARGENTINE GOVERNMENT WOULD SEE THE GRAIVER INVESTIGATION THROUGH TO THE

BITTER END AND THAT THE GOVERNMENT WOULD LET THE "CHIPS" FALL AS

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ON APRIL 15, 1977, COL. ALBERTO VALIN, PROTECT, CHIEF,
 ARGENTINE ARMY INTELLIGENCE SERVICE (AAIS) ADVISED THAT HIS
 SERVICE WAS CONDUCTING AN EXTREMELY COMPLICATED, SECRET
 INVESTIGATION INTO GRAIVER'S ACTIVITIES IN ARGENTINA. COL.

VALIN ADVISED THAT THE AAIS INVESTIGATION WAS FOLLOWING TWO
 DIFFERENT AVENUES; ONE INTO THE ILLEGAL BANKING ACTIVITIES OF
 GRAIVER IN ARGENTINA AND THE OTHER INTO THE POSSIBLE, REPEAT,
 POSSIBLE SUBVERSIVE CONNECTIONS OF GRAIVER IN ARGENTINA. COL.
 VALIN NOTED THAT THE TWO ^{PROMPTED} AAIS INVESTIGATION WAS HIGHLY
 CLASSIFIED. ~~(S)~~ (U)

DURING THE WEEKEND OF APRIL 16-17, 1977, PROMINENT MENTION
 WAS MADE IN THE BUENOS AIRES NEWS MEDIA THAT THE FBI WAS SEEKING
 GRAIVER IN THE U.S. AND ABROAD THROUGH INTERPOL IN CONNECTION
 WITH AN INVESTIGATION INTO GRAIVER'S ILLEGAL BANKING OPERATIONS
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NO INFORMATION HAS COME TO LEGAT'S ATTENTION FROM CONTACTS INDICATING THAT THERE IS ANY VALIDITY IN THE ALLEGATION THAT GRAIVER HAD ASSISTED THE MONTONEROS IN LAUNDERING THEIR FUNDS, OR THAT HE FACILITATED THE MONTHLY PAYMENT OF INTEREST TO THE MONTONEROS FROM THEIR FUNDS ABROAD. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

LEGAT BELIEVES THAT THE ALLEGED GRAIVER-MONTONERO FINANCIAL CONNECTION MIGHT WELL REPRESENT A COUNTERINTELLIGENCE OR MIS-INFORMATION OPERATION BY THE ARGENTINE GOVERNMENT TO DISCREDIT FORMER PERONIST GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS. (S) (E)

AS INSTRUCTED IN RE BUCAR, LEGAT HAS DISCONTINUED INVESTIGATION IN CAPTIONED MATTER. THE FOREGOING IS BEING BROUGHT TO THE ATTENTION [REDACTED]

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OF FBI, HQ AND RECIPIENT OFFICES DUE TO THE WIDESPREAD SENSATIONAL-
TYPE PUBLICITY CAPTIONED MATTER IS RECEIVING IN ARGENTINA AND
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DISCOVERY OF EXTREMIST ARMS FACTORY

On 4/7/75, an official of the Buenos Aires Provincial Police (BAPP) provided the following information:

During the morning of 4/7/75, the BAPP, in a joint operation with officials of the State Secretariat for Information (SISE), raided an extremist arms factory and assembly location in San Justo, Buenos Aires Province. In the raid components of 50 9 mm. machine guns were seized. Certain components seized were obviously fabricated in other locations; however, various other parts of the machine guns originated at the San Justo factory and assembly point. In addition, plans for a hand-operated bazooka were discovered among the technical material at the location. Specifications for the bazooka indicated it would be approximately 3 1/2 feet long and held with a pistol grip. The projectile for the bazooka was to be fired electrically, utilizing four large lantern batteries.

A married couple and another male individual were picked up at the factory and assembly site. These individuals all admitted to being members of the Montonero guerrilla organization. Information leading to the raid was secured from interrogations of various Tupamaros captured during the preceding week. Three of these Tupamaros have already been executed by security forces, since they refused to disclose any information.

During the morning of 4/7/75, the BAPP invited representatives of the three Argentine armed forces intelligence agencies to view the captured components for the machine gun. Shortly after the arrival of the armed forces representatives, a representative of the Federal Police of Argentina (FPA), Depart-

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DISCOVERY OF EXTREMIST ARMS FACTORY

ment of Federal Security, appeared and requested that he be allowed to examine the arms factory and assembly point. Acting on orders from Buenos Aires Provincial Governor VICTOR CALABRO, the FPA representative was denied admittance and turned away.

The BAPP intend to maintain information concerning the discovery of the arms factory and assembly location a secret, inasmuch as they are acting on additional information secured through interrogations with prisoners.

The foregoing information should not be discussed with any foreign officials, including those of the Argentine and Uruguayan Governments.

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DIRECTOR, FBI (105-284458)

6/15/77

LEGAT, BUENOS AIRES (105-1305)(P)

ENRIQUE RUBIO
IS-CZ & ARGENTINA

ReBulet 5/18/77.

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Enclosed for the Bureau are six prints of a photograph of Colonel ISMAEL ARNALDO ZAMUDIO, together with the corresponding negative. Bureau is requested to transmit the enclosures to WFO.

For the information of the Bureau, Colonel ISMAEL ARNALDO ZAMUDIO, according to records of the Defense Attache's Office, U. S. Embassy, Buenos Aires, was born on 2/19/22 in Buenos Aires. His wife's name is ANA MARIA TROTZ. ZAMUDIO has eight children: ISMAEL VALERIO, DOB 6/26/51; ANA MARIA, DOB 7/24/52; MARIA CECILIA, DOB 7/4/53; MARIA VICTORIA, DOB 10/18/54; JUAN CRUZ, DOB 6/20/56; MARIA VERONICA, DOB 7/23/57; MARIA JOSEFINA, DOB 2/17/60; and LEOPOLDO EUGENIO, DOB 9/10/62.

ZAMUDIO attended the Argentine Military Academy, entering on 3/4/40, graduating on 12/29/43, as a Sub-Lieutenant. He was promoted to Second Lieutenant on 12/31/46; First Lieutenant on 12/31/48; Captain on 12/31/51; Major 12/31/55; Lieutenant Colonel on 12/31/58; and Colonel on 12/31/64. ZAMUDIO apparently retired from active military service on 12/31/67 with the rank of Colonel.

Although ZAMUDIO is classified as a Cavalry Officer, his specialty was intelligence. In this connection he attended the Argentine Army Intelligence School and also the Argentine Army Center of Higher Studies. In connection with the latter, he visited

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the U. S. during the period 1/18/67-2/11/67, on a tour of various U. S. military establishments.

As an indication of ZAMUDIO's intelligence affiliation, he was posted to the Argentine Army Intelligence Service during 1953, when he was a Captain, to the State Secretariat for Intelligence during 1958, when he held the rank of Major, and again to the Argentine Army Intelligence Service in 1959, while he was a Colonel.

ZAMUDIO speaks his native Spanish, Italian, French, Portugese, and English.

Buenos Aires indices contain a reference to JORGE O. ZAMUDIO, who in 1967, was listed as a Legat contact. This individual was listed as a Lieutenant Colonel in the Argentine Army.

On 6/15/77, Colonel ALBERTO VALIN, Director, Argentine Army Intelligence Service, advised that ZAMUDIO was an extremely competent Argentine Army Officer and well regarded in Argentine Army Intelligence Service circles. Colonel VALIN noted that JORGE O. ZAMUDIO is the brother of ISMAEL ARNALDO ZAMUDIO. Colonel VALIN noted that the former also retired from Argentine Army service with the rank of Colonel during approximately 1972. Colonel VALIN noted that ZAMUDIO's eldest son, ISMAEL VALERIO, is a Captain in the Argentine Army assigned to the Argentine Army Intelligence Service. (S) (U)

With regard to requested information, comments by Legat concerning possible changes in Argentine policy toward the U. S. as a result of U. S. criticism of Argentina for alleged human rights violations, the following information is set forth:

The incumbent Argentine Government is a military government. It is in the process of terminating long established terrorist organizations in Argentina. The process of eliminating terrorists might be likened to a civil war. During the past five years, numerous military personnel and their families have been killed by terrorists in Argentina. The Argentine military is engaged in a "no holds barred" exercise to annihilate terrorism in Argentina once and for all.

The U. S. criticism of Argentina and the curtailment of

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credits to purchase military equipment, has deeply disturbed the Argentine military. Many high-ranking Argentine military contacts believe that the Carter Administration's position on human rights, vis a vis Argentina, is hypocritical. These Argentine military contacts note that in a report submitted to the U. S. Congress, the Department of State noted that there were very few human rights violations in Israel. Argentine military contacts emphasized that they have personal knowledge that the Israeli Government has absolutely no consideration for human rights pertaining to Arab terrorists, and that the most brutal, repressive measures utilized anywhere in the world are regularly employed by Israeli intelligence personnel. Additionally, Argentine military contacts point out that Secretary of State Vance commented that although there were human rights violations in South Korea, the U. S. Government would continue military assistance and credits to that government, inasmuch as it was considered to be strategically important to the U. S. Argentine military contacts point out that they find it hard to believe that South Korea holds any strategic importance to the U. S. and have indicated that they are convinced that no sanctions were taken against South Korea for human rights violations because the South Korean Intelligence Agency (KIA) had bribed U. S. Congressmen and Senators not to condemn South Korea for human rights violations.

In contacts by U. S. Embassy Officers with Argentine Government officials in Buenos Aires, there has been a noticeable coolness displayed by Argentine Government officials, especially on the topic of human rights, when raised. Several Argentine military contacts have privately informed Legat that they suspect the Central Intelligence Agency provided information concerning Argentine intelligence service methods used in repressing terrorists, which admittedly were harsh and could be considered as violation of human rights under the normal standards. For this reason, it has become apparent that Argentine Government officials in Buenos Aires are being extremely cautious, in order not to divulge information which might be harmful to Argentina in the human rights area. It is noted that U. S. military personnel assigned to Argentina have successfully overcome problems with their Argentine military contacts because of human rights violations by pointing out that they are appreciative of Argentina's problem in combatting terrorism and emphasizing that they are U. S. military personnel, whose duties do not include gathering information on human rights violations or

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offering criticism against Argentina and the Argentine military for the conduct of the Argentine Government's war on terrorism.

Legat has also successfully been able to avoid lack of cooperation by his contacts because of the human rights problem by pointing out that he represents the FBI and his duties do not include gathering intelligence on human rights in Argentina.

Legat concurs with the opinion of WFO that RUBIO may have broken contact with WFO Agents because of the human rights problem resulting in U. S. criticism of Argentina.

Bureau is requested to advise whether any additional action or information is desired of the Buenos Aires Office in captioned matter.

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CONSUL, MERIDA, MEXICO, JULY 23, 1976; DANIEL FERRER FERNANDEZ-
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ON AUGUST 31, 1976, A CONFIDENTIAL SOURCE ABROAD WHO IS
AN OFFICIAL OF THE ARGENTINE ARMY INTELLIGENCE SERVICE (AAIS)
PROVIDED THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION: ~~(S)~~(U)

VARIOUS ARGENTINE INTELLIGENCE AGENCIES HAVE BEEN WORKING
ON A PRIORITY INVESTIGATION TO ATTEMPT TO ESTABLISH LINKS BETWEEN
THE CUBAN EMBASSY IN BUENOS AIRES AND THE TWO MAJOR ARGENTINE
TERRORIST ORGANIZATIONS, THE PEOPLE'S REVOLUTIONARY ARMY (ERP)
AND THE MONTONEROS. IN THIS CONNECTION, A HIGHLY CLASSIFIED ~~(S)~~(U)

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DOCUMENT WAS PASSED THROUGH AAIS CHANNELS INDICATING THAT TWO EMPLOYEES OF THE CUBAN EMBASSY IN BUENOS AIRES, JESUS CEJAS ARIAS AND CRESENCIO GALANENA HERNANDEZ, WERE CLANDESTINELY PICKED UP BY ONE OF THE ARGENTINE INTELLIGENCE SERVICES ON AUGUST 9, 1976 IN BUENOS AIRES AND UNDER SEVERE INTERROGATION HAD ADMITTED THAT THEY WERE CUBAN INTELLIGENCE SERVICE ^{CUBA} (CUB) OFFICERS AFFILIATED WITH THE DGI. ~~(S)~~ (U)

ACCORDING TO THE AAIS DOCUMENT, BOTH CEJAS AND GALANENA ADMITTED THAT THEY WERE CONTACTS OF THE ERP ~~(S)~~ (U)

ON SEPTEMBER 1, 1976, A SECOND CONFIDENTIAL SOURCE ABROAD WHO IS ALSO AN OFFICIAL OF THE AAIS PROVIDED THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION: ~~(S)~~ (U)

OFFICERS OF THE AAIS AND THE STATE SECRETARIAT FOR INFORMATION (SIDE) ABDUCTED CEJAS AND GALANENA IN BUENOS AIRES ON AUGUST 9, 1976 BASED ON EVIDENCE THAT THEY WERE WORKING WITH THE ERP. CEJAS AND GALANENA BOTH ADMITTED THAT THEY WERE ^{CUBA} ~~CUBA~~ ~~CONFIDENTIAL~~ DGI OFFICERS AND THAT THEY HAD BEEN IN CONTACT WITH ERP OFFICERS IN BUENOS AIRES IN CONNECTION WITH THE TERRORIST ACTIVITIES OF THE LATTER ORGANIZATION. CEJAS AND GALANENA ALSO PROVIDED THE ~~(S)~~ (U)

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IDENTITIES OF OTHER ~~CIUS~~^{CIUS}-DGI OFFICERS ASSIGNED TO THE CUBAN EMBASSY IN BUENOS AIRES UNDER DIPLOMATIC COVER. AFTER INTENSIVE INTERROGATION LASTING FOR APPROXIMATELY FIVE DAYS, BOTH ~~KE~~ CEJAS AND GALANENA WERE EXECUTED. (S)(U)

TO COVER THE DISAPPEARANCE OF CEJAS AND GALANENA, THEIR ARGENTINE DIPLOMATIC CREDENTIALS WERE MAILED TO THE ASSOCIATED PRESS OFFICE IN BUENOS AIRES ^{on 8/16/76} WITH A NOTE WRITTEN BY THEM UNDER DURESS BEFORE THEY WERE EXECUTED, INDICATING THAT THEY WERE DEFECTING. (S)(U)

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RE BUCABLES AUGUST 13, 17, 18, 19/19 AND SEPTEMBER 1, 1976.

FIRST SOURCE IS MAJOR JUAN LUCERO, AAIS.

SECOND SOURCE IS COL. ALBERTO VALIN, DIRECTOR, AAIS. (S)(U)

(U) (S) [IT IS NOTED THAT ACCORDING TO COL. VALIN, NOTICE OF CEJAS' AND GALANENA'S DISAPPEARANCE FIRST APPEARED IN THE BUENOS AIRES NEWS MEDIA ON THE MORNING OF AUGUST 12, 1976; HOWEVER, A NOTICE APPARENTLY APPEARED IN THE "LONDON TIMES" ON AUGUST 10, 1976.]

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FROM THE FOREGOING INFORMATION, IT IS APPARENT THAT CORU HAD NOTHING TO DO WITH CEJAS' AND GALANENA'S ABDUCTION AND EXECUTION. OBVIOUSLY, CORU HOPED TO CAPITALIZE UPON THE ABDUCTION OF CEJAS AND GALANENA AND PROBABLY GAMBLLED THAT THEIR BODIES WOULD EVENTUALLY TURN UP IN BUENOS AIRES, WHICH WOULD ENABLE CORU TO CLAIM CREDIT FOR THE EXECUTION. HOWEVER, ACCORDING TO INFORMATION PROVIDED BY COL. VALIN, CEJAS' AND GALANENA'S BODIES WERE DISPOSED OF IN SUCH A MANNER TO PRECLUDE THEIR EVER BEING FOUND.

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BUREAU IS REQUESTED TO ADVISE THE MIAMI OFFICE.

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9/3/76

LEGAL ATTACHE ROBERT W. SCHERRER

FOREIGN POLITICAL MATTERS-ARGENTINA;
FPN-CUBA

On 8/31/76, a confidential source who has provided reliable information in the past, reported the following information:

Various Argentine intelligence agencies have been working on a priority investigation to attempt to establish links between the Cuban Embassy in Buenos Aires and the two major Argentine terrorist organizations, the People's Revolutionary Army (ERP) and the Montoneros. In this connection, a highly classified document was passed through Argentine Army Intelligence Service (SIE) channels indicating that two employees of the Cuban Embassy in Buenos Aires Jesús Cejas Arias and Cresencio Galanena Hernández, were clandestinely picked up by one of the Argentine intelligence services on 8/9/76 in Buenos Aires and under severe interrogation had admitted that they were Cuban Intelligence Service (CUI) officers affiliated with the DGI (U)

According to the SIE document, both CEJAS and GALANENA admitted that they were contacts of the ERP (U)

On 9/1/76, a second confidential source who has furnished reliable information in the past provided the following information:

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Officers of the SIDE and the State Secretariat for Information (SIDE) abducted Cejas and Galanena in Buenos Aires on 8/9/76, based on evidence that they were working with the ERP. Cejas and Galanena both admitted that they were CUIS-DCI officers and that they had been in contact with ERP officers in Buenos Aires in connection with the terrorist activities of the latter organization. Cejas and Galanena also provided the identities of other CUIS-DCI officers assigned to the Cuban Embassy in Buenos Aires under diplomatic cover. After intensive interrogation lasting for approximately five days, both Cejas and Galanena were executed. ~~(S)~~ (U)

To cover the disappearance of Cejas and Galanena, their Argentine diplomatic credentials were mailed to the Associated Press office in Buenos Aires on 8/16/76, with a note written by them under duress before they were executed, indicating that they were defecting.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : FILE 105-1348

FROM : LEGAT ROBERT W. SCHERRER

SUBJECT: CORU
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DATE: 3/1/77

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For the information of the file, on 3/1/77 JOHN [redacted] contacted the [redacted] office with regard to a [redacted] [redacted] to develop any information indicating that CORU and the AAA had entered into an alliance to carry out terrorist activities. [redacted]

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[redacted] provided information furnished by the FBI indicating that an FBI, Miami, source recently reported that CORU had entered into agreements with the AAA in Argentina and rightist terrorist groups in Brazil and Spain to carry out acts of terrorism. [redacted]

[redacted] that the AAA is not an organization as such, but a name which has been utilized by various individuals and groups to claim responsibility for right-wing terrorist activities. [redacted] that CORU had previously claimed joint credit with the AAA for the kidnapping of two Cuban diplomats in Buenos Aires during May, 1976. I noted that CORU's claim was a fabrication since as we were both aware, the Argentine intelligence services were responsible for the abduction and subsequent murder of the two Cuban diplomats. [redacted] that CORU frequently claimed credit for terrorist activities for which they had nothing to do. [redacted]

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ARGENTINE COMMISSION FOR HUMAN RIGHTS;
HORACIO D. LOFREDO

Reference is made to captioned organization's letter directed to President CARTER dated 8/31/77, which was signed by LOFREDO. A copy of this letter is being circulated by the Political Section to various Embassy components. The following information is set forth with regard to the background of HORACIO D. LOFREDO, who has been identified by the FBI as being identical with HORACIO DANIEL LOFREDO, an Argentine-born naturalized U. S. citizen:

A Foreign Agents Registration Act FBI investigation was ordered during 1976 by the U. S. Department of Justice concerning LOFREDO, the Tri-Continental Film Center (TFC) and other individuals connected with the TFC, in order to ascertain whether a connection between the TFC and a foreign principal could be established.

FBI investigation established that LOFREDO is a Trustee of the TFC in New York City, and that he was previously connected with the TFC in California. The FBI identified TFC as the exclusive distributor of films shown by the Venceremos Brigade (VB). Additionally, the FBI ascertained that in early 1976 a contract was entered into by the TFC, represented by HORACIO LOFREDO and one other individual, and the Center for Cuban Studies (CCS) in New York City.

A characterization of the Venceremos Brigade is attached.

The CCS holds classes in New York City regarding the CASTRO revolution in Cuba and distributes literature and information, which is pro-CASTRO.

During 1972 LOFREDO told a source that the TFC in

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California and the Third World Cinema group were one and the same organization.

On 5/10/70, LOFREDO and three other individuals were stopped as they crossed the Canadian border in an automobile at Blaine, Washington, by officials of the U. S. Customs Service. LOFREDO admitted he was a member of the Venceremos Brigade and also confessed that two boxes of Marxist propaganda and literature discovered in the automobile by U. S. Customs were his property and had been brought from Cuba via Canada in order to further promote Venceremos Brigade activities in the United States.

FBI investigation confirmed that another trustee of the TFC was LEONORE CAROL DE CRUZ, a resident of the Oakland-Berkeley, California, area.

During October, 1976, an Argentine military intelligence agency requested FBI assistance in ascertaining the identity of an organization known as "OPBC," P. O. Box 1313, Oakland, California. The Argentine service noted that on 9/28/76, Argentine security forces raided an apartment in the Villa Luro section of the Federal Capital, which was occupied by high-ranking members of the Montonero terrorist organization. Several Montonero leaders were killed and others captured. A volume of important Montonero correspondence was recovered from the apartment. One document recovered was a copy of a letter directed to "OPBC," P. O. Box 1313, Oakland, California, 94609. This letter had been written by Montonero leader, JOSE MOLINAS BELUZZI, and was directed to an individual within the "OPBC" named RAQUEL (last name unknown). The letter requested that the "OPBC" institute various pressure tactics in the United States and to contact members of the Democratic Party in order to intensify pressure to force the Argentine Government to liberate terrorist prisoners in Argentina. Additionally, MOLINAS requested of RAQUEL that "you, in the United States, should arrange for political asylum for us (Montoneros) at the American Embassy in Buenos Aires by means of the pressure that you can apply there (in the United States)." In addition, MOLINAS commented that RAQUEL might further assist the Montonero cause by means of "pressure upon international organizations of solidarity when you travel outside the country (United States)."

The FBI conducted limited investigation in the United States at the request of the Argentine service in accordance with Attorney General of the United States guidelines for foreign counter-intelligence investigations based on the possibility that the subject of the investigation requested might be a foreign terrorist or connected with international terrorism.

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**ARGENTINE COMMISSION FOR HUMAN RIGHTS;
HORACIO D. LOFREDO**

The identity of the subscriber to Post Office Box 1313, Oakland, California, was established as LEONORE CAROL DE CRUZ. DE CRUZ's connections with the TFC and LOFREDO surfaced during this investigation.

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TO DIRECTOR (109-12-201) NR. 183-03
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FOREIGN POLITICAL MATTERS - ARGENTINA; IS - ARGENTINA;
ARGENTINE TERRORIST ACTIVITIES; FPM - ARGENTINA.

ON AUGUST 2, 1976, A CONFIDENTIAL SOURCE ABROAD WHO IS
AN OFFICIAL OF THE ARGENTINE ARMY INTELLIGENCE SERVICE (AAIS)
PROVIDED THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION: ~~(S)~~ (U)

IN NUMEROUS CAPTURED DOCUMENTS PICKED UP BY THE AAIS
FROM THE ARGENTINE TERRORIST ORGANIZATION, THE PEOPLE'S
REVOLUTIONARY ARMY (ERP), THERE HAS APPEARED INFORMATION

INDICATING THAT THE ERP PLANNED TO CONDUCT A BLITZ-TYPE TERRORIST
OPERATION COMMENCING APPROXIMATELY TEN DAYS PRIOR TO AUGUST 22,
1976, WHEREIN BOMBINGS, ASSASSINATIONS AND OTHER TERRORIST ACTS
WOULD BE CARRIED OUT IN ORDER TO DRAMATICALLY LEAD UP TO THE
ANNIVERSARY OF THE SO-CALLED TRELEW INCIDENT ON AUGUST 22, 1976.

IT IS NOTED THAT THE TRELEW INCIDENT INVOLVED THE KILLING OF SEVERAL ~~(S)~~ (U)
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CAPTURED TERRORISTS IN TRELEW, ARGENTINA, BY ARGENTINE SECURITY FORCES DURING AN ESCAPE ATTEMPT FROM AN ARGENTINE MILITARY PRISON. THE AAIS BELIEVE THAT THE RECENT ELIMINATION OF MARIO ROBERTO SANTUCHO, DOMINGO MENA AND OTHER TOP ERP LEADERS, PLUS THE CAPTURE OF IMPORTANT DOCUMENTS REVEALING ERP PLANS DURING THE TEN-DAY PERIOD PRECEDING AUGUST 22, 1976, MAY CAUSE SURVIVING ERP MEMBERS, WHO ARE BASICALLY WITHOUT LEADERSHIP, TO ABORT THEIR PLANS CONCERNING THIS PERIOD; HOWEVER, THE AAIS HAS NO POSITIVE INFORMATION CONFIRMING THAT THIS ERP PLAN HAS BEEN CALLED OFF. ~~(S)~~ (U)

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TO DIRECTOR (109-12-201) NR 197-16

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ON JULY 15, 1976, A CONFIDENTIAL SOURCE ABROAD, WHO IS
A RANKING OFFICIAL OF THE FEDERAL POLICE OF ARGENTINA (FPA),
DEPARTMENT OF FEDERAL SECURITY (INTELLIGENCE DIVISION), PROVIDED
THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION: (S) (U)

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BY DEPARTMENT REVIEW COMMITTEE (DRG)
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INFORMATION OBTAINED FROM SEVERAL RECENTLY DETAINED
MONTONERO GUERRILLA MEMBERS INDICATES THAT THE MONTONEROS
ARE PLANNING TO INITIATE LARGE SCALE ATTACKS FOR THE PURPOSE
OF ASSASSINATION AGAINST SENIOR MILITARY AND POLICE OFFICIALS
HAVING INTELLIGENCE RESPONSIBILITIES. THE MONTONEROS PLAN
TO INITIATE THE ASSASSINATION CAMPAIGN ON JULY 20, 1976, AND
AT THE PRESENT TIME ARE MOVING MEMBERS INTO THE FEDERAL CAPITAL
OF BUENOS AIRES IN ORDER TO IMPLEMENT THE ASSASSINATION OPERATION. (S) (U)

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ADMINISTRATIVE - [SOURCE IS COMISARIO MAYOR CARLOS VICENTE
MARCOTE, ACTING DIRECTOR, FPA, DEPT. OF FEDERAL SECURITY] (S) (U)
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INFORMATIVE NOTE

Date 2/20/76

Attached from Legat, Buenos Aires,
reports on [redacted]

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advised Argentine terrorist organization,
the Peoples Revolutionary Army (ERP),
intends to concentrate on targeting
U. S. Embassy, Buenos Aires, personnel
and U. S. businessmen in Argentina for
terrorist activities. Source reported
the ERP concluded the location of the
embassy in the crowded, congested downtown
financial district of Buenos Aires makes
it an excellent target for terrorist
attack. Source advised the ERA was
considering seeking the assistance of the
Montonero Guerrilla Organization in
mounting an attack against the embassy. (S) U)

On 2/17/76, Federal Police of
Argentina (FPA) advised that during a
raid against a terrorist command post,
a volume of material was seized including
a roll of microfilm concerning intelligence
gathered against U. S. Embassy, Buenos
Aires. Among data on microfilm was copy
of dated embassy-issued identification
code for residences occupied by embassy
personnel. Residence of former Legat (S) U)

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John J. Wachter was correctly identified by its embassy code designation. Microfilm also contained a volume of dated but accurate information on U. S. military personnel assigned to Argentina as well as current data on Ambassador Robert C. Hill. [REDACTED]

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Above information known to the Ambassador and all embassy components and their headquarters. Buenos Aires Office personnel continuing to take stringent security measures.

Legat, Buenos Aires, advised foregoing provided only for the information of FBIHQ and no dissemination should be made at FBIHQ.

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ARGENTINE TERRORIST ACTIVITIES; ERP - ARGENTINA;

SECURITY OF BUENOS AIRES OFFICE PERSONNEL.

[REDACTED] RECENTLY ADVISED THAT
THE ARGENTINE TERRORIST ORGANIZATION, THE PEOPLE'S REVOLUTIONARY
ARMY (ERP), INTENDS TO CONCENTRATE ON TARGETING U. S. EMBASSY
BUENOS AIRES PERSONNEL AND U. S. BUSINESSMEN IN ARGENTINA FOR
TERRORIST ACTIVITIES. SPECIFICALLY, [REDACTED] SOURCE REPORTED
THAT THE ERP CONCLUDED THAT THE LOCATION OF THE U.S. EMBASSY,
BUENOS AIRES IN THE CROWDED, CONGESTED DOWNTOWN FINANCIAL
DISTRICT OF BUENOS AIRES MADE IT AN EXCELLENT TARGET FOR
TERRORIST ATTACK. [REDACTED] SOURCE ADVISED THAT THE ERP WAS
CONSIDERING SEEKING THE ASSISTANCE OF THE MONTONEROS GUERRILLA
ORGANIZATION IN PLANNING AN ATTACK AGAINST THE U.S. EMBASSY
OF BUENOS AIRES. (S) (U)

ON FEBRUARY 17, 1976, FEDERAL POLICE OF ARGENTINA
(FPA) ADVISED THAT DURING A JOINT FPA- ARGENTINE ARMY RAID ON

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JANUARY 8, 1976, IN BERNAL, BUENOS AIRES PROVINCE, AGAINST
A TERRORIST COMMAND ^{AND} POST, A VOLUME OF MATERIAL WAS SEIZED,
INCLUDING A ROLL OF MICROFILM CONCERNING INTELLIGENCE
GATHERED AGAINST THE U. S. EMBASSY, BUENOS AIRES. THIS MICRO-
FILM CONTAINED A COMPLETE LIST OF ARGENTINE PARTICIPANTS IN THE
FORMER AID PUBLIC SAFETY PROGRAM, INCLUDING THREE GRADUATES OF
THE EMINA. ADDITIONALLY, THE MICROFILM CONTAINED A COPY OF A
DATED EMBASSY-ISSUED IDENTIFICATION CODE FOR RESIDENCES
OCCUPIED BY EMBASSY PERSONNEL. INCLUDED IN THE LATTER WAS FORMER
BUENOS AIRES LEGAT JOHN J. WACHTER, WHOSE RESIDENCE AT POORE
SAENZ PERA 654, SAN ISIDRO, WAS CORRECTLY IDENTIFIED BY ITS
EMBASSY CODE DESIGNATION OF "VERDE NUEVE." THE MICROFILM ALSO
CONTAINED A VOLUME OF DATED BUT ACCURATE INFORMATION ON U. S.
MILITARY PERSONNEL ASSIGNED TO ARGENTINA, AS WELL AS CURRENT
DATA ON AMBASSADOR ROBERT C. HILL.

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U. S. EMBASSY, BUENOS AIRES, COMPONENTS AND THEIR HEADQUARTERS.

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ARGENTINE TERRORIST ACTIVITIES; FPM - ARGENTINA; ARAB TERROR

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ON MAY 26, 1976, AN OFFICIAL OF THE FEDERAL POLICE OF ARGENTINA (FPA) PROVIDED THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION: (S) (U)

ON OR ABOUT MAY 19, 1976, THE FPA DETAINED AN INDIVIDUAL, WHO WAS IDENTIFIED AS A FEDAYEEN TERRORIST IN JOSE PAZ, BUENOS AIRES PROVINCE. UNDER INTERROGATION THIS INDIVIDUAL ADMITTED HE HAD ILLEGALLY ENTERED ARGENTINA ALONG WITH A NUMBER OF OTHER FEDAYEEN TERRORISTS IN ORDER TO COLLABORATE WITH THE MONTONEROS, AN ARGENTINE GUERRILLA ORGANIZATION, IN PLANNING ASSASSINATIONS OF THE UNITED STATES AND OTHER FOREIGN OFFICIALS OF VARIOUS PETROLEUM COMPANIES. IT IS ANTICIPATED THAT THE UNITED STATES AND OTHER FOREIGN-OWNED PETROLEUM COMPANIES WILL INCREASE THEIR PERSONNEL IN ARGENTINA IN CONNECTION WITH PROPOSED ARGENTINE GOVERNMENT CONTRACT TO THESE FOREIGN COMPANIES FOR PETROLEUM EXPLORATION AND OTHER TECHNOLOGICAL ASSISTANCE IN THE PETROLEUM FIELD. (S) (U)

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : File 80-64 (P)

DATE: 5/17/76

FROM : Legat

SUBJECT: [Major HUGO DE QUEIROZ SILVA] (U)
LEGAT CONTACT~~Argentine Project~~

On 5/13/76, Legat met with captioned contact in Rio de Janeiro for lunch. He furnished the following information concerning the terrorist developments in Argentina:

Since the peaceful March, 1976, revolution in Argentina, the terrorist activities have taken on a graver aspect. Whereas, during the pre-revolutionary period, terrorist activities had been limited to well-planned kidnappings for ransom purposes, surprise ambushes, during daylight hours, of government and political figures seem to be the current trend. With political assassinations on the rise, there are fewer and fewer kidnappings. It is felt that the well organized terrorist groups in Argentina are finding themselves with their backs against the wall and are lashing out in retaliation in every possible direction.

Of concern to the Brazilian Government are those Brazilian terrorist leaders who fled Brazil in the late 60's and early 70's, established themselves in Argentina with existing Argentine groups, and are fleeing the revolutionary government's increased anti-terrorist campaigns. These Brazilians, not finding Argentina the one-time haven for their activities, are returning to Brazil in alarming numbers. The logical fear of the Brazilian Government is that these returning individuals, if not identified and detained, may utilize their considerable experience against targets within Brazil.

With intentions of curbing the problem, [Brazil has] reportedly entered into secret agreements with Argentina wherein the two countries are jointly undertaking whatever means necessary to track down, detain, and kill terrorists trying to escape from Argentina. In the past two months, a number of terrorists have been killed at the border by Brazilian and Argentine troops. These deaths have received no publicity. Brazilian and Argentine military have cooperated to such a degree as to work in coordination inside the other's boundaries. The two governments' efforts have been termed successful but the fear lingers that too many are still arriving safely in Brazil. (U)

4 - Brasilia

(cc: 109-1, 109-17, 109-24)

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Major QUEIROZ added the following comments concerning alleged Cuban build-ups of manpower in the neighboring country of Guyana: ~~(S)~~ (U)

Brazilian forces have increased the manpower at the common border in the event such allegations are true. However, many of the strongest rumors concerning Cuban build-ups in that country have come from sources of little reliability or have already been proved to be without foundation.

Most recent appraisals of the situation indicate that Cuba has technical operatives within Guyana but that the number is certainly small and by no means could approach consideration as a danger to Brazilian security.

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Calvin C. Clegg
Legal Attache

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~~BRAZILIAN-ARGENTINE BORDER AREA~~

A source familiar with Brazilian intelligence activities and who has furnished reliable information in the past confided as follows:

Of great concern to the Brazilian military are those Brazilian terrorists and militant left-wing leaders who fled Brazil in the late 1960's and early 1970's, re-established themselves in Argentina with existing Argentine terrorist groups, and are currently fleeing the stepped-up anti-terrorist campaigns of the newly installed Argentine Government. (U)

These Brazilian elements, not finding Argentina the one-time haven for their activities, are slipping back into Brazil in alarming numbers. The logical fear of the Brazilian military is that these returning figures, if not identified and detained, may utilize their acquired expertise in front-line terrorist engagements against targets within Brazil. (U)

With intentions of curbing the problem, the Brazilian military has entered into understood and undocumented agreements with Argentina whereby these countries are jointly undertaking whatever means necessary to track down, detain, and eliminate terrorists attempting escape from Argentina. In the past two months, a number of known terrorists have been killed on both sides of the Brazilian border by Brazilian and Argentine troops. These deaths have received no publicity. Brazilian and Argentine military have cooperated to such a degree as to have operated in coordination with one another, and even inside each other's border when the need arose. (X) (X) (X) (U)

The two governments' efforts have been termed "successful" but the prevailing fear lingers that too many are successfully reentering Brazil due to the problems encountered in covering the extensive border. (X)

1 - Addressee
cc: Mr. Johnson
Mr. Simcox, POL
Mr. Kiyonaga, PSS
Col. Giles, DAO
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BRAZILIAN POLITICAL ACTIVITIES
FPM - BRAZIL

Enclosed for the Bureau and Legat, Buenos Aires, are two copies each of Legat, Brasilia, memorandum, classified "~~Secret~~," to Ambassador JOHN HUGH CRIMMINS, Brasilia, dated 5/25/76.

On 6/2/76, LEWIS GIRDLER, Political Section, American Embassy, Brasilia, advised that in view of the importance of the information contained in the enclosed memorandum, as well as the possible political significance involved, the Ambassador desired to furnish copies to U.S. Department of State (USDS) Headquarters, Washington, D.C., and the American Embassy in Buenos Aires with Legat's concurrence. The copies of the memorandum will be pouched to both on 6/3/76.

Source mentioned in attached memorandum is CS BRA-2, an experienced official of the Division of Political and Social Order, Secretariat of Public Security, Sao Paulo, Brazil, who admittedly did not have eye-witness knowledge of the anti-terrorist exercises but stated he was furnished this information from close associates in military and police circles. (S) (U)

This information was substantially confirmed in a meeting two days later with Major HUGO DE QUEIROZ SILVA (Legat contact), National Intelligence Service, Rio de Janeiro, who stated that while he had not observed any reports on the matter he had heard from colleagues within intelligence circles and in knowledgeable positions that publicly undisclosed activities of this nature had been going on since the ouster of the Peron Government. (S) (U)

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Copies of the enclosed memorandum are being furnished to the Bureau and Buenos Aires for their logical interest, as well as the fact that American Embassy, Brasilia, has deemed this information of such importance as to provide copies to USDS and American Embassy, Buenos Aires.

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Reference my airtel and LHM 12/11/74 under the
above dual caption.

ENCLOSURES

For the Bureau eight copies of an LHM dated
and captioned as above.

ADMINISTRATIVE

The enclosed LHM being submitted at this time
at the specific request of the Ambassador in connection
with a visit to Argentina on 2/19/75 of Secretary of State HENRY
KISSINGER. The Ambassador requested information in the
enclosed LHM in connection with Embassy reporting on the
terrorist situation to assist U. S. Secret Service and
Department of State security officials in arranging for
Secretary KISSINGER's visit. *See State Dept letter dated 1-23-75*

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terrorist activities which have occurred since the submission of referenced LHM.

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SOURCES

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Collective confidential sources abroad referred to in the enclosed LHM are identified as follows:

Dr. ARTURO HORACIO POIRE (BUEfile 80-84)
Federal Police of Argentina (FPA)

Comisario Inspector JORGE CROVETTO (Buefile 80-87)
Chief of Federal Crime, FPA

Sub-Comisario CARLOS ALBERTO MONTENEGRO (Buefile 80-186) Department of Intelligence, FPA Estado Mayor

Comisario Inspector OSVALDO J. DE BALDRICH (Buefile 80-185)

Chief of Intelligence
Buenos Aires Provincial Police (BAPP)

Captain JUAN LUCERO (Buefile 80-173)
Argentine Army Intelligence Service (AAIS)

Colonel JUAN RIVAS
AAIS

General ALBERTO S. CACERES (Buefile 64-14)
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ALLEGED COORDINATED ESCALATION OF TERRORIST ACTIVITIES

On 2/18/75, Ambassador Hugh Dunn, Australian Embassy, telephonically contacted me at 3:00 P.M. and provided the following information: (S) (U)

He had just returned from a ceremony inaugurating the new Mexican Chancery building. While at this ceremony, he was approached by a Japanese diplomatic colleague who is generally well informed on the local political scene. This colleague, whom Dunn did not care to identify over the telephone, informed him that the combined terrorist organizations, the ELN, Bolivia; the MIR of Chile; Tupamaros of Uruguay, and the ERP of Argentina, were going to escalate terrorist activities against diplomatic missions in Bolivia, Chile, Uruguay and Argentina. Ambassador Dunn's colleague told him that various diplomatic establishments in La Paz were dismissing their employees early this afternoon because of this threat. (S) (U)

Ambassador Dunn desired to ascertain whether we had any intelligence which would tend to corroborate his colleague's information. I told the Ambassador that to the best of my knowledge, there was no available information indicating that the combined groups of the ELN, MIR, Tupamaros and the ERP had planned any escalation of terrorist activities against diplomatic establishments. (S) (U)

Ambassador Dunn's colleague's information sounds like a variation of intelligence with West German origin which circulated in Buenos Aires approximately two weeks ago. (S) (U)

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[FEDERAL POLICE OF ARGENTINA
(FPA)]

An official of the FPA, Department of Federal Security, provided the following information; on 3/5/75: (S) (U)

On Thursday, 2/27/75, FPA Chief Luis Margaride made a highly confidential visit to Asuncion, Paraguay, departing in the early morning and returning the same evening. The source was unable to provide any information with regard to the purpose of Margaride's trip. (S) (U)

On 2/24/75, FPA Chief Margaride directed an internal FPA secret order to the Chief of the Department of Federal Security instructing that in the future no information from Department of Federal Security files is to be provided to the Argentine Army without first clearing the information personally with Margaride. (S) (U)

Source advised he believes the reason for Margaride's instructions originates over conflicts that have arisen between the FPA and the Argentine Army in connection with the latter's anti-guerrilla sweeps in the Province of Tucuman. (S) (U)

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On 3/11/75, an official of the Argentine Army
Intelligence Service (SIE), made available the following
information: (S) (U)

The SIE has received information from generally
reliable sources indicating that Buenos Aires Provincial
Governor VICTOR CALABRO had been in recent contact with active
duty Army Officers holding the rank of Lieutenant Colonel
and Colonel, during which CALABRO expressed disgust with the
incumbent Argentine Government, specifically President PERON and
her consort, JOSE LOPEZ REGA (S) (U)

CALABRO, speaking as an experienced former union
leader, assured the Army Officers that the unions were fed up
with LOPEZ REGA and desired to put an end to the incumbent
Argentine Government. CALABRO assured the Army Officers, whom
he contacted that the unions would stand by the Army should
they bring about a coup to overthrow the PERON government and would
be willing partners with the Army in forming a new government.
CALABRO assured the Army Officers that the Army as an institution
would not be going out on a limb in staging a coup since the
unions would be behind the Army all the way, provided the Army
and the unions entered into the new government as equal partners. (S) (U)

As of 3/11/75, the foregoing information had not
yet been assigned an evaluation by SIE. (S) (U)

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On 7/2/75, an active duty officer of the Argentine Army Intelligence Service provided the following information: ~~(S)~~ (U)

The Argentine Army Intelligence Service received information on June 30, 1975, that during a meeting with active duty Argentine Navy Admirals on 6/29/75, Admiral MASSERA expressed his intention to resign his position as Commander of the Argentine Navy. According to a source of the Argentine Army Intelligence Service, Admiral MASSERA indicated he desired to voluntarily resign before President PERON created some situation which could force his resignation. ~~(S)~~ (U)

According to the Argentine Army Intelligence Service source, all Admirals present expressed their strong opposition to MASSERA's expressed desire to resign and urged him to continue on as Commander of the Argentine Navy. ~~(S)~~ (U)

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FOREIGN POLITICAL MATTERS - ARGENTINA

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On Sunday evening, 8/24/75, I met Brigadier General ALBERTO S. CACERES, the Commander of the Argentine Army First Corps, at a birthday party for a mutual friend. General CACERES privately advised that he is disgusted with the present state of affairs in the Argentine Army and is giving serious consideration to retiring unless the present situation involving Colonel VICENTE DAMASCO's occupying the position of the Minister of Interior while on active duty is resolved. General CACERES advised that he has been personally insulted by several other Argentine Army Generals for the position he took in the DAMASCO affair in not voting to demand DAMASCO's immediate retirement from the Argentine Army. General CACERES stated he had hoped, along with several other Generals, that DAMASCO would voluntarily submit his resignation after it became apparent that his occupying the position of Minister of Interior was causing serious division within the Army. (S) (U)

General CACERES advised that the two recent assassinations of Captain KELLER and Major LARRABURE further added fuel to the fire and caused dissent among the hard line Generals, who are dissatisfied with General LAPLANE's performance as Army Commander. General CACERES advised that General VIOLA, the Second Corps Commander in Rosario, General SUAREZ MASON, the Fifth Corps Commander in Bahia Blanca, General EDUARDO BETI, the Commander of Institutos Militares, and General VAQUERO, the Director of the Escuela Nacional de Defensa, apparently believe that Colonel DAMASCO should be forced to retire immediately, and that General LAPLANE should be replaced as the Argentine Army Commander. General CACERES advised that several of his fellow Generals have accused him of maneuvering to replace LAPLANE as Army Commander, noting that should the Army as an institution force the issue of DAMASCO's retirement, it would be reasonable to expect that the Argentine Executive would retaliate against those Officers, specifically ranking Generals, who brought about the crisis over DAMASCO. (S) (U)

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General CACERES advised he does not believe that the Army is prepared to stage a coup against the Argentine Executive, but indicated that discontent among the aforementioned Argentine Army Generals and to some extent among Colonels and Majors over DAMASCO's holding the Minister of Interior portfolio might force the Argentine Executive to make changes in the Argentine Army, in order to relieve the dissension. General CACERES stated he envisioned the following possible alternatives: ~~(S)~~ (U)

1. Retire all Argentine Army Generals who voted in opposition to allowing DAMASCO to hold the Minister of Interior position for the next sixty days and remain on active duty during this period. ~~(S)~~ (U)
2. Retire General LAPLANE and Colonel DAMASCO. According to General CACERES this set of circumstances would eliminate dissatisfaction over General LAPLANE's performance among several sectors of the Army. It would also solve the problem of Colonel DAMASCO being on active duty and holding a Cabinet position. ~~(S)~~ (U)
3. Retire all the Commanders-in-Chiefs of the three Services in order not to single out the Army over the DAMASCO issue, since obviously the other Service Commanders are opposed to DAMASCO's occupying the Minister of Interior's post, while on active duty. ~~(S)~~ (U)

General CACERES stated he is personally puzzled by DAMASCO's motivation in not submitting his retirement upon taking over the Minister of Interior's portfolio. General CACERES speculated that one of DAMASCO's reasons for remaining on active duty is the belief that he may possibly be promoted to General at the end of the year. General CACERES observed that the Army promotions at the end of the year would be well beyond DAMASCO's 60-day authorization from the Army to remain on active duty, while holding the position of Minister of the Interior. General CACERES advised that if the current level of agitation among senior Army Officers continues, some action either within the Army or from without will have to be taken in the near future. ~~(S)~~ (U)

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During the evening of 8/28/75, I contacted Brigadier General ALBERTO S. CACERES, in order to pay my respects over his announced retirement from active service in the Argentine Army. (U)

General CACERES confirmed that he had personally submitted his retirement to the newly designated Army Commander in Chief, General JORGE R. VIDELA prior to the latter's swearing-in ceremony on 8/28/75. (U)

General CACERES advised that General VIDELA accused him of attempting to build a political base outside the Argentine Army and specifically accused CACERES of courting LORENZO MIGUEL. General CACERES stated that General VIDELA indicated that in his opinion the entire affair over the retirement of Colonel DAMASCO from active Army service was prolonged and aggravated by General CACERES' refusal to demand that DAMASCO retire immediately. General CACERES stated that General VIDELA expressed his belief that President PERON attempted to capitalize on what appeared to have been General CACERES' intransigence in reaching a hard line position with regard to DAMASCO's retirement. General CACERES advised that General VIDELA stated that both President PERON and DAMASCO would have immediately capitulated in both the DAMASCO and LAPLANNE retirements if CACERES had taken a hard line and aligned himself with the other Generals taking a similar position. According to General CACERES, General VIDELA stated that the only reason that the DAMASCO and President PERON procrastinated in this matter was their belief that General CACERES would not commit troops under his command in Buenos Aires to any show of force or mini-coup. (U)

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General CACERES advised that he informed General VIDELA that President PERON had offered him the position of Argentine Army Commander in Chief but that he refused, stating that too many other senior Generals would be forced to retire, an event which would seriously disrupt the Argentine Army. General CACERES stated he told General VIDELA that he suggested the Commander in Chief position go to one of the two senior Generals, i.e. General DELIA or General VIDELA. General CACERES stated that General VIDELA immediately pointed out to him that this obviously was both DAMASCO's and President PERON's strategy in attempting to divide the Argentine Army by appointing General CACERES as the Commander in Chief. General CACERES advised that he told General VIDELA that he had never had any intention of attempting to maneuver into the Army Commander in Chief's position and his reason for not siding with those who desired DAMASCO's and subsequently LAPLANNE's immediate retirements, was that he thought a course of moderation and not confrontation would serve the Army's best interests. General CACERES stated that President PERON indicated that General DELIA was a "common horse thief" who had disgraced Argentina internationally and who was forbidden to take part in further international equestrian competition, and that President PERON would never appoint such a man as Army Commander in Chief. (U)

General CACERES explained that President PERON's remarks concerning General DELIA apparently refer to some event, which took place many years ago concerning irregularities in the handling of horses utilized in international competition by the Argentine Army. (U)

General CACERES noted that President PERON's position, in his opinion, was extremely petty, inasmuch as General DELIA had never been accused of any criminal act but had been sanctioned for an apparent violation of the many complex rules and regulations governing international equestrian competition. (U)

General CACERES advised that the reason he submitted his retirement to General VIDELA was to avoid being railroaded into retirement by General VIDELA, inasmuch as the animosity (U)

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built up over the past two weeks could not be overcome while he remained on active duty. General CACERES advised that he terminated his meeting with VIDELA in a relatively civil manner, it being agreed by both General CACERES and VIDELA that both of them had the best interests of Argentina at heart but their views concerning serving the Argentine Army's best interests differed. (S) (U)

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DETAILS OF 8/27/75 MEETING BETWEEN DEPUTY
MINISTER OF DEFENSE CARO AND GENERAL DELIA LA ROCCA
AT CAMPO DE MAYO

On 9/9/75, an official of the Argentine Army
Intelligence Service (SIE) provided the following informa-
tion: (S) (U)

According to General ROBERTO VIOLA, who claims
he was present at the above described meeting, Deputy
Minister of Defense CARLOS CARO went to Campo de Mayo during
the evening of 8/27/75 on a mission from President PERON to
speak with the then Army Third Corps Commander, General
CARLOS DELIA LA ROCCA with regard to the selection of a
new Army Commander-in-Chief to replace General ALBERTO NUMA
LAPLANNE. (S) (U)

According to General VIOLA, CARO began the meeting
stating that the Army had placed President PERON in a difficult
and embarrassing position and that she desired certain condi-
tions from the Argentine Army prior to her designating a new
Army Commander-in-Chief. General VIOLA stated that before
CARO could name any of the conditions proposed by President PERON,
General DELIA launched into an angry outburst against the President
stating in essence that she was a prostitute, who was married
prior to her marriage to JUAN DOMINGO PERON, obviously a reference
to President PERON's prior alleged marriage to (first name unknown)
CATTO. General VIOLA claimed that General DELIA told CARO that
the Army would not submit to any conditions, and that he was
willing to take over as the Army Commander-in-Chief. General
VIOLA stated that General DELIA told CARO that if his designa-
tion as Army Commander-in-Chief was not acceptable to the
President, then there was only one other alternative that
being General JORGE VIDELA. General VIOLA stated that General
DELIA concluded his conversation with CARO by telling him that
he should relay verbatim the conversation to the President,
when he returned to Olivos. (S) (U)

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1. Summary: The outcome of the recent military crisis (see clearly ref a) pointed up ~~with clarity~~ that real political power no longer resides with the President. At this point, whether or not she remains as President is a question of almost academic interest. There is a power vacuum at the center and it is not she who will fill it; hence, whether she remains as figurehead President for yet some time, or whether a new government headed by ~~Luder~~ or someone like him takes over from her, Mrs. Peron is no longer at the center of the equation. Others must try to fill the vacuum, and in so doing turn the economy around.

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come to grips with rampant terrorism and myriad other problems. A civilian/constitutional solution cannot be discounted. Indeed, that is what almost everyone in Argentina hopes for--including the Armed Forces. The magnitude of the problems and tenuousness of the mandate, however, are such that the civilians who try to fill the vacuum will have no better than a 40/60 chance of succeeding and getting through to the 1977 elections. The country may have moved too far towards collapse to now be saved by a weak, patch-work government--even if it be a constitutional one. The dynamics of the situation are such as to make it likely (though not yet inevitable) that the Armed Forces will at some point have to step in, whether or not they want to and whether they do so directly or indirectly. They would be the only strong, cohesive sector left to fill the vacuum (the other powerful sector--Labor--being too fragmented and poorly led to do so). The officers who are likely to play key roles are moderate conservatives, and are reasonably well inclined towards the US. There is not likely, then, to be a new Portugal here. However, whether the military can do any better than the civilians in solving the country's basic problems remains to be seen. They will have the strength and authority to do so, but their record of problem solving over the past 45 years is not inspiring.

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Should they too fail, a vacuum of serious proportions would be created and frustrations reach dangerous levels. Under those circumstances, extremes would become "thinkable," whether from the Right or the Left. End Summary.

2. Mrs. Peron and the Power Vacuum. The recent military crisis pointed up again that it is not Mrs. Peron who commands. Labor had earlier faced her down, forcing her to honor collective bargaining and get rid of Lopez Rega, after she had said she would not. The Congress also defied her, and won, electing a Provisional President of the Senate against her wishes and ousting Lastiri from the Chamber of Deputies. Even her minor victory in having Toranzo rather than Osella Munoz elected to replace Lastiri was a Pyrrhic one which served only to split her Party even further and contributed to the undermining of Antonio Benitez, the strongest figure in her cabinet. Now the Armed Forces have imposed their demands against her expressed will. In the final analysis, they could make their decisions stick. She could not. Further, she is embattled on other fronts. Her own party is split, with at least a strong minority (and possibly even a majority) opposed to her. The check scandal (see ref b) refuses to die and there are possible new charges against her having to do with a reported marriage previous to her bonds with Peron. In sum, Mrs. Peron's authority and image have been irretrievably undermined.

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3. Mrs. Peron Sticks with Lopez Rega to the End, with

Predictable Results: This need not have been but comes as no surprise. Mrs. Peron's only chance, once Lopez Rega was ousted, was to make a fresh start, disassociating herself from him and appointing ministers not identified with him. Given the tenacity with which she had stuck by Lopez Rega, however, few expected that she would do so. Indeed, many had expected that she would resign shortly after Lopez Rega. That she did not do the one may have had to do with the other. In other words, she may well have stayed on at Lopez Rega's request, thus keeping one foot in the door for him. Certainly she has defended his interests and fought for his adherents every inch of the way, trying first to hang on to Rodrigo, and then to the Villones, Conditi, Vignes and others. At this point, however, the game appears to be up. The Lopez Registas have been pretty well cleaned out of the government, and Mrs. Peron certainly cannot keep any doors open. The problem, however, is that Mrs. Peron may not realize that the game is up. The realities of the situation suggest that she leave the presidency, but she just may not perceive it that way.

4. Power Vacuum to be Filled. As stated above, even if she stays on as President, someone else must fill the vacuum. Attention should therefore be focused on that

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[rather than upon the question of whether or not she goes, a question which has to do only with the form and not the substance of what fills the vacuum. If she stays on for awhile, the strongest of her Cabinet Ministers will probably run the government--in something of a repetition of Benitez's minicabinet. Who those ministers may be remains to be seen. At the moment, Cafiero is the only strong figure in the cabinet, and his failure to come back from the US with more than expressions of sympathy may hurt his position too.]

5. If Mrs. Peron resigns (or is forced to resign), the Congress will elect a new President to serve out her term--or attempt to do so. Earlier on, Luder had the inside track. More recently, he has lost some ground and there is increasing talk of BA Governor Vicente Calabro as a possibility. Even so, the odds at this point must remain on Luder.

6. Whoever fills the power vacuum (assuming that someone does!), they will need the strong support of the Armed Forces and at least the tacit support of Labor. The first will be easier to secure than the second, for Labor is not likely to be enthusiastic about the kind of financial restraints which must be applied if the economy is to be turned around. Casildo Herreras and other leaders may talk of going along with the government, but they know full well that the rank and file will follow them only so far. On bread and butter issues, their

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[maneuver room is tightly limited. It is likely to take something more forceful than backroom politicking to keep Labor in line--and whether a civilian government (be it Mrs. Peron's, Luder's or someone else's) would have that force is an open question. Further, a year of Lopezreguismo had disastrous results for the unity of the body politic. The consensus which had existed while Peron was alive has been replaced by extreme fragmentation. This is especially true in the Peronist Party. There, divisions, animosities and sheer jockeying for position have become intense--and there is no Juan Domingo Peron to bring it under control. Mrs. Peron cannot. It is doubtful that Luder, Robledo, or any of the other Peronist players at this point could either. Thus, the fundamental power base of any Peronist government may be too tenuous to enable it to deal effectively with the two most serious and basic problems the country faces: a) economic malaise, and b) rampant terrorism.

7. The Military. The Armed Forces, on the other hand, have emerged from the recent crisis over Damasco's appointment (see ref a) more united than they have been since 1973. Since May of that year, the Army has been commanded by generals who believed it should cooperate closely with the government. Carcagno was politically minded and tried to be more populist than the Peronists. Laplane also represented the "military" as

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presented the "populist" tendency and was sympathetic to Peronismo. He pushed a form of professionalism "at the service of and integrated with the government's programs and policies." All three commanders, Carcagno, Laplane and even Anaya (though, admittedly, he to a much lesser degree), had one foot in the government's camp even though they represented first and foremost the Army. This produced a certain amount of split vision on the part of the leadership and confusion below them as to what was expected of the Army. With the conclusion of the recent crisis, this is no longer the case. The overwhelming majority of officers lined up against Laplane and Damasco (who also represented the "populist" line). Those who supported the latter were by and large retired. The Army now stands highly unified and sure of itself. The dominant line around which it has united is one led by officers of a traditionalist/moderately conservative stripe. They are not golpistas. On the contrary, Army CINC Videla is more insistent on straight professionalism than were his predecessors. They do not wish to enter the political arena---let alone take power. But neither do they have any ties of sympathy to the Peronist government. Videla represents the Army (and, thus, the Armed Forces) first, foremost and only, and he sees the role of the Armed Forces as being one of defending and guaranteeing

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[the Nation and the Constitution.

8. Even though divisions have been largely overcome, no trigger mechanism for intervention has been activated.

On the contrary, the Armed Forces remain opposed to intervention--or perhaps better said, they do not rpt not want to take power unless and until there is no other alternative.

9. This gives evidence that the Argentine military have changed. Either they are more democratically minded and dedicated to the Constitution than they were ten years ago, or they are more politically astute, or both. They will, then, move in only reluctantly. As suggested above, however, given the power vacuum, the weakness of what might fill it short of the military, and the increasing magnitude of the problems faced, there may well be no alternative. This is not to say, however, that the military must necessarily put generals in the executive offices. They might, if they can find acceptable figures to front for them, prefer a "Guido solution"--i.e. a civilian President controlled by the military. Even so, the Armed Forces would still be running the country.

10. Since the military are likely to move only as a last resort, the situation they take over would likely be an unsettled one. To impose order, they would probably use a heavy hand, and at least initially would not likely brook much opposition to the economic and political measures they deemed necessary. The "populist" line in the Armed Forces

was defeated in the recent crisis. Indeed, it was shown to have very little strength. The generals who might take over in the future are moderate conservatives. They certainly would not open the way to the Left, a la Portugal. On the contrary, they are more likely to crack down on the Left. They would doubtless try to reach some understanding with the Labor leadership, but the interests of the two institutions are not in concert. The Armed Forces would stand on the side of economic austerity. Labor would not. Hence, there is little basis for an understanding; rather, relations between the two would probably more closely resemble those of the Lanusse period--i.e. Labor held in line by both carrot and stick, and probably more of the latter than the former. (See septel for additional analysis of possibilities of a Labor-Military alliance.)

11. No Guarantee of Military Success. Even assuming that the Armed Forces do at some point move in to fill the power vacuum which now exists, there is no assurance that they would fare much better than the civilian politicians in coming to grips with the country's basic ills. With respect to the terrorists, for example, it should not be forgotten that prior to 1973 the military had a free hand in trying to wipe them out--with no success. On the economic side, too, there are doubts as to the military's ability to cope. They understand the need for austerity but whether or not they perceive

[and could treat effectively the root ills is doubtful.]

Their record under Lanusse in this regard was not inspiring. Further, there is an open question as to whether or not they would in the final analysis have the stomach to take strong repressive measures against Labor should the latter rebel against austerity measures. The mood of the generals now in control suggests that they would, but that could change quickly when faced with the act rather than the thought.

12. What Happens if the Military Fail? If the civilian/constitutionalist forces fail in their efforts to stabilize the country, there will be a turn to the military. Should the military themselves fail, the consequences would be more serious. Frustrations would mount to dangerous levels, and normally moderate Argentines might begin thinking of extreme solutions. The door just might then be opened to the Left--though given the number of old-line fascists still lurking in Argentina, one neither could not discount the possibility of some sort of right-wing dictatorship. There are some junior and field grade officers in the Army and Air Force who might support a leftist solution. There are even more, however, who, if it came to that, would favor a rightist rather than a leftist dictatorship.

13. Role of Terrorism. Terrorism--along with a faltering economy--will continue to be one of the most serious and

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and immediate problems any government must face. The terrorists have little popular support but their influence is widely spread throughout the country. At this point, they do not have the capability to overthrow the government and take power. Their actions have, however, already interrupted the normal flow of economic and political life in Argentina. To demonstrate that it is effective, any government, whether civilian or military, must reverse the tide. Mrs. Peron's has so far been unable to do so-- a factor which has contributed to the undermining of her position. The terrorists do, then, have some degree of impact upon a government's durability. Should the military take power and also fail to stabilize the country, the terrorists might have the capability to carry the extreme left to power--though it would take the worst of all possible contingencies for this to happen.

14. Why Should the US Care? The US has important interests in Argentina. The most tangible are in the form of about 1.5 billion dollars of private investment we have here. Less tangible, but no less important, are a number of political considerations. Argentina is one of the four largest and wealthiest countries in Latin America. It dominates the Southern Cone and continues to have marked influence in the OAS. If led by a moderate, responsible government favorably disposed to us, it could be of great ~~inxxx~~ assistance

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in working out more viable hemispheric relationships--as indeed under FonMin Vignes it did play a helpful role from Tlatelolco until its internal disarray became acute earlier this year. A disoriented Argentina under irresponsible and hostile leadership, on the other hand, could create serious problems for our whole hemispheric position--both in the OAS and otherwise. For example, Argentina is ahead of all other IA states in nuclear development and could build a nuclear device if the GOA so chose. Given the traditional and at times emotional rivalry with Brazil, which could also build a bomb, the ingredients for a dangerous arms race are there--to be activated should either side behave irresponsibly. This would complicate enormously our relations with both and our position in the rest of the hemisphere.

15. Future Role in the North-South Equation. On the world stage, too, a stable Argentina led by a responsible, friendly government could play an important role in helping to forge a more harmonious world order, which we have defined across the board as being in our interests. Its position as one of the world's major food exporters militates in favor of such a role. Even more so perhaps does its almost unique position as a bridge between developed and poor nations. Ethnically European and a basically wealthy country (even though its economy is temporarily in a state of disarray),

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[Argentina is at the same time a participating member of the Third World. It is, then, in a position to perceive and understand the points of view of both. Argentina could do much to interpret the views of the two sides, one to the other, and to influence Third World positions in more responsible directions. It must have a firmer domestic base, of course, before it can play such a role, but the potential is there and could be extremely useful to us in the future.]

16. What Can the US Do? The above are reasons why the US should wish to see stable, responsible government in Argentina. With it, Argentina could be a valuable partner. A breakdown which might open the way to extremes, on the other hand, would threaten the loss of American investments and create serious problems for us here and in the rest of the hemisphere. At the moment, the situation is in between. The government is unstable and is too beset by internal problems to be an effective partner in international endeavors. The worst, however, appears to be still several stages further down the road. Hopefully, Argentina will never get there, but given the rate of deterioration over the past six months, no one can be overly sanguine. There is little the US can do which will significantly affect the outcome here. We can encourage them and perhaps reward movement in the right direction with moral and economic support. We must be alert

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ARGENTINE TERRORIST ACTIVITIES; FPM - ARGENTINA.ON SEPTEMBER 21, 1975, A CONFIDENTIAL SOURCE ABROAD, WHO
IS AN OFFICIAL WITH THE BUENOS AIRES PROVINCIAL POLICE, MADE
AVAILABLE THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION: ~~(S)~~ON SEPTEMBER 20, 1975, IT WAS ESTABLISHED THAT AN UNIDENTI-
FIED BODY DISCOVERED ON SEPTEMBER 3, 1975, IN AVELLANEDA,
BUENOS AIRES PROVINCE, JUST OUTSIDE THE FEDERAL CAPITAL, WAS
THAT OF JACK BECHT, A DUTCH CITIZEN, WHO HAD BEEN STAYING AT
THE BUENOS AIRES SHERATON HOTEL, WHILE IN ARGENTINA ON ASSIGN-MENT FROM THE FOKKER AIRCRAFT CORPORATION. THE VICTIM HAD BEEN ~~MIS~~ ^{SINCE 9/1/75 AND NO USA} ~~SHOT IN THE CHEST AND DIED IMMEDIATELY.~~ THE BUENOS AIRES PROVINCIAL
POLICE AND THE FEDERAL POLICE OF ARGENTINA HAVE ELIMINATED
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ON SEPTEMBER 24, 1975, A CONFIDENTIAL SOURCE ABROAD
REPORTED TERRORISTS PLANTED A POWERFUL BOMB AT THE OFFICES OF
THE XEROX CORPORATION IN CORDOBA, ARGENTINA, DURING THE EARLY
MORNING HOURS OF SEPTEMBER 23, 1975. SOURCE DISCLOSED THAT THE
BOMB CAUSED NO PERSONAL INJURIES AND MODERATE MATERIAL DAMAGE.

SOURCE REPORTED THAT JULIO ANDRES CESAR, AN OFFICIAL
OF THE TRANSAX COMPANY, A SUBSIDIARY OF THE FORD MOTOR COMPANY
IN CORDOBA, WHO HAD BEEN KIDNAPPED BY TERRORISTS ON SEPTEMBER
12, 1975, WAS RELEASED UNHARMED IN CORDOBA DURING THE
MORNING OF SEPTEMBER 23, 1975.

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THE DIRECTOR OF FEDERAL SECURITY, FEDERAL POLICE OF ARGENTINA] ~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

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On 10/14/75, an officer of the Army Intelligence Service (SIE) advised that on 10/13/75, information was secured by an SIE Intelligence Battalion from reliable sources within the Argentine Army, that five Argentine Army active duty Generals, including Generals MUJICA, GALTIERI, and DIAZ BESSONE, along with two other unidentified Generals, were planning a coup d'etat to take place after 10/15/75, which would be backed by the Argentine Navy and Air Force. According to the SIE Intelligence Battalion sources, the aforementioned Army Generals have the backing of Army Troop Commanders at the Colonel level and they plan to initiate a coup d'etat "a la Chilena." (S) (U)

The SIE Intelligence Battalion receiving the above information did not give this information any additional dissemination within SIE channels, but urgently instructed its Agents and informants to attempt to secure confirmation or clarification of the above information. (S) (U)

The foregoing information should not be discussed with any foreign officials, including those of the Argentine Government. (S) (U)

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ON OCTOBER 14, 1975, A CONFIDENTIAL SOURCE ABROAD, WHO IS CONNECTED WITH THE ARGENTINE ARMY INTELLIGENCE SERVICE (AAIS) ADVISED THAT ON OCTOBER 13, 1975, INFORMATION WAS SECURED BY AAIS INTELLIGENCE BATTALION FROM RELIABLE SOURCES WITHIN THE ARGENTINE ARMY THAT FIVE ARGENTINE ARMY GENERALS ON ACTIVE DUTY, INCLUDING GENERALS MUGICA, GALTIERI AND DIAZ BESSONE, ALONG WITH TWO OTHER UNIDENTIFIED GENERALS, WERE PLANNING A COUP D'ETAT TO TAKE PLACE AFTER OCTOBER 15, 1975, WHICH WOULD BE BACKED BY THE ARGENTINE NAVY AND ARGENTINE AIR FORCE. ACCORDING TO THE AAIS INTELLIGENCE BATTALION SOURCES, THE AFOREMENTIONED ARGENTINE ARMY GENERALS HAVE THE BACKING OF TROOP COMMANDERS AT THE COLONEL LEVEL AND THEY PLAN TO CARRY OUT A COUP D'ETAT "A LA CHILENA" (CHILEAN STYLE) IN ORDER TO TERMINATE THE UNSTABLE ECONOMIC AND POLITICAL (S) (U)

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RELIABLE SOURCES WITHIN THE ARGENTINE ARMY INDICATING THAT FIVE
ARGENTINE ACTIVE DUTY/^{Army}GENERALS, INCLUDING GENERALS MUJICA, GALTIERI
AND DIAZ BESSONE, ALONG WITH TWO OTHER UNIDENTIFIED GENERALS, WERE
PLANNING A COUP D'ETAT TO TAKE PLACE AFTER OCTOBER 15, 1975. (S) (U)

ON OCTOBER 15, 1975, A CONFIDENTIAL SOURCE ABROAD WHO
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GENERALS MENTIONED ABOVE HAVE BEEN IDENTIFIED BY THE AAIS
AS ACTIVE DUTY ARMY GENERALS/^{ROBERTO}VIOLA AND/^{SANTIAGO}RIVEROS. THE AAIS ALSO
IDENTIFIED RETIRED ARGENTINE ARMY COLONEL JEAN CARLOS DURET AS
A MEMBER OF THE GROUP OF COUP PLOTTERS. THE SOURCE ADVISED THAT (S) (U)

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ACCORDING TO INFORMATION DEVELOPED BY THE AAIS, THE PLOTTERS BELIEVE THAT THE OPPORTUNE MOMENT FOR A COUP D'ETAT WOULD BE WITHIN THE NEXT FIVE DAYS. ⁶ [SOURCE ADVISED THAT THE AAIS IDENTIFIED THE KEY MEMBERS OF THE PLOTTING GROUP AS GENERALS VIOLA AND MUSICA.] (S) (U)

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Reference my memorandum of 10/14/75.

On 10/15/75, the same Argentine Army Intelligence Service (SIE) source as set forth in my memorandum of reference, provided the following information: (S) (U)

SIE has confirmed that there is a definite group of plotters who are talking of a coup d'etat to take place within the next five days. The SIE identified the leader of the group of plotters as General Roberto Viola, Chief of the Army General Staff. General Santiago Riveros, Commander of the Argentine Army Military Institutes, is also a member of the group of plotters. The SIE also identified retired Army Colonel Juan Carlos Duret as an active member of the above group. The SIE ascertained that the group is planning to fill key Army positions with officers presently attending the Superior War School under the direction of General Rodolfo Majica. As of the late evening of 10/15/75, the SIE had detected no overt action to carry out a coup d'etat by the group. The SIE believes that the group of plotters have not gone beyond the talking stage with their plans to overthrow the incumbent government; however, the SIE believes that the cast of players in the group, should they decide to move, might well bring off a successful coup d'etat. (S) (U)

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ON FEBRUARY 9, 1976, ARGENTINE ARMY LT. COL. VALLADARES,
DEPUTY TO THE COMMANDING GENERAL OF THE ARGENTINE ARMY
MILITARY INSTITUTES COMMAND AT CAMPO DE MAYO, BUENOS AIRES
PROVINCE, ADVISED THAT THE ARGENTINE ARMY HAD DEFINITELY
RESOLVED ^{THAT} THE NECESSITY ^{NECESSARY AND} OF A MILITARY COUP DETAT TO REMOVE
ARGENTINE PRESIDENT PERON IS INEVITABLE AND THAT THE ARGENTINE
ARMY IS ONLY WAITING FOR THE OPPORTUNE MOMENT TO LAUNCH THE COUP
DETAT WHICH WILL BE COORDONATED WITH THE ARGENTINE NAVY AND
AIR FORCE. COL. VALLADARES NOTED THAT SENIOR ARGENTINE ARMY
GENERALS FEEL THAT THE DISASTROUS STATE OF THE ARGENTINE
ECONOMY, INFLATION, WIDESPREAD ACKNOWLEDGED CIVILIAN GOVERNMENT
CORRUPTION, TERRORISM IN ARGENTINA AND THE INCUMBENT CIVILIAN
GOVERNMENT'S DEMONSTRATED INABILITY TO COPE WITH THESE PROBLEMS,
LEAVE THE ARGENTINE ARMED FORCES WITH NO ALTERNATIVE BUT TO
STAGE A COUP DETAT. COL. VALLADARES ADVISED THAT SENIOR ARGENTINE

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ARMY GENERALS BELIEVE THAT A COUP D'ETAT WOULD NOT BE OPPOSED BY THE VAST MAJORITY OF THE ARGENTINE PEOPLE WHO IN FACT WOULD WELCOME ARMED FORCES INTERVENTION IN ORDER TO END THE INACTION AND BUNGLING OF THE INCUMBENT CIVILIAN GOVERNMENT. COL. VALLADARES ADVISED THAT NO DEFINITE TIME FRAME HAD YET BEEN ESTABLISHED FOR THE COUP D'ETAT BUT VOICED HIS PERSONAL OPINION THAT IT COULD OCCUR AT ANY TIME DURING THE NEXT TWO WEEKS, DEPENDING ON THE PROGRESSION OF EVENTS THROUGHOUT THE COUNTRY. (S) (U)

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TERRORIST ACTIVITIES; FPM-ARGENTINA.

ON FEBRUARY 9, 1976, [AN OFFICIAL OF THE FEDERAL POLICE OF
ARGENTINA (FPA) PROVIDED THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION:] (S) (U)

DURING THE EARLY MORNING HOURS OF FEBRUARY 9, 1976, A
BOMB DETONATED AT A BRANCH OF THE FIRST NATIONAL CITY BANK
OF NEW YORK LOCATED AT VILLA URQUIZA, BUENOS AIRES. THE BOMB
CAUSED MODERATE STRUCTURAL DAMAGE AND RESULTED IN NO PERSONAL
INJURIES. TO DATE, NO TERRORIST ORGANIZATION HAS CLAIMED
CREDIT FOR THE BOMBING.

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ADMINISTRATIVE. [SOURCE IS COMISARIO GENERAL ENRIQUE
BESTEIRO, DIRECTOR OF FEDERAL SECURITY, FPA.] (S) (U)

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FOREIGN POLITICAL MATTERS - ARGENTINA

On 2/9/76, the Deputy to General RIVEROS, Commander of the Argentine Army Military Institute's Command at Campo de Mayo, advised that the Argentine Army had definitely resolved that a coup to remove Argentine President PERON is necessary and inevitable and that the Argentine Army is only waiting for the opportune moment to launch the coup, which will be coordinated with the Argentine Navy and Air Force. Source noted that General RIVEROS recently commented that senior Argentine Army Generals feel that the disastrous conditions in Argentina and the Government's inability to cope with these problems, leave the Argentine armed forces with no alternative but to stage a coup. Source advised that General RIVEROS stated that senior Argentine Army Generals believe that a coup would not be opposed by the vast majority of the Argentine people, and that a growing number of them would welcome armed forces intervention in order to end inaction and bungling of the incumbent civilian government. (S) (U)

The source, who is a Lieutenant Colonel, advised that to his knowledge no definite time frame had yet been established for the coup, but expressed his personal opinion that it could occur at any time during the next two weeks, depending on the progression of events throughout the country. (S) (U)

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ON FEBRUARY 12, 1966, A CONFIDENTIAL SOURCE ABROAD, WHO IS A SENIOR ACTIVE DUTY COLONEL CONNECTED WITH THE ARGENTINE ARMY INTELLIGENCE SERVICE, PROVIDED THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION: (S) (U)

FROM ALL INFORMATION AVAILABLE, IT IS HIS JUDGEMENT THAT THE ARGENTINE ARMED FORCES WILL STAGE A COUP D'etat AGAINST THE PERON GOVERNMENT ON OR ABOUT FEBRUARY 24-25, 1976. IT IS HIS BELIEF THAT ARGENTINE ARMY GENERAL ROBERTO VIOLA, INCUMBENT CHIEF OF THE ARGENTINE ARMY ESTADO MAYOR, WILL RESIGN FROM ACTIVE DUTY AND BECOME PRESIDENT, WHILE INCUMBENT ARGENTINE ARMY COMMANDER, GENERAL RAFAEL VIDELA, WILL REMAIN AS ARMY COMMANDER. (S) (U)

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ON FEBRUARY 16, 1976, [A CONFIDENTIAL SOURCE ABROAD, WHO
IS AN OFFICIAL OF THE FEDERAL POLICE OF ARGENTINA (FPA)] ADVISED
AS FOLLOWS: ~~(S)~~ (U)

DURING THE EARLY MORNING HOURS OF FEBRUARY 16, 1976, THE
MONTONERO GUERRILLA ORGANIZATION BOMBED A FORD MOTOR COMPANY
SHOWROOM IN BUENOS AIRES. THERE WERE NO PERSONAL INJURIES AND
MODERATE STRUCTURAL DAMAGE.

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1. Summary. Efforts by Mrs. Peron's administration to silence opposition by closing Congress and silencing its most vocal press critics have only served to sharpen antagonisms and deepen political crisis. End Summary.

2. During course of last week Mrs. Peron and her close advisors were subjected to rising chorus of criticism from congressional critics who charged government had ceased to function. Led by UCR, opposition parties were seeking to place before Congress a motion declaring Mrs. Peron "unable" to discharge office of presidency, a move they claimed would force her from office. UCR Leader Balbin spent entire week meeting with heads of other parties and some dissident Peronists to test viability of scheme. According to UCR sources, Balbin undertook task when advised by three CINCS that their patience

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with civilian solutions coming to an end. As week ended, prospects for congressional solution to crisis seemed remote despite publicly expressed fears by diverse political leaders that failure to remove Mrs. Peron from office soon would spell end to constitutional government.

3. At that point (February 13) Minister of Interior Ares announced that GOA had decided that constitutional reform was the government's "number one priority." This announcement both surprised and angered not only the opposition but large number of Peronists as well. Most saw move as inept and ineffectual attempt to divert attention from main issues, i.e., the continuance of constitutional government and the lack of effective government response to the economic and political malaise. Ares's statement was accompanied by decree ordering close of La Opinion (see septel) and led to charges government would soon move to close Congress. Ares immediately called a press conference to state that these charges were a "fantasy" produced by government opponents in the grips of "hysteria."

4. On February 16, Ares destroyed what little public credibility he had by transmitting decree to Congress withdrawing all pending business before both Chambers, thus closing Congress until May 1. Predictably, this move only increased calls for Congress to move to oust Mrs. Peron. One congressman told Emboff hours before Ares's announcement "our only

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hope to oust President constitutionally is for her to make strategic error, like closing Congress." Whether government move actually results in either impeachment or declaration of her inability to fill office remains to be seen. However, by her own actions she has strengthened hand of her opponents.

5. Since Ares's announcement Monday, opposition has begun new canvass of congressional opinion to see if in light of new circumstances they now have votes to proceed to a successful showdown. Major focus of attention at present is large bloc of labor deputies who up to now have remained loyal to Mrs. Peron. However, following last two weeks of tension and discord between the President and labor, possibility that labor may turn on Mrs. Peron is no longer being discounted. The Lorenzo Miguel-led 62 Organizations has called series of meetings today to "analyze the situation and determine its position." At this point Miguel, who is in Bariloche, has not tipped his hand, but both press reports and Embassy contacts have reported he is discussing possibilities of finding way to support parliamentary move against Mrs. Peron without publicly denouncing her. Some reports indicate labor might attend session to help form quorum but then abstain on substantive^{VE} vote.

6. At present it is expected that move to auto convoke Congress will come as early as this Friday (February 20).

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And vote on Mrs. Peron expected shortly thereafter. Military is reported to be following issue with close interest and several sources have told Embassy that CINCS are putting out word that this may be last real chance for civilians to put their house in order.

7. Comment: It is still not clear that complex negotiating and bargaining necessary to end crisis via congressional solution can succeed. However, prospects for initiative prospering have definitely been enhanced by latest developments. In any event, present situation has moved country closer to a showdown. From US point of view, it is significant that on what many see as eve of a coup no charges of US involvement have surfaced. Raul Alfonsin, a key UCR leader, and formerly a key critic of US intervention in Latin American affairs, told Ambassador Hill February 17 that US conduct the past two years has been so clearly correct that even malicious attempts to drag the US into the current crisis have not succeeded. Oscar Alende, leader of the leftist Partido Intransigente, made the same point in newspaper interview in Cronista Comercial February 16.

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ON FEBRUARY 19, 1976, A CONFIDENTIAL SOURCE ABROAD, WHO
IS A SENIOR OFFICER OF THE FEDERAL POLICE OF ARGENTINA (FPA),
CURRENTLY ASSIGNED TO THE DEPARTMENT OF FEDERAL SECURITY
(POLICE (INTELLIGENCE ^{DIVISION}), PROVIDED THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION: (S) (U)

DURING LATE JANUARY 1976, BRIGADIER GENERAL ALBANO
EDUARDO HARGUINDEGUY, AN ACTIVE DUTY ARGENTINE ARMY GENERAL,
WAS APPOINTED TO THE POSITION OF CHIEF OF THE FEDERAL POLICE
OF ARGENTINA (FPA), REPLACING A CAREER FPA OFFICER. AS CHIEF
DURING THE PAST SEVERAL WEEKS, GENERAL HARGUINDEGUY HAS INDICATED
TO CONFIDANTS IN THE FPA, THAT HE DESIRES TO FILL CERTAIN KEY
POSITIONS CURRENTLY OCCUPIED IN THE FPA BY CAREER FPA OFFICERS
WITH ARGENTINE MILITARY PERSONNEL. GENERAL HARGUINDEGUY
INDICATED THAT THE REASON FOR HIS DESIRE TO INCORPORATE ARGENTINE
MILITARY PERSONNEL IN KEY FPA POSITIONS WAS TO INSURE THAT THE
FPA WAS COMPLETELY RESPONSIVE TO THE ARGENTINE MILITARY AND
NOT TO THE ARGENTINE MINISTER OF THE INTERIOR, UNDER WHOSE (S) (U)

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AUTHORITY THE FPA NORMALLY OPERATES. GENERAL HARGUINDEGUY INDICATED THAT AN ACTIVE DUTY MILITARY OFFICER, SERVING IN THE FPA, WOULD BE RESPONSIVE TO THE ORDERS OF THE COMMANDER IN CHIEF OF THE RESPECTIVE MILITARY SERVICE, WHEREAS A CAREER FPA OFFICER WILL OBVIOUSLY HAVE TO FOLLOW THE ORDERS OF THE MINISTER OF THE INTERIOR, SHOULD A CONFLICT ARISE BETWEEN THE ORDERS ISSUED BY A MILITARY FPA CHIEF AND THE CIVILIAN MINISTER OF THE INTERIOR. ~~(S)~~ (U)

GENERAL HARGUINDEGUY LET IT BE KNOWN THAT HE INTENDED TO INSTALL ACTIVE ARGENTINE ARMY COLONELS IN THE POSITIONS OF FPA CHIEF OF THE ESTADO MAYOR (HIGH COMMAND) AND THE DIRECTOR OF FEDERAL SECURITY ~~(POLICE)~~ ^(Division) (INTELLIGENCE). DURING THE MORNING OF FEBRUARY 19, 1976, A DELEGATION OF INCUMBENT FPA COMISARIO GENERALES AND COMISARIO MAYORES INFORMED GENERAL HARGUINDEGUY THAT SHOULD HE REPLACE ANY INCUMBENT FPA CAREER OFFICER WITH MILITARY PERSONNEL, EVERY COMISARIO GENERAL AND COMISARIO MAYOR PRESENTLY SERVING IN THE FPA WOULD RESIGN IN PROTEST. SUCH A MASS RESIGNATION WOULD CAUSE HAVOC IN THE COMMAND STRUCTURE ~~(S)~~ (U)

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OF THE FPA AND MAKE IT VIRTUALLY UNMANAGEABLE. FOR THE TIME
BEING GENERAL HARGUINDEGUY HAS BACKED DOWN FROM HIS INTENTION
OF INSTALLING ARMY OFFICERS IN THE TWO AFOREMENTIONED FPA
POSITIONS. ~~(S)~~ (U)

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ON FEBRUARY 19, 1976, A CONFIDENTIAL SOURCE ABROAD, WHO IS A RETIRED ~~ARMX~~ ARGENTINE ARMY COLONEL CURRENTLY HOLDING A KEY POSITION WITH FABRICACIONES MILITARES (ARGENTINE MILITARY ARMAMENT FACTORY), PROVIDED THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION: ~~(S)~~ (U)

FABRICACIONES MILITARES ~~HAS~~ JUST COMPLETED A PROJECT ON THE ORDERS OF ARGENTINE ARMY COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF RAFAEL VIDELA, WHEREIN FABRICACIONES MILITARES WOULD TAKE OVER CONTROL OF CERTAIN KEY CIVILIAN-RUN FACTORIES IN THE EVENT OF A MILITARY COUP D'ETAT AGAINST THE PERON GOVERNMENT. THE PURPOSE OF FABRICACIONES MILITARES TAKING OVER CONTROL OF THESE KEY CIVILIAN-RUN FACTORIES IS TO PLACE THEM UNDER THE DIRECT COMMAND OF THE MILITARY IN ORDER TO GUARANTEE ~~(S)~~ (U)

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COUP D'ETAT. ~~(S)~~ (U)

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FABRICACIONES MILITARES. ~~(S)~~ (U)

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ON MARCH 15, 1976, RAYMOND MOLINA, A UNITED STATES
CITIZEN, WHO TOOK PART IN THE BAY OF PIGS INVASION OF CUBA,
PROVIDED THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION IN BUENOS AIRES, ARGENTINA: (S) (U)

DURING THE PAST SEVERAL WEEKS, HE WAS PLACED IN CONTACT
WITH JORGE ANTONIO, A FORMER OFFICIAL IN THE GOVERNMENT OF
JUAN DOMINGO PERON, WHICH WAS OVERTHROWN IN 1955 BY A MILITARY
COUP D'ETAT. ANTONIO HAS BEEN RESIDING ABROAD EVER SINCE THE
1955 COUP AND IS AN ~~ACTIVE~~ ^{IMPORTANT INTERNATIONAL} FINANCIER. ANTONIO, WHO IS ORIGINALLY
OF LEBANESE EXTRACTION, ~~ADVISED THE SOURCE~~ ^{ADVISED} THAT HE HAS BEEN
IN RECENT ^{FREQUENT} CONTACT WITH IMPORTANT MEMBERS OF THE ARGENTINE ARMY
REGARDING THEIR PLANS TO OUST INCUMBENT ARGENTINE PRESIDENT
MARIA ESTELA MARTINEZ DE PERON. ANTONIO CLAIMED THAT HE HAS AN
AGREEMENT WITH ARGENTINE ARMY LEADERS TO ARRANGE TO REFINANCE
ARGENTINA'S FOREIGN DEBT THROUGH ARAB SOURCES AVAILABLE TO
ANTONIO. ^{IN EXCHANGE ANTONIO WILL PROVIDE EXCLUSIVE DOCUMENTARY EVIDENCE}
^{SHOWING THE REALITY + CORRUPTION OF PRESIDENT MARTINEZ DE PERON}
ANTONIO ARRANGED A PERSONAL MEETING FOR THE SOURCE
WITH GENERAL CARLOS ALBERTO DALLA TEA, ^{Secretary General of the Argentine Army}
^{Estados Mayores (Hq's Command)}
IN BUENOS AIRES ON MARCH 14, 1976,
AT THE HOME OF JORGE ANTONIO'S SON. GENERAL DALLA TEA (S) (U)

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STATED THAT THE ARGENTINE ARMED FORCES WOULD OUST PRESIDENT
 PERON ^{BETWEEN} ON WEDNESDAY, MARCH 17, 1976, ^{AND} OR THURSDAY, MARCH 18,
 1976, AND THAT THE MILITARY WOULD HOLD ABSOLUTE CONTROL FOR
 THE FIRST TEN DAYS OF THE COUP. AMONG THE MANY POINTS COVERED
 BY GENERAL DALLA TEA DURING THE MARCH 14, 1976, MEETING WITH THE
 SOURCE, WERE THE FOLLOWING: (S)(X)(S) (U) ↑

1. THE ARGENTINE MILITARY DESIRE CLOSE COOPERATION WITH THE

UNITED STATES. (S)(X)(S) (U)

2. ~~Q. ARGENTINE ARMY COMMANDER IN CHIEF WILL BE THE ACKNOWLEDGED~~
 LEADER OF THE COUP. (S)(X)(S) (U)

32. AFTER THE FIRST TEN DAYS OF THE COUP, THE ARGENTINE

MILITARY INTEND TO INCORPORATE CIVILIANS INTO THE GOVERNMENT
 FILLING THE POSTS OF MINISTER OF FOREIGN RELATIONS, MINISTER
 OF ECONOMY AND MINISTER OF FINANCE WITH CIVILIAN TECHNICIANS.

~~END PAGE TWO~~ THE ARGENTINE MILITARY BELIEVES THAT THE INCUMBENT
 PERONIST GOVERNMENT HAS TAKEN OVER CONTROL OF TOO MANY ^{PRIVATE} INDUSTRIES
 AND REDUCED THE INCENTIVE FOR PRIVATE INVESTMENT IN ARGENTINA
 TO AN UNACCEPTABLE DEGREE. IN THIS CONNECTION, THE ARGENTINE
 MILITARY INTEND TO ESTABLISH IMMEDIATE CONTACT WITH THE INTER-
 NATIONAL TELEPHONE AND TELEGRAPH ^(U) CORPORATION IN ORDER TO TAKE
 OVER THE ARGENTINE TELEPHONE COMPANY, WHICH IS IN A DISASTROUS ^{ARRANGE FOR IT TO}
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STATE BOTH FINANCE AND TECHNOLOGY-WISE. / JORGE ANTONIO ADVISED
 THAT HE INTENDS TO RETURN TO ARGENTINA ON MARCH 20, 1976, AND
 THAT HE ANTICIPATED OBTAINING A POSITION IN THE ARGENTINE GOVERNMENT.
 JORGE ANTONIO FREELY ADMITS THAT HIS ULTIMATE OBJECTIVE IN
 RETURNING TO ARGENTINA IS TO EVENTUALLY BE ELECTED PRESIDENT IN
 A CIVILIAN GOVERNMENT, WHICH WILL FOLLOW THE MILITARY COUP ~~DETATXXX~~
 D'ETAT. (~~S~~)(~~U~~)(~~S~~) (U)

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MOLINA WAS CONTACTED BY THE LEGAL ATTACHE AT THE SPECIFIC
 REQUEST OF AMBASSADOR HILL. MOLINA ARRIVED IN BUENOS AIRES
 3/12/76, ACCOMPANIED BY GENERAL GRAHAM, former CIA Deputy
 Director, and several other individuals from Washington
 connected with US Senators Jesse Helms and Strom
 Thurmond. (~~S~~)(~~U~~)(~~S~~) (U)

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On 3/13/76, I contacted Raymond Molina, a United States citizen of Cuban-American parentage, who arrived in Buenos Aires on 3/12/76. Molina advised he has business interests in Miami, Florida and Managua, Nicaragua, where he is a personal friend of President Somoza. Molina stated he took part in the ill-fated Bay of Pigs invasion in Cuba and maintains an active interest in seeing the demise of Fidel Castro. (S)(X)(S) (U)

Molina advised that for the past several months, an acquaintance named Jamil had been attempting to establish a personal meeting through Molina with officials of the United States Government for Jorge Antonio. Molina stated he was not interested in arranging for any contacts with Jorge Antonio through Jamil and more or less avoided any commitment in this regard. However, approximately four weeks ago Jamil contacted him in Managua in order to seek his intercession in arranging for an interview between President Somoza and Jorge Antonio. He arranged this interview and President Somoza subsequently advised him that he had been favorably impressed with Jorge Antonio and that the Nicaraguan Government intended to do business with Antonio. A personal meeting was then arranged between Molina and Jorge Antonio, during which the latter stated he desired to make himself known to the United States Government and explained background and plans for the future, stating that he intended to return to Argentina where he felt he could solve Argentina's terrorist and financial problems. (S)↓ (U)

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RE: FOREIGN POLITICAL MATTERS-ARGENTINA

Antonio advised that he believed he could halt Montonero operations against the government, since he has excellent contacts in that guerrilla organization and that he would be willing to act as a go-between in arranging a truce between the Montoneros and the Argentine Government. In the financial area, Antonio stated he is certain that he can solve Argentina's critical economic plight by arranging to refinance Argentina's foreign debt through Arab contacts. Antonio noted that the incumbent Peronist Government was completely corrupt and immoral and that he had sufficient proof to document a public expose of Mrs. Peron, Lopez Rega and other present and past officials in Mrs. Peron's Government. Antonio noted that he had established contacts with unnamed Argentine Army generals throughout various parts of the world and offered his services to them in the above-described terrorist and financial areas. Antonio informed Molina that he would arrange an interview by Molina with General Carlos Alberto Dalla Tea, the Secretary General of the Argentine Army Estado Mayor in order that General Dalla Tea might review the Argentine armed forces' plans for an imminent coup d'etat against the Government of Mrs. Peron. Antonio sent a letter via courier to Gen. Dalla Tea on 3/3/76 and an interview was scheduled formally with the General on 3/14/76. (S)(K)(S) (U) ↑

Antonio told Molina he desired to establish contact with members of the U. S. Government in order to explain his position to them and attempt to extract some form of understanding with the U. S. that the United States Government would not raise objections to his holding a position in the forthcoming military government after Mrs. Peron is deposed. Antonio frankly stated that one of his fears was that Secretary of State Kissinger, who is of the Jewish faith, might object to Antonio, who has close ties in the Arab world and who is originally of Lebanese extraction. (S)(K)(S) (U)

In order to prove that he wields influence with certain Central American leaders which could be used to benefit Argentina, Antonio stated that he would arrange with Panamanian President Torrijos to send word to opponents of returning the Panama Canal in the United States Senate that he, Torrijos, would moderate his propaganda outbursts and get down to serious negotiations with the United States. According to Molina, (S)(K)(S) (U)

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RE: FOREIGN POLITICAL MATTERS-ARGENTINA

Torrijes did send his Ambassador in Washington to relay this message to Senators Jesse Helms and Strom Thurmond. (S)(X)(S) ↑

On 3/15/76, I again contacted Molina, who provided the following information: (S)(X)(S) (U)

During the afternoon and evening of 3/14/76, he met with Gen. Alberto Carlos Dalla Tea at the suburban residence of Jorge Antonio's son. Gen. Dalla Tea and Antonio's son, as well as their respective wives, obviously had met before and were on friendly terms. Gen. Dalla Tea outlined plans for a coup d'etat which will take place between 3/17/76 and 3/18/76 in order to oust President Peron. Gen. Dalla Tea acknowledged that he was aware of the fact that Jorge Antonio would return to Argentina on 3/20/76 and that he would be welcomed by the Argentine Military. Dalla Tea told Molina that the Argentine military will take exclusive control of the country for a period of approximately ten days, after which they will begin naming civilian technicians to hold key government positions and take over several ministries, including Foreign Relations, Economy and Finance. Gen. Dalla Tea told Molina the Argentine military recognized the fact they will have to take over several unions which will oppose a military coup but that they were prepared to do so. Gen. Dalla Tea told Molina that the Argentine military intend to arrest a number of officials, past and present, from Mrs. Peron's Government and put them on trial for economic crimes which have been documented by the Argentine Army. Gen. Dalla Tea told Molina that the Argentine military desire close relations with the United States. Additionally, Gen. Dalla Tea informed Molina that the Argentine military believe that the government has taken over too many private industries and that many of these should be returned to private control in order to encourage private investment and to relieve the government of committing its financial and personal resources to running these enterprises. In this connection, Gen. Dalla Tea specifically told Molina that the military intend to establish contact with the International Telephone and Telegraph Company in order to arrange for that company to again take over the administration and development of the Argentine Telephone Company. Gen. Dalla Tea informed Molina that Gen. Videla, Commander in Chief of the (S) ↓

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RE: FOREIGN POLITICAL MATTERS-ARGENTINA

Argentine Army, will be the unquestioned leader of the coup d'etat. (S) (X) (U) ↑

Molina noted that Antonio makes no secret of the fact that he initially desires to obtain a position in the government immediately after the military coup and eventually he hopes to run for election and become President of Argentina. (S) (X) (U)

Molina noted that the one flaw in the Argentine military preparations for the 3/17-18/76 coup d'etat was a lack of public relations preparation in order to explain their position to the outside world. Molina noted that he would be very much interested in securing a contract with the military government to handle their public relations. (S) (X) (U)

Molina advised that he is considering traveling to Montevideo, Uruguay and returning on 3/20/76 in order to place himself in personal contact with Jorge Antonio, who allegedly will return to Argentina on that date. (S) (X) (U)

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FOREIGN POLITICAL MATTERS, ARGENTINA; IS - ARGENTINA.

ON MARCH 16, 1976, RAYMOND MOLINA, A U. S. CITIZEN, WHO
TOOK PART IN THE BAY OF PIGS INVASION IN CUBA, PROVIDED THE
FOLLOWING INFORMATION IN BUENOS AIRES, ARGENTINA: (S) (U)

MOLINA HAD PREVIOUSLY PROVIDED INFORMATION REGARDING AN
INTERVIEW WITH ARGENTINE ARMY GENERAL CARLOS ALBERTO DALLA TEA,
THE SECRETARY GENERAL OF THE ARGENTINE ARMY ESTADO MAYOR (HIGH
COMMAND), WHICH TOOK PLACE ON MARCH 14, 1976, IN BUENOS AIRES
AT THE HOME OF THE SON OF JORGE ANTONIO. (S) (U)

DURING THE MARCH 14, 1976, INTERVIEW, GENERAL DALLA TEA
DISCLOSED PLANS OF THE ARGENTINE ARMED FORCES TO STAGE A COUP
D'ETAT DURING THE PERIOD MARCH 17, 1976, AND MARCH 18, 1976,
IN ORDER TO OVERTHROW THE INCUMBENT GOVERNMENT. DURING THE
MARCH 14, 1976, INTERVIEW, MOLINA EMPHASIZED THE ABSOLUTE
NECESSITY OF A WELL PREPARED PUBLIC RELATIONS PROGRAM TO BE
CARRIED OUT IN THE U. S. TO COUNTER CERTAIN UNFAVORABLE REACTION
TO A MILITARY COUP D'ETAT AGAINST A CONSTITUTIONALLY ELECTED
GOVERNMENT. DURING THE MARCH 14, 1976, INTERVIEW, GENERAL (S) (U)

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DALLA TEA MADE IT EVIDENT THAT THE ARGENTINE ARMED FORCES HAD GIVEN VIRTUALLY NO CONSIDERATION TO THE PUBLIC RELATIONS ASPECT OF THEIR PLANNED COUP D'ETAT. ~~(S)~~ (U) ↑

AT 12:30 A.M., MARCH 16, 1976, JORGE ANTONIO'S SON, AT WHOSE RESIDENCE THE MARCH 14, 1976, INTERVIEW WITH GENERAL DALLA TEA WAS CONDUCTED, VISITED MOLINA AT THE SHERATON HOTEL IN BUENOS AIRES. JORGE ANTONIO'S SON CLAIMED HE HAD BEEN SENT BY GENERAL DALLA TEA, AFTER THE LATTER HAD PROVIDED MOLINA'S COMMENTS CONCERNING THE NEED FOR A WELL PLANNED PUBLIC RELATIONS PROGRAM TO ARGENTINE ARMY COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF GENERAL/^{JORGE}RAFAEL VIDELA.

GENERAL DALLA TEA ADVISED MOLINA THROUGH JORGE ANTONIO'S SON, THAT GENERAL VIDELA INSTRUCTED HIM TO ESTABLISH CONTACT WITH ~~MAJOR~~ ^{DANIEL O. GRAHAM,} RETIRED U. S. ARMY [↑]GENERAL [↑]WHO WAS, A FORMER DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF THE CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY, AND WHO ALSO HELD AN IMPORTANT POSITION IN THE DEFENSE INTELLIGENCE AGENCY, WHO HAD ACCOMPANIED MOLINA TO ARGENTINA ON MARCH 12, 1976, BUT HAD SUBSEQUENTLY DEPARTED. ACCORDING TO INFORMATION RELAYED TO MOLINA BY GENERAL DALLA TEA THROUGH JORGE ANTONIO'S SON, GENERAL VIDELA DESIRES THAT GENERAL ^{GRAHAM,} DALLA TEA CONTACT ~~THIS RETIRED U. S. ARMY GENERAL~~ IF NECESSARY IN A THIRD COUNTRY, IN ORDER TO EXPLORE IN DETAIL THE GENERAL'S ~~(S)~~ (U) ↓

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RECOMMENDATIONS CONCERNING THE PUBLIC RELATIONS ASPECT
OF THE ARGENTINE ARMED FORCES PROJECTED COUP D'ETAT AGAINST
THE GOVERNMENT. MOLINA WAS ADVISED BY JORGE ANTONIO'S SON
THAT GENERAL DALLA TEA WOULD APPRECIATE MEETING WITH ~~THE RETIRED~~
U.S. ARMY GENERAL ^{GRAHAM} ON MARCH 17 OR MARCH 18, 1976. JORGE
ANTONIO'S SON INDICATED TO MOLINA THAT FROM COMMENTS MADE BY
GENERAL DALLA TEA, IT APPEARED THAT THE TIME FRAME OF THE ARGENTINE
ARMED FORCES COUP D'ETAT AGAINST THE GOVERNMENT HAD BEEN CHANGED
FROM MARCH 17-18, 1976, UNTIL THE FOLLOWING WEEK. (S) (U) ↑

MOLINA INTENDS TO CONTACT ~~THE RETIRED U.S. ARMY GENERAL~~ ^{GENERAL GRAHAM}
IN WASHINGTON, D. C., TO RELAY GENERAL VIDELA'S ORDERS THAT
GENERAL DALLA TEA ARRANGE AN INTERVIEW WITH HIM. (S) (U)

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AT THE REQUEST OF AMBASSADOR HILL. ~~THE RETIRED U.S. ARMY~~
~~GENERAL REFERRED TO ABOVE IS MAJOR GENERAL DANIEL O. GRAHAM~~ (S) (U)
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ROBERT W. SCHERRER, LEGAL ATTACHE

COUP PREPARATIONS

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On 3/18/76, a confidential source, who is a ranking official of the Argentine Army Intelligence Service (SIE), provided the following information: ~~(S)~~ (U)

Information received by SIE from the highest levels of the Argentine Army indicate that the Argentine Military will stage a coup d'etat against the incumbent Peronist government on Saturday, 3/20/76, or possibly Sunday, 3/21/76. ~~(S)~~ (U)

The Senior Argentine Military Attache in each Embassy throughout the world has been instructed to bypass the respective Ambassador in each country and present himself to the host government, notifying that government that the incumbent Peron Government will be replaced by a military government. This notification to the Senior Argentine Military Attaches in the various Embassies throughout the world will be timed so that the Senior Military Attache will have at least twelve hours advance notice of the actual time of the military coup d'etat. ~~(S)~~ (U)

According to a recent report passed from the Argentine Army High Command, ten countries have already informally advised Argentine Military Attaches in those countries that immediate recognition would be provided to an Argentine military government. ~~(S)~~ (U)

The future Argentine military incumbents of all important positions in the government have already been decided. For example, General DALLA TEA of the Argentine Army High Command is slated to become the Secretary to the Argentine Presidency. ~~(S)~~ (U)

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The SIE has been receiving disturbing reports that junior military officers intend to take matters into their own hands prior to the coup d'etat, with specific targetting against labor union leaders whom they consider to be leftists or especially corrupt. The SIE is closely following this matter in an effort to take preventive action against these younger officers. ~~(S)~~ (U)

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FOREIGN POLITICAL MATTERS-ARGENTINA; IS-ARGENTINA.

ON MARCH 18, 1976, A CONFIDENTIAL SOURCE ABROAD WHO IS
A RANKING OFFICIAL OF THE ARGENTINE ARMY INTELLIGENCE SERVICE
(AAIS) PROVIDED THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION: ~~(S)~~ (U)

INFORMATION RECEIVED BY THE AAIS FROM THE HIGHEST LEVELS
OF THE ARGENTINE ARMY INDICATE THAT THE ARGENTINE MILITARY WILL
STAGE A COUP D'ETAT AGAINST THE INCUMBENT PERONIST GOVERNMENT
ON SATURDAY, MARCH 20, 1976 OR POSSIBLY SUNDAY, MARCH 21, 1976, ~~(S)~~ (U)

THE SENIOR ARGENTINE MILITARY ATTACHE IN EACH EMBASSY
THROUGHOUT THE WORLD HAS BEEN INSTRUCTED TO BYPASS THE
RESPECTIVE AMBASSADOR IN EACH COUNTRY AND PRESENT HIMSELF TO
THE HOST GOVERNMENT, NOTIFYING THAT GOVERNMENT THAT THE
INCUMBENT PERON GOVERNMENT WILL BE REPLACED BY A MILITARY
GOVERNMENT. THIS NOTIFICATION TO THE SENIOR ARGENTINE
MILITARY ATTACHES IN THE VARIOUS EMBASSIES THROUGHOUT THE
WORLD WILL BE TIMED SO THAT THE SENIOR MILITARY ATTACHE WILL
HAVE AT LEAST TWELVE HOURS IN ADVANCE NOTICE OF THE ACTUAL
TIME OF THE MILITARY COUP D'ETAT. ~~(S)~~ (U) Ret 109-2-1550

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ACCORDING TO A RECENT REPORT PASSED FROM THE ARGENTINE
ARMY HIGH COMMAND, TEN COUNTRIES HAVE ALREADY INFORMALLY
ADVISED ARGENTINE MILITARY ATTACHES IN THOSE COUNTRIES THAT
IMMEDIATE RECOGNITION ^{WOULD} ~~WILL~~ BE PROVIDED TO ^{AN ARGENTINE} ~~THE~~ MILITARY
GOVERNMENT. ~~(S)~~ (U)

THE FUTURE ^{ARGENTINE} ~~MILITARY~~ INCUMBENTS OF ALL IMPORTANT POSITIONS
IN THE GOVERNMENT HAVE ALREADY BEEN DECIDED. FOR EXAMPLE, GENERAL
DALLA TEA OF THE ARGENTINE ARMY HIGH COMMAND IS SLATED TO
BECOME THE SECRETARY TO THE ARGENTINE PRESIDENCY. ~~(S)~~ (U)

THE AAIS HAS BEEN RECEIVING DISTURBING REPORTS THAT
JUNIOR ~~MILITARY~~ OFFICERS INTEND TO TAKE MATTERS INTO THEIR
OWN HANDS PRIOR TO THE COUP D'ETAT WITH SPECIFIC TARGETTING
AGAINST LABOR UNION LEADERS WHOM THEY CONSIDER TO BE LEFTISTS
OR ESPECIALLY CORRUPT. THE AAIS IS CLOSELY FOLLOWING THIS
MATTER IN AN EFFORT TO TAKE PREVENTIVE ACTION AGAINST THESE
YOUNGER OFFICERS. ~~(S)~~ (U)

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ALBERTO VALIN, CHIEF, AAIS.) ~~(S)~~ (U)

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FOREIGN POLITICAL MATTERS-ARGENTINA; INTERNAL SECURITY-
ARGENTINA.

ON MARCH 19, 1976, A CONFIDENTIAL SOURCE ABROAD WHO IS
A RANKING OFFICIAL OF THE ARGENTINE ARMY INTELLIGENCE SERVICE
(AAIS) PROVIDED THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION: (S) (U)

THE AAIS HAD PREVIOUSLY RECEIVED INFORMATION THAT THE
ARGENTINE MILITARY WOULD STAGE A COUP D'ETAT AGAINST THE
INCUMBENT PERONIST GOVERNMENT ON MARCH 20 OR MARCH 21, 1976.
BECAUSE OF UNSPECIFIED PROBLEMS ENCOUNTERED IN THE CITY OF
ROSARIO, SANTA FE PROVINCE CONCERNING THE EFFECTIVE IMPOSITION
OF MILITARY CONTROL IN CONNECTION WITH THE PROJECTED COUP
D'ETAT, THE ARGENTINE MILITARY HAVE POSTPONED THE COUP D'ETAT
UNTIL TUESDAY, MARCH 23, 1976. THE ARGENTINE MILITARY DO NOT
CONSIDER THE OVERTHROW OF THE PERONIST GOVERNMENT AS A
REVOLUTION OR COUP D'ETAT IN THE STRICTEST SENSE OF THESE
TERMS BUT WILL REFER TO THEIR ACTIONS AS A "MILITARY INTERVENTION" (S) (U)

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LEGAL ATTACHE ROBERT W. SCHERRER

COUP PLANNING

On 3/19/76, a ranking official of the Argentine Army Intelligence Service (AAIS) provided the following information: ~~(S)~~ (U)

The AAIS had previously received information that the Argentine military would stage a coup d'etat against the incumbent Peronist Government on March 20 or March 21, 1976. Because of unspecified problems encountered in the city of Rosario, Santa Fe Province, concerning the effective imposition of military control in connection with the projected coup d'etat, the Argentine military have postponed the coup d'etat until Tuesday, 3/23/76. The Argentine military do not consider the overthrow of the Peronist Government as a revolution or coup d'etat in the strictest sense of these terms but will refer to their action as a "Military Intervention of the National Process" (Intervencion Militar en el Proceso Nacional). ~~(S)~~ (U)

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LEGAL ATTACHE ROBERT W. SCHERRE

MILITARY DISAGREEMENT ON CABINET POSITIONS

On 3/22/76, an official of the Argentine Army Intelligence Service (SIE) provided the following information: (S) (U)

A disagreement has developed between the military over the future designation of DE LA HOZ as Minister of Economy. This disagreement resulted in the failure to carry through on previously agreed transport of Argentine Army Officers from the Moron Air Force Base during the morning of 3/22/76 for various destinations throughout the country, where these Army Officers would carry out their assignments in connection with the coup. (S) (U)

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ARGENTINA.

ON MARCH 22, 1976, A CONFIDENTIAL SOURCE ABROAD, WHO IS
AN OFFICIAL OF THE FEDERAL POLICE OF ARGENTINA, PROVIDED
THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION: (S) (U)

DURING THE EARLY MORNING HOURS OF MARCH 22, 1976, THE MON-
TONEROS, AN ARGENTINE TERRORIST ORGANIZATION, CARRIED OUT A
BOMB ATTACK ~~XXXXXX~~ AT A STORAGE LOT OF THE CHRYSLER
CORPORATION IN SAN JUSTO, BUENOS AIRES PROVINCE. THERE WERE
NO PERSONAL INJURIES AND MODERATE MATERIAL DAMAGE.

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MAYOR VICENTE GATEAZZO, DIRECTOR GENERAL OF INTELLIGENCE,
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FOREIGN POLITICAL MATTERS - ARGENTINA; IS - ARGENTINA.

ON MARCH 23 AND 24, 1976, A CONFIDENTIAL SOURCE ABROAD, WHO IS AN ARGENTINE ARMY COLONEL, CONNECTED WITH THE MILITARY ARMS FACTORY, ADVISED AS FOLLOWS: (S) (U)

DURING THE EVENING OF MARCH 23, 1976, THE ARGENTINE ARMED FORCES MOVED TO END THE ^{CORRUPT AND FLOUNDERING} GOVERNMENT OF MARIA ESTELA MARTINEZ DE PERON. THROUGHOUT THE EVENING OF MARCH 23RD and THE MORNING OF MARCH 24, 1976, ARGENTINE MILITARY UNITS MOVED INTO PREARRANGED POSITIONS AND TOOK OVER ^{EFFECTIVE} EXECUTIVE CONTROL OF THE ENTIRE COUNTRY. ^{VIRTUALLY NO} RESISTANCE TO THE ARMED FORCES' MOVE WAS ENCOUNTERED AND VIOLENCE WAS HELD TO AN ABSOLUTE MINIMUM. (S) (U)

ON MARCH 23 AND MARCH 24, 1976, A CONFIDENTIAL SOURCE ABROAD, WHO IS A RANKING OFFICIAL OF THE ARGENTINE ARMY INTELLIGENCE SERVICE PROVIDED THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION: (S) (U)

THE MORNING OF MARCH 24, 1976, FOUND BUENOS AIRES AND ^{THE} MOST IMPORTANT CITIES OF ROSARIO AND CORDOBA UNDER COMPLETE ^{INTERVENTION} MILITARY CONTROL AFTER THE MILITARY CONVENTION WHICH COMMENCED (S) (U)

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DURING THE EVENING OF MARCH 23, 1976. ARGENTINE ARMED FORCES

CARRIED OUT THE INTERVENTION WITH A MINIMUM AMOUNT OF RESISTANCE
AND ARE IN ~~EFFECTIVE~~ ^{COMPLETE} CONTROL OF THE ENTIRE COUNTRY.

NUMEROUS INDIVIDUALS WANTED FOR ECONOMIC CRIMES AND MALFEASANCE OF
OFFICE HAVE BEEN PICKED UP BY THE ARGENTINE ARMED FORCES. HOWEVER,
TWO OF THE MOST SOUGHT INDIVIDUALS MANAGED TO ESCAPE DURING THE
EARLY MORNING HOURS OF MARCH 24, 1976. THESE INDIVIDUALS ARE
LORENZO MIGUEL, LEADER OF THE 62 ORGANIZATIONS, A POWERFUL LABOR
CONFEDERATION, AND FORMER PRESIDENT HECTOR J. CAMPORA. PRESIDENT
MARIA ESTELA MARTINEZ DE PERON HAS BEEN TAKEN TO AN ARGENTINE
MILITARY INSTALLATION ^{IN SOUTHERN ARGENTINA,} NEAR ~~NEUQUEN~~ WHERE SHE IS BEING HELD UNDER
CLOSE GUARD. WHEN ARGENTINE MILITARY PERSONNEL DETAINED MRS. PERON,
SHE DREW A PISTOL FROM HER PERSON; HOWEVER, SHE WAS QUICKLY DIS-
ARMED BEFORE SHE COULD GET THE WEAPON TO USE. (S) (U)

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ADMINISTRATIVE - THE FIRST SOURCE IS COLONEL JUAN CARLOS DURET,
ARGENTINE MILITARY ARMS FACTORY. SECOND SOURCE IS COLONEL ALBERTO
VALIN, CHIEF, ARGENTINE ARMY INTELLIGENCE SERVICE. (S) (U)

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REMYCABS MARCH 23, 1976, INDICATING ARGENTINE MILITARY CONCERN (S) (U)

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THAT PRESIDENT PERON MIGHT ATTEMPT SUICIDE UTILIZING A PISTOL
SHE CARRIED ON HER PERSON, AND ^S ^{MYCAB} MARCH 20, 1976, REPORTING THAT
THE ARGENTINE MILITARY WOULD INSTITUTE A COUP D'ETAT ON MARCH
23, 1976. ~~(S)~~ (U)

FOR THE INFORMATION OF THE BUREAU, ARGENTINE MILITARY FORCES
HAVE CLOSED OFF THE STREET ON WHICH THE U. S. EMBASSY IS LOCATED
IN BUENOS AIRES, AS WELL AS ACCESS STREETS TO ALL OTHER
DIPLOMATIC ESTABLISHMENTS IN BUENOS AIRES, IN ORDER TO PREVENT
INDIVIDUALS BEING SOUGHT BY THE MILITARY FROM TAKING ASYLUM
IN THE VARIOUS DIPLOMATIC MISSIONS. ALL INTERNATIONAL AND
DOMESTIC FLIGHTS HAVE BEEN CANCELLED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE BY
THE MILITARY. ~~(S)~~ (U)

LEGAT PERSONNEL ARE CONTINUING TO TAKE NECESSARY SECURITY
MEASURES.

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3/24/76

LEGAL ATTACHE ROBERT W. SCHERRER

FOREIGN POLITICAL MATTERS-ARGENTINA

On 3/24/76, an official of the Argentine Army Intelligence Service provided the following information: (S) (U)

The military intervention against the Peronist Government was effectively carried out without serious opposition during the evening of 3/23/76 and the morning of 3/24/76. Numerous individuals wanted for economic crimes and malfeasance of office by the military have been picked up and are being transferred to military installations throughout the country. Two of the individuals who had been urgently sought somehow managed to escape during the morning of 3/24/76. These individuals are Lorenzo Miguel of the 62 Organizations and former President Hector J. Campora (S) (U)

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JORGE ANTONIO

On 3/24/76, an official of the Argentine Army Intelligence Service (SIE) provided the following information: ~~(S)~~ (U)

On 3/23/76, on the eve of the military intervention, Admiral Emilio Massera met with Jorge Antonio for lunch. Several other prominent active duty military personnel have called on Antonio at his son's residence since his return to Argentina on 3/20/76. ~~(S)~~ (U)

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FOREIGN POLITICAL MATTERS-ARGENTINA

On 3/24/76, an official of the Argentine Army Intelligence Service (SIE) advised as follows: (S) (U)

Argentine Army personnel went to the residence of retired Argentine Army Major Alberdi, who is also known as "Barbosa", during the evening of 3/23/76 to arrest him in connection with the military intervention. Alberdi had been identified by the SIE as a collaborator with the ERP. Before Army personnel could take custody of Alberdi, he committed suicide. (S) (U)

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ON MARCH 26, 1976, A CONFIDENTIAL SOURCE ABROAD WHO IS
A RANKING OFFICIAL OF THE ARGENTINE ARMY INTELLIGENCE
SERVICE (AAIS), PROVIDED THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION: (S) (U)

INTELLIGENCE RECENTLY ACQUIRED BY THE AAIS ESTABLISHED
THAT MARIO ROBERTO SANTUCHO, THE LEADER OF THE ARGENTINE
GUERRILLA ORGANIZATION, THE PEOPLE'S REVOLUTIONARY ARMY (ERP),
RECENTLY FORWARDED A MESSAGE TO CUBAN PREMIER FIDEL CASTRO
REQUESTING THAT 2,500 CUBAN TROOPS BE SENT TO ARGENTINA TO ASSIST
THE ERP IN CARRYING OUT GUERRILLA ACTIVITIES THAT WOULD
EVENTUALLY LEAD TO THE DOWNFALL OF THE ARGENTINE GOVERNMENT.

SANTUCHO'S REQUEST WAS DENIED BY FIDEL CASTRO. THIS INTELLIGENCE (S) (U)

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(1 - 80-205 [Col Valin]) (S) (U)

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HAS CLEARLY DEMONSTRATED THE SIGNIFICANCE OF RECENT CUBAN
INTERVENTION IN ANGOLA TO MEMBERS OF THE ARGENTINE ARMED
FORCES. ~~(S)~~ (U)

THE FOREGOING INTELLIGENCE WAS RATED A-1 BY THE AAIS
INDICATING THAT BOTH THE SOURCE AND INFORMATION WERE JUDGED TO
BE RELIABLE BY THE AAIS. ~~(S)~~ (U)

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ARGENTINE TERRORIST ACTIVITIES; FPM - ARGENTINA.

ON JULY 14, 1976, AN OFFICIAL OF THE ARGENTINE ARMY
INTELLIGENCE SERVICE (AAIS) PROVIDED THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION:

DURING THE PERIOD JULY 11-12, 1976, AAIS UNITS IN JOINT
OPERATIONS WITH THE BUENOS AIRES PROVINCIAL POLICE AND THE
CORDOBA PROVINCIAL POLICE, DISCOVERED TWO ^{IMPORTANT} PEOPLES REVOLUTIONARY
ARMY (ERP), AN ARGENTINE TERRORIST ORGANIZATION, PRINTING
FACILITIES IN BUENOS AIRES PROVINCE AND CORDOBA PROVINCE. (S) (U)

THE AAIS BELIEVES THAT THE ERP HAS BEEN SO BADLY MAULED
BY ARGENTINE SECURITY FORCES THAT THE ORGANIZATION WILL
PROBABLY TURN TO THE MONTONERO GUERRILLA ORGANIZATION FOR
SUPPORT AND ASSISTANCE. (S) (U)

AS AN INDICATION OF SECURITY FORCES' SUCCESS OVER THE
ERP, THE STATE SECRETARIAT FOR INFORMATION (SIDE), RECENTLY
DETAINED TWO OF MARIO ROBERTO SANTUCHO'S BROTHERS, AND
CAME VERY CLOSE TO PICKING UP SANTUCHO, HIMSELF. IT IS (S) (U)

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THE ERP. ~~(S)~~ (U)CLASSIFIED BY 5931 ~~AGDS~~-2 INDEFINITE.ADMINISTRATIVE - [SOURCE IS COLONEL ALBERTO VALIN, CHIEF,
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LEGAL ATTACHE ROBERT W. SCHERRER

SANTIAGO MARTIN WEEKS

On 8/8/76, an official of the Federal Police of Argentina (FPA) advised that inquiry of the FPA Delegacion en Cordoba, Argentina with regard to the detention of captioned individual elicited a response indicating that Father Weeks was arrested on 8/3/76 by Section II of the Cordoba Provincial Police for possession of Marxist literature and material. The FPA Delegacion en Cordoba reported that the subject is presently being held at Section II of the Cordoba Provincial Police in Cordoba for investigation. The FPA Cordoba Delegacion indicated subject was being held at disposition of Section II, Third Army Corps in Cordoba. (S) (U)

The FPA Cordoba Delegacion indicated it was mailing a memorandum with additional details to FPA Headquarters, the results of which will be made available to this office. (S) (U)

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ARGENTINE TERRORIST ACTIVITIES; FPM - ARGENTINA.

ON OCTOBER 7, 1976, A CONFIDENTIAL SOURCE ABROAD, WHO IS
A RANKING OFFICIAL OF THE ARGENTINE ARMY INTELLIGENCE SERVICE,
(AAIS) PROVIDED THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION: (S) (U)

DURING RECENT U. S. CONGRESSIONAL HEARINGS ON HUMAN RIGHTS
HELD IN WASHINGTON, D. C. BY REPRESENTATIVE DONALD FRASER, SEVERAL
ARGENTINE CITIZENS WERE CALLED AS WITNESSES TO PRESENT THEIR
VIEWS ON ALLEGED HUMAN RIGHTS VIOLATIONS IN ARGENTINA. AMONG
THE WITNESSES CALLED WERE GUSTAVO ADOLFO ROCA, LUCIO GARZON MACEDA
AND RODOLFO JOSE PUIGGROS. THE AFOREMENTIONED INDIVIDUALS HAVE
EXTENSIVE, WELL-DOCUMENTED HISTORIES IN ARGENTINA OF BEING LONG-
TIME ~~TERRORIX~~ COMMITTED ~~TERRORIX~~ COMMUNISTS AND/OR SUPPORTERS OF
TERRORISTS ORGANIZATIONS. (S) (U)

THE FOLLOWING IS A SUMMARY OF THE SUBVERSIVE AND TERRORIST (S) (U)

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RECORDS OF THE AAIS. ~~(S)~~ (U)

ROCA IS AN ATTORNEY FROM CORDOBA, ARGENTINA. HE IS A CLOSE ASSOCIATE OF MACEDA. IN 1949 ROCA WAS A MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE POPULAR MOVEMENT FOR PEACE, A COMMUNIST PARTY OF ARGENTINA (CPA) FRONT. LATER IN 1949 ROCA WAS ELECTED AS A VOTING MEMBER OF THE POPULAR MOVEMENT FOR PEACE AND TOOK PART IN AN INTERNATIONAL CONGRESS OF THIS GROUP IN FRANCE IN 1955. HE WAS CONSIDERED TO BE A LEADER OF THE COMMUNIST PARTY OF ARGENTINA IN CORDOBA PROVINCE. IN 1957 HE TOOK PART IN THE "INTELLECTUAL GROUP" OF THE CPA AND THE "ARGENTINE LEAGUE FOR THE RIGHTS OF MAN," THE LATTER BEING A CPA FRONT. ALSO IN 1957, HE WAS PRESIDENT OF THE "ARGENTINE-RUMANIAN ASSOCIATION" AND WAS THE DIRECTOR OF "ORIENTACION," A CPA NEWSPAPER. IN 196-, HE WAS A SPEAKER AT THE "ROUND TABLE" CONCERNING A CAMPAIGN TO DISCREDIT THE ARGENTINE ARMED FORCES, WHICH WAS ORGANIZED BY THE CPA. IN 1962, HE TRAVELED TO CUBA WHERE HE ESTABLISHED RELATIONS WITH CASTROITES. IN 1964, HE ORGANIZED A PRESS CONFERENCE DURING WHICH IT WAS CLAIMED THAT ARGENTINE GOVERNMENT ACTION AGAINST TERRORISTS IN SALTA HAD BEEN ILLEGAL. ALSO IN 1964 HE WROTE A LETTER TO THE MAGAZINE "PRIMERA ~~(S)~~ (U)

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ACTIVITIES IN SALTA. ~~(S)~~ (U)

IN 1965, 1966 AND 1971 HE TRAVELED TO CUBA. IN 1972 HE TRAVELED TO CUBA WHERE HE ARRANGED FOR THE ACCEPTANCE IN CUBA OF VARIOUS ARGENTINE GUERRILLAS WHO WERE TO BREAK OUT OF RAWSON PRISON AND HIJACK AN ARGENTINE COMMERCIAL AIRLINER TO CHILE. ON DECEMBER 15, 1972, HE BECAME THE DIRECTOR OF "LIBERACION," A NEWSPAPER OF THE ERP AUGUST 22ND FACTION. IN 1972 HE WAS CLOSELY CONNECTED WITH THE ARGENTINE TERRORIST ORGANIZATION, THE REVOLUTIONARY ARMED FORCES (FAR) AND ITS LEADERS, MARCUS OSATINSKY AND JORGE ROBERTO QUIETO. LATER IN 1972 HE ARRANGED FOR THE TRANSFER OF THE AFOREMENTIONED ARGENTINE TERRORISTS, WHO DID ESCAPE FROM RAWSON PRISON FROM CHILE TO CUBA. IN 1974 HE WAS IN FREQUENT CLOSE CONTACT WITH LEADERS OF THE ARGENTINE TERRORIST ORGANIZATION, THE PEOPLES REVOLUTIONARY PARTY (ERP) AND ITS LEADERS, ROBERTO MARIO SANTUCHO AND ENRIQUE GORRIARAN MERLO. IN 1974, HE FACILITATED THE TRANSFER OF TEN MILLION DOLLARS FOR THE ERP, WHICH HAD BEEN PAID AS A RANSOM FOR THE RELEASE OF ~~KIX~~ VICTOR SAMUELSON, A U. S. EXECUTIVE OF THE ESSO STANDARD OIL COMPANY, WHO HAD BEEN KIDNAPPED BY ARGENTINE TERRORISTS. IN 1975 MARIO ~~(S)~~ (U)

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HERNANDEZ, AN ARGENTINE TERRORIST, VISITED ROCA'S LAW OFFICE WHERE HE SECURED AUTHORITY TO DEPOSIT AND WITHDRAW FUNDS FROM SECRET ACCOUNTS IN SWITZERLAND BELONGING TO THE ERP AND THE ERP AUGUST 22ND FACTION. HE MAINTAINS HIGH LEVEL CONTACTS WITH THE FOURTH INTERNATIONAL AND ANALYSIS OF HIS WRITINGS AND SPEECHES CLEARLY ESTABLISH THAT HE IS IN FAVOR OF VIOLENT SOCIALIST REVOLUTION AND THE CUBAN REVOLUTION. ON MARCH 24, 1976, AN ORDER FOR HIS CAPTURE WAS ISSUED BY THE ARGENTINE MILITARY GOVERNMENT. DURING THE BEGINNING OF SEPTEMBER 1976 HE CLANDESTINELY TRAVELED TO EUROPE VISITING SPAIN, SWITZERLAND AND FRANCE. HIS FUTURE PLANS INDICATE THAT HE WILL TRAVEL TO PARIS WHERE HE WILL DEDICATE HIS ACTIVITIES TO ORGANIZING INTERNATIONAL CAMPAIGNS TO DISCREDIT THE INCUMBENT ARGENTINE MILITARY GOVERNMENT. (S) (U)

LUCIO GARZON MACEDA IS ALSO AN ATTORNEY-AT-LAW AND AS NOTED PREVIOUSLY A CLOSE ASSOCIATE OF GUSTAVO ADOLFO ROCA. IN 1959 HE WAS EXPELLED FROM THE ARGENTINE SOCIALIST PARTY BECAUSE HE HELD AN UNACCEPTABLE TROTSKYITE POSITION. IN 1968 HE WAS THE PRINCIPAL SPEAKER DURING A "ROUND TABLE" DISCUSSION HELD IN CORDOBA UNDER THE SPONSORSHIP OF THE CPA, DURING WHICH THE ARGENTINE ARMED FORCES WERE ATTACKED. IN 1969, HE ATTENDED AN AFFAIR IN CORDOBA SPONSORED (S) (U)

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IN 1962 HE WAS ARRESTED BY THE FEDERAL POLICE OF ARGENTINA FOR TAKING PART IN A VIOLENT UNION CONFLICT AT THE IKA-RENAULT AUTOMOBILE FACTORY. IN 1969 HE TOOK PART AND ORGANIZED WIDESPREAD CIVIL DISORDERS IN CORDOBA. IN 197-, HE WAS ARRESTED BY ARGENTINE SECURITY FORCES WHEN ARMS AND EXPLOSIVES WERE FOUND IN THE LIGHT AND POWER UNION HEADQUARTERS IN CORDOBA WHILE HE WAS PRESENT. DURING 1971 HE DEFENDED NUMEROUS DETAINED ARGENTINE GUERRILLAS. ON MARCH 24, 1976, AN ARREST WARRANT WAS ISSUED FOR HIM BY THE ARGENTINE MILITARY GOVERNMENT. AT THE BEGINNING OF SEPTEMBER 1976, HE, ACCOMPANIED BY ROCA, CLANDESTINELY TRAVELED TO EUROPE. ~~(S)~~ (U)

RODOLFO JOSE PUIGGROS - IN 1936, HE JOINED THE CPA. IN 1934 HE WAS A CANDIDATE FOR ELECTION TO THE CPA COUNCIL IN ROSARIO, SANTA FE PROVINCE. IN 1936, HE WAS AMONG THE FOUNDERS OF THE NEWSPAPER "ORIENTACION," A COMMUNIST PUBLICATION. DURING 1936 HE ALSO WAS A DIRECTOR OF THE CPA WEEKLY NEWSPAPER "HOY." ON SEPTEMBER 11, 1942, HE WAS ARRESTED FOR DISORDERLY CONDUCT DURING A DEMONSTRATION ORGANIZED BY THE "ASSOCIATION OF FRIENDS OF RUSSIA." IN 1947 HE RESIGNED FROM THE CPA AND FOUNDED A GROUP KNOWN AS "WORKING CLASS," WHICH HAD TROTSKYITE TENDENCIES. IN 1950 HE WAS A FOUNDER OF THE "COMMUNIST" ~~(S)~~ (U)

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WORKERS MOVEMENT" AND BEGAN TO ACTIVELY ATTEMPT TO DRAW CLOSER TO THE PERONIST MOVEMENT. ON APRIL 16, 1963, HIS ARREST WAS ORDERED BY THE ARGENTINE GOVERNMENT FOR INTERFERING IN THE ELECTORAL PROCESS. BETWEEN THE YEARS 1966 AND 1970 HE WAS A FUGITIVE IN ARGENTINA. DURING THIS PERIOD HE WAS A MEMBER OF THE "COMMITTEE FOR SOLIDARITY WITH THE BOLIVIAN REVOLUTION." ON MAY 29, 1973, HE WAS DESIGNATED THE RECTOR OF BUENOS AIRES UNIVERSITY, WHERE HE ENCOURAGED SERIOUS MARXIST INFILTRATION TO TAKE PLACE. ON SEPTEMBER 7, 1976, HE SPOKE AT A CONGRESS HELD IN PARIS, FRANCE, AT THE LAW FACULTY OF THE UNIVERSITY OF PARIS. ~~(S)~~ (U)

SOURCE ADVISED THAT HIS SERVICE WAS PREOCCUPIED THAT SUCH WELL-DOCUMENTED COMMUNISTS AND/OR TERRORISTS WOULD BE ALLOWED TO ENTER THE UNITED STATES WHERE THEY WOULD BE FREE TO CONTACT UNITED STATES SUBVERSIVE ORGANIZATIONS. ~~(S)~~ (U)

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ON MARCH 10, 1977, A CONFIDENTIAL SOURCE ABROAD, WHO IS AN
ACTIVE DUTY COLONEL IN THE ARGENTINE ARMY, PROVIDED THE FOLLOWING
INFORMATION: ~~(S)~~ (U)

HARDLINE ELEMENTS IN THE ARGENTINE ARMY HAVE BECOME COMPLETELY
DISENCHANTED WITH THE POLITICAL AND ECONOMIC POLICIES OF THE
ARGENTINE GOVERNMENT LED BY THE PRESIDENT OF ARGENTINA, ARGENTINE
ARMY GENERAL JORGE RAFAEL VIDELA. ~~(S)~~ (U)

THESE DISENCHANTED ARGENTINE ARMY ELEMENTS INCLUDE KEY GENERALS
HAVING TROOP COMMANDS, AS WELL AS THE CHIEF OF THE FEDERAL POLICE
OF ARGENTINA. THESE GENERALS BELIEVE THAT GENERAL VIDELA'S
LEADERSHIP HAS BEEN WEAK AND TOO POPULIST TO COPE WITH PRESENT-
DAY REALITIES IN ARGENTINA. ~~(S)~~ (U)

SPECIFICALLY THESE GENERALS STRONGLY OBJECT TO ANY DIALOGUE
WITH THE LABOR UNION SECTOR, WHICH UNDER THE PREVIOUS PERONIST ~~(S)~~ (U)

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GOVERNMENTS WIELDED A DISPROPORTIONATE AMOUNT OF POLITICAL POWER AND AUTHORITY. IN ADDITION, THE GENERALS ARE COMPLETELY OPPOSED TO ANY DIALOGUE BETWEEN THE VARIOUS POLITICAL PARTIES IN ARGENTINA, AS HAS BEEN PROPOSED BY GENERAL VIDELA, INASMUCH AS THESE POLITICAL PARTIES HAVE IN THE PAST CLEARLY DEMONSTRATED THAT THEY ARE INCAPABLE OF LEADERSHIP AND ACTING IN THE BEST INTERESTS OF THE ARGENTINE NATION. IN ADDITION, THESE GENERALS BELIEVE THAT GENERAL VIDELA HAS NOT EXERTED PROPER LEADERSHIP, IN ORDER TO CLEARLY DEMONSTRATE THE IMPORTANCE OF ARGENTINA IN THE SOUTHERN CONE OF SOUTH AMERICA. THE GENERALS BELIEVE THAT GENERAL VIDELA HAS BEEN TOO SOFT AND HAS ALLOWED THE WAR ON TERRORISM TO DRAG ON TOO LONG, WHICH ULTIMATELY HAS CUASED PROBLEMS IN THE AREA OF HUMAN RIGHTS. ~~(S)~~ (U)

THE GENERALS INTEND TO OUST GENERAL VIDELA AS COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF OF THE ARGENTINE ARMY AND ALSO TO REMOVE HIM FROM THE PRESIDENCY. CONSULTATIONS HAVE BEEN HELD WITH ADMIRAL EMILIO MASSERA, THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF OF THE ARGENTINE NAVY AND ALSO A MEMBER OF THE ARGENTINE JUNTA. ALLEGEDLY, ADMIRAL MASSERA AGREES IN PRINCIPLE WITH THE GENERALS AND HAS INDICATED THAT THE ARGENTINE NAVY WOULD SUPPORT THE ARMY GENERALS IN OUSTING GENERAL VIDELA FROM THE PRESIDENCY AND AS COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF OF THE ARGENTINE ARMY. ADMIRAL MASSERA ~~(S)~~ (U)

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REPORTEDLY HAS INFORMED THE GENERALS THAT IMPORTANT MIDDLE GRADE OFFICERS IN THE ARGENTINE NAVY HAVE GROWN EXTREMELY IMPATIENT WITH THE PROGRESS OF THE ARGENTINE GOVERNMENT UNDER GENERAL VIDELA'S LEADERSHIP AND BELIEVE HE SHOULD BE REMOVED. ADMIRAL MASSERA REPORTEDLY INDICATED THAT THESE MIDDLE GRADE ARGENTINE NAVAL OFFICERS ARE HARDLINERS AND AGREED WITH THE GENERALS' POSITION THAT NO DIALOGUE OR CONCESSIONS SHOULD BE MADE TO ARGENTINE LABOR UNIONS OR POLITICAL PARTIES. ~~(S)~~ (U)

IN ADDITION TO REMOVING GENERAL VIDELA, DISSIDENT ARMY GENERALS PLAN TO REMOVE THE FOLLOWING ARMY GENERALS WHOM THEY HAVE CHARACTERIZED AS POPULISTS: ~~(S)~~ (U)

GENERAL ALBANO HARGUIDEGUY, THE INCUMBENT MINISTER OF THE INTERIOR; GENERAL HORACIO TOMAS LIENDO, THE INCUMBENT MINISTER OF LABOR; GENERAL CARLOS DALLA TEA, THE COMMANDER OF THE GENDARMERIA (BORDER GUARDS); GENERAL RAMON GENARO DIAZ BESSONE, THE INCUMBENT MINISTER OF PLANNING; GENERAL ROBERT VIOLA, INCUMBENT CHIEF OF THE ARMY GENERAL STAFF. ~~(S)~~ (U)

THE GENERALS PLAN TO INSTALL GENERAL ANTONIO BUSSI, INCUMBENT GOVERNOR OF TUCUMAN PROVINCE, AS COMMANDER OF THE ARMY THIRD CORPS, HEADQUARTERED IN CORDOBA. THEY PLAN TO DESIGNATE GENERAL SANTIAGO ~~(S)~~ (U)

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RIVEROS, INCUMBENT COMMANDER OF MILITARY INSTITUTES, AS COMMANDER OF THE ARMY FIRST CORPS, HEADQUARTERED IN BUENOS AIRES. IT IS PLANNED TO DESIGNATE GENERAL RODOLFO MUJICA AS MINISTER OF THE INTERIOR AND GENERAL ADEL VILAS AS THE CHIEF OF THE FEDERAL POLICE OF ARGENTINA. THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF OF THE ARMY WILL BE GENERAL LUCIANO MENENDEZ AND FINALLY THE PRESIDENT OF ARGENTINA WILL BE GENERAL CARLOS SUAREZ MASON. THE INCUMBENT CHIEF OF THE FEDERAL POLICE OF ARGENTINA, GENERAL EDMUNDO OJEDA, WILL BE GIVEN THE COMMAND OF A AS-OF-YET UNDETERMINED ARMY CORPS. IN THE LATTER CONNECTION, GENERAL OJEDA IS ACTIVELY COLLABORATING WITH THE DISSIDENT GENERALS AND RECENTLY COMPLETED A TOUR OF CORDOBA AND OTHER PROVINCES TO FURTHER THE GENERALS' PLAN TO DEPOSE GENERAL VIDELA UNDER THE PRETEXT OF INSPECTING VARIOUS FEDERAL POLICE OF ARGENTINA INSTALLATIONS. (S) (U)

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PROJECTED SMEAR CAMPAIGN AGAINST
ECONOMY [MINISTER JOSE MARTINEZ DE HOZ] (S) (U)

On 11/12/77, an official of one of the Argentine military intelligence services provided the following information: (S) (U)

Source's service is in receipt of information, judged to be reliable, that the Argentine Navy plans to launch a campaign to discredit Economy Minister MARTINEZ DE HOZ on ideological grounds by disclosing that the Minister's brother-in-law, SANTIAGO JORGE BULLRICH, had proven and documented past connections with certain subversive organizations in Argentina. Source's service learned that the Argentine Navy plans to release information that BULLRICH was a member of the Agrupacion Reformista Universitaria (ARUBA) at the University of Buenos Aires in 1957. Allegedly, the ARUBA was a Communist-dominated student organization. In addition, source advised his service ascertained that the Argentine Navy intended to accuse BULLRICH of being a leader in the Federacion Juvenil Comunista (FJC). (S) (U)

Source's service, in evaluating the motivation of the Argentine Navy for attacking the Minister through his brother-in-law, feel that the foregoing is part of a recently launched campaign by the Argentine Navy to discredit and compromise the Minister for his economic policies, which in turn will discredit the Minister's supporters, i.e. the Argentine Army and in particular, President VIDELA. (S) (U)

Source advised that the information concerning BULLRICH's past subversive connections was definitely true and was reported in SIDE's summary of MARTINEZ DE HOZ' background submitted during his consideration for his present Cabinet post. However, source noted that BULLRICH's past subversive ties were strictly isolated to his student days and were not considered pertinent to MARTINEZ DE HOZ' suitability for a position of trust and confidence in the Government. (S) (U)

Source's information is especially interesting when considered with recently published data appearing in the Gaceta Naval pertaining to wages, prices, etc. (S) (U)

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MEMORANDUM OF CONVERSATION

SUBJECT: Argentine Political and Human Rights Developments

PARTICIPANTS: Dr. Ricardo Yofre, Under Secretary of the
Office of the President
Maxwell Chaplin, Chargé
Tony Freeman, Political Officer

DATE: November 8, 1977

PLACE: American Club

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Following are the highlights of Yofre's luncheon comments:

1. The railroad strike. The origins of the recent strike lie in the fact that many low-paid railroad employees did not receive the pay raises due them as a result of the October 1 increase in the minimum wage (to 30,000 pesos per month), i.e. many received less than this amount in their October pay envelope. This critical failure officially is being chalked up as having been caused by a computer error, but several of Martinez de Hoz' aides -- who are really to blame for the delay in implementing pay increases for the public enterprise sector -- probably will be given the axe as a result. Yofre denied that the Economy Minister's position was in any way threatened. Videla also emerged unscathed from the episode. However, wages are undoubtedly low, the economy is still sluggish and the country may have to withstand a small recession before more solid economic ground is reached.

2. Shifts in military command. Yofre did not accept the interpretation of some observers that the recent retirements and changes of command in the Army could be characterized as a Videla decision not to rock the boat. To the contrary, asserted Yofre, Videla's hand has now been strengthened vis-a-vis the Army hardliners. The retirement of Generals Azpitarte and Olivera Rovere has shifted the balance in the Army High Command in Videla's favor and the road is now clear for Videla to proceed with plans for his "political proposal." Among Videla's political allies in the High Command, Yofre listed Harguindeguy, Menendez and Galtieri. (Embassy Comment: "With friends like these...", as the old adage goes, we are not convinced that

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Videla's way is now suddenly clear for a breakthrough on the political and human rights fronts. In a previous conversation, Yofre outlined a plan to force hardliner General Suarez Mason's retirement. Videla's failure to achieve this goal at this time can only be regarded as a retreat.)

3. Peace by Christmas? In fact, Yofre gave us no cause for optimism that that there was a spectacular Videla move in the wind to improve the human rights situation. The Armed Forces are basically united in the belief that the only good terrorist is a dead terrorist, he said. He admitted to being personally disturbed about the implications of this policy, but that the military were committed to the "liquidation" of terrorism and the terrorists was an intractable fact of life. Nevertheless, the number of kidnappings was greatly reduced in recent months and Videla continues to achieve greater control over the Armed Forces. There are no operations in Buenos Aires now, Yofre maintained, which do not have First Corps Commander Suarez Mason's personal approval (!) The same is true for operations in the other Corps areas. (Comment: Of course, even if true, we hardly see this as a definitive solution to the problem.)

4. Timerman. The Armed Forces investigation unturned no hard evidence implicating Timerman with terrorism, but there was strong prejudice and lingering suspicion against Timerman in military circles because several of his staff writers in the past had turned out to be terrorist leaders and his paper in the early 70's carried articles romanticizing guerrilla motives. For many military men, Timerman was a symbol of everything that was rotten and corrupt in pre-coup Argentina. Yofre considered Timerman a scoundrel and a political chameleon, but the terrorist charge was a bum rap. The allegations of "economic subversion" related solely to David Graiver's ownership interest in Timerman's newspaper.

5. The Deutsch Case. Asked if it were true that the Maoist-oriented Revolutionary Communist Party (PRC) was a terrorist organization, Yofre replied that the government had to take at face value the report of the Third Army Command labelling the PRC as terrorist and linking several younger members of the Deutsch family to this organization in Cordoba.

6. Increase in Terrorist Acts. Beginning with the incidents on Peronist "Loyalty Day" in October, there has been an increase in Montonero bombing and assassination attempts, which Yofre linked to reports that Horacio Mendizabal, the second-ranking leader in the Montonero military organization, recently had infiltrated back into the country. Yofre said there was no doubt that the killing of his aide, sociologist Raul Castro Olivera, was the work of the Montoneros. The bombing of Labor Minister Liendo's office from which Liendo narrowly escaped with his life was also a Montonero act. The latter evidently was an inside job. (Comment: In past conversations, Yofre has been wont to see the hand of Admiral Massera in some terrorist acts against highranking members of the Videla government, including an attack against Yofre himself. Yofre's reliability as a source has been spotty at times. The main significance we see in Yofre's latest remarks

concerning the assassination of his aide and the bombing attempt at the Labor Ministry is that the Videla government evidently is not fanning the rumors which initially attributed these actions to the Navy.)

7. Preparations for the Vance Visit. Bearing in mind Deputy Foreign Minister Allara's tendency in the past to take a hardline approach to the human rights problem and his initial opposition to Videla's trip to Washington, we asked for Yofre's view of Allara's recent consultations with the State Department in preparation for the Secretary's visit to Argentina. Yofre showed no sign of concern which we could detect that Allara might not be representing Videla's best interests in his talks with the Department. Yofre answered the question straight, stating there may be some differences of nuance in the way the Foreign Ministry and Videla approach issues on the agenda. Videla will take a fundamentally political approach. In addition to human rights and nuclear cooperation, the Foreign Ministry will wish to discuss the Malvinas (Falkland Is.) problem, bilateral economic problems, North-South issues, and Argentina's role in the nonaligned bloc of nations.

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ON SEPTEMBER 28, 1976, A CONFIDENTIAL SOURCE ABROAD, [WHO IS
CONNECTED WITH THE ARGENTINE ARMY INTELLIGENCE SERVICE] PROVIDED (S)(U)
THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION:

"OPERATION CONDOR" IS THE CODE NAME FOR THE COLLECTION,
EXCHANGE AND STORAGE OF INTELLIGENCE DATA CONCERNING SOCALLED
"LEFTISTS," COMMUNISTS AND MARXISTS, WHICH WAS RECENTLY
ESTABLISHED BETWEEN COOPERATING INTELLIGENCE SERVICES IN SOUTH
AMERICA IN ORDER TO ELIMINATE MARXIST TERRORIST ACTIVITIES IN
THE AREA. IN ADDITION, "OPERATION CONDOR" PROVIDES FOR JOINT

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OPERATIONS AGAINST TERRORIST TARGETS IN MEMBER COUNTRIES OF

"OPERATION CONDOR." CHILE IS THE CENTER FOR "OPERATION CONDOR" AND IN ADDITION TO CHILE ITS MEMBERS INCLUDE ARGENTINA, BOLIVIA, PARAGUAY, URUGUAY. BRAZIL ALSO HAS TENTATIVELY AGREED TO SUPPLY INTELLIGENCE INPUT FOR "OPERATION CONDOR." MEMBERS OF "OPERATION CONDOR" SHOWING THE MOST ENTHUSIASM TO DATE HAVE BEEN ARGENTINA, URUGUAY AND CHILE. THE LATTER THREE COUNTRIES HAVE ENGAGED IN JOINT OPERATIONS, PRIMARILY IN ARGENTINA, AGAINST THE TERRORIST TARGET. DURING THE WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 20, 1976, THE [DIRECTOR OF THE ARGENTINE ARMY INTELLIGENCE SERVICE TRAVELED TO SANTIAGO, CHILE, TO CONSULT WITH HIS CHILEAN COUNTERPARTS] WITH ~~(S)~~ (U) RESPECT TO "OPERATION CONDOR."

A THIRD AND MOST SECRET PHASE OF "OPERATION CONDOR" INVOLVES THE FORMATION OF SPECIAL TEAMS FROM MEMBER COUNTRIES WHO ARE TO TRAVEL ANYWHERE IN THE WORLD TO NON-MEMBER COUNTRIES TO CARRY OUT SANCTIONS UP TO ASSASSINATIONS AGAINST TERRORISTS OR SUPPORTERS OF TERRORIST ORGANIZATIONS FROM "OPERATION CONDOR" MEMBER COUNTRIES. FOR EXAMPLE, SHOULD A TERRORIST OR A SUPPORTER OF A TERRORIST ORGANIZATION FROM A MEMBER COUNTRY OF "OPERATION CONDOR" BE LOCATED IN A EUROPEAN COUNTRY, A SPECIAL

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TEAM FROM "OPERATION CONDOR" WOULD BE DISPATCHED TO LOCATE AND SURVEIL THE TARGET. WHEN THE LOCATION AND SURVEILLANCE OPERATION HAS TERMINATED, A SECOND TEAM FROM "OPERATION CONDOR" WOULD BE DISPATCHED TO CARRY OUT THE ACTUAL SANCTION AGAINST THE TARGET. SPECIAL TEAMS WOULD BE ISSUED FALSE DOCUMENTATION FROM MEMBER COUNTRIES OF "OPERATION CONDOR" AND MAY BE COMPOSED EXCLUSIVELY OF NATIONS FROM ONE MEMBER NATION OF "OPERATION CONDOR" OR MAY BE COMPOSED OF A MIXED GROUP FROM VARIOUS "OPERATION CONDOR" MEMBER NATIONS. TWO EUROPEAN COUNTRIES, SPECIFICALLY MENTIONED FOR POSSIBLE OPERATIONS UNDER THE THIRD PHASE OF "OPERATION CONDOR" ARE FRANCE AND PORTUGAL.

A SPECIAL TEAM HAS BEEN ORGANIZED [IN ARGENTINA MADE UP OF MEMBERS OF THE ARGENTINE ARMY INTELLIGENCE SERVICE AND THE STATE SECRETARIAT FOR INFORMATION,] WHICH ARE BEING PREPARED FOR POSSIBLE FUTURE ACTION UNDER THE THIRD PHASE OF "OPERATION CONDOR."

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IT SHOULD BE NOTED THAT NO INFORMATION HAS BEEN DEVELOPED INDICATING THAT SANCTIONS UNDER THE THIRD PHASE OF "OPERATION CONDOR" HAVE BEEN PLANNED TO BE CARRIED OUT IN THE UNITED STATES; HOWEVER, IT IS NOT BEYOND THE REALM OF POSSIBILITY THAT THE RECENT ASSASSINATION OF ORLANDO LETELIER IN WASHINGTON, D. C. MAY HAVE BEEN CARRIED OUT AS A THIRD PHASE ACTION OF "OPERATION CONDOR." AS NOTED ABOVE, INFORMATION AVAILABLE TO THE SOURCE INDICATES THAT PARTICULAR EMPHASIS WAS PLACED ON THE THIRD PHASE ACTIONS OF "OPERATION CONDOR" IN EUROPE, SPECIFICALLY FRANCE AND PORTUGAL. THIS OFFICE WILL REMAIN ALERT FOR ANY INFORMATION INDICATING THAT THE ASSASSINATION OF LETELIER MAY BE PART OF "OPERATION CONDOR" ACTION.

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LEGAL ATTACHE, ROBERT C. SCHENKER

[FEDERAL POLICE OF ARGENTINA] (S) (U)
(FPA)

An official of the FPA, Department of Federal Security, provided the following information; on 3/5/75. (S) (U)

On Thursday, 2/27/75, FPA Chief Luis Margaride made a highly confidential visit to Asuncion, Paraguay, departing in the early morning and returning the same evening. The source was unable to provide any information with regard to the purpose of Margaride's trip. (S) (U)

On 3/24/75, FPA Chief Margaride directed an internal FPA secret order to the Chief of the Department of Federal Security instructing that in the future no information from Department of Federal Security files is to be provided to the Argentine Army without first clearing the information personally with Margaride. (S) (U)

Source advised he believes the reason for Margaride's instructions originates over conflicts that have arisen between the FPA and the Argentine Army in connection with the latter's anti-guerrilla sweeps in the Province of Tucuman. (S) (U)

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ON MARCH 26, 1976, A CONFIDENTIAL SOURCE ABROAD WHO IS
A RANKING OFFICIAL OF THE ARGENTINE ARMY INTELLIGENCE
SERVICE (AAIS), PROVIDED THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION: ~~(S)~~ (U)

INTELLIGENCE RECENTLY ACQUIRED BY THE AAIS ESTABLISHED
THAT MARIO ROBERTO SANTUCHO, THE LEADER OF THE ARGENTINE
GUERRILLA ORGANIZATION, THE PEOPLE'S REVOLUTIONARY ARMY (ERP),
RECENTLY FORWARDED A MESSAGE TO CUBAN PREMIER FIDEL CASTRO
REQUESTING THAT 2,500 CUBAN TROOPS BE SENT TO ARGENTINA TO ASSIST
THE ERP IN CARRYING OUT GUERRILLA ACTIVITIES THAT WOULD
EVENTUALLY LEAD TO THE DOWNFALL OF THE ARGENTINE GOVERNMENT.

SANTUCHO'S REQUEST WAS DENIED BY FIDEL CASTRO. THIS INTELLIGENCE ~~(S)~~ (U)

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HAS CLEARLY DEMONSTRATED THE SIGNIFICANCE OF RECENT CUBAN
INTERVENTION IN ANGOLA TO MEMBERS OF THE ARGENTINE ARMED
FORCES. ~~(S)~~ (U)

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ON NOVEMBER 14, 1976, [A CONFIDENTIAL SOURCE ABROAD WHO IS
AN OFFICIAL OF THE FEDERAL POLICE OF ARGENTINA (FPA), INTELLIGENCE
DIVISION,] PROVIDED THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION: ~~(S)~~ (U)

DURING THE EVENING OF NOVEMBER 13, 1976, TERRORISTS
MACHINE GUNNED AND SET OFF INCENDIARY BOMBS AT THE RESIDENCE
OF JAIME VALDEZ, PRESS ATTACHE OF THE CHILEAN EMBASSY IN BUENOS
AIRES. MODERATE DAMAGE WAS DONE TO THE VALDEZ RESIDENCE
WHICH IS LOCATED IN SAN ISIDRO, BUENOS AIRES PROVINCE.

VALDEZ' AUTOMOBILE, WHICH WAS PARKED OUTSIDE THE RESIDENCE,
WAS SEVERELY DAMAGED. VALDEZ WAS NOT AT HOME WHEN THE ATTACK
TOOK PLACE, INASMUCH AS HE WAS ACCOMPANYING ARGENTINE PRESIDENT
RAFAEL JORGE VIDELA ON A STATE VISIT TO CHILE.

AS OF NOVEMBER 14, 1976, NO TERRORIST ORGANIZATION HAD
CLAIMED CREDIT FOR THE BOMBING.

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SOURCE IS COMISARIO MAYOR CARLOS VICENTE MARCOTTE, DEPUTY
 DIRECTOR OF ~~FEDERAL-SECURITY~~, EPA. ~~(S)~~ (U)

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WHILE THERE IS NO APPARENT CONNECTION WITH THE ABOVE-
 DESCRIBED BOMBING ATTACK AND THE ASSASSINATION OF ORLANDO
 LETELLIER, IT IS SUGGESTED THAT THE BUREAU ~~PROVIDE~~ ^{TRANSMIT} A COPY OF
 THIS CABLE TO WFO AND OTHER OFFICES HANDLING LEADS IN THE
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"OPERATION CONDOR"

On 9/28/76, a source who has furnished reliable information in the past advised as follows:

"Operation Condor" is the code name for the collection, exchange and storage of intelligence data concerning so-called "Leftists", Communists and Marxists, which was recently established between cooperating intelligence services in South America in order to eliminate Marxist terrorist activities in the area. In addition, "Operation Condor" provides for joint operations against terrorist targets in member countries of "Operation Condor." Chile is the center for "Operation Condor" and in addition to Chile, its members include Argentina, Bolivia, Paraguay and Uruguay. Brazil also has tentatively agreed to supply intelligence input for "Operation Condor." Members of "Operation Condor" showing the most enthusiasm to date have been Argentina, Uruguay and Chile. The latter three countries have engaged in joint operations, primarily in Argentina, against the terrorist target. During the week of September 20, 1976, the [director of the Argentine Army Intelligence Service traveled to Santiago, Chile, to consult with his Chilean counterparts] with respect to "Operation Condor." (U)

A third and most secret phase of "Operation Condor" involves the formation of special teams from member countries who are to travel anywhere in the world to non-member countries to carry out sanctions up to assassination against terrorists or supporters of terrorist organizations from "Operation Condor" member countries. For example, should a terrorist or a supporter of a terrorist organization from a member country of "Operation Condor" be located in a European country, a special team from

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RE: "OPERATION CONDOR"

"Operation Condor" would be dispatched to locate and surveil the target. When the location and surveillance operation has terminated, a second team from "Operation Condor" would be dispatched to carry out the actual sanction against the target. Special teams would be issued false documentation from member countries of "Operation Condor" and may be composed exclusively of individuals from one member nation of "Operation Condor", or may be composed of a mixed group from various "Operation Condor" member nations. Two European countries, specifically mentioned for possible operations under the third phase of "Operation Condor", were France and Portugal.

A special team has been organized [in Argentina made up of members of the Argentine Army Intelligence Service and the State Secretariat for Information (SIDE)] which are being prepared for possible future action under the third phase of "Operation Condor." (U)

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ON SEPTEMBER 28, 1976, A CONFIDENTIAL SOURCE ABROAD, [WHO IS
CONNECTED WITH THE ARGENTINE ARMY INTELLIGENCE SERVICE] PROVIDED (S)(U)
THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION:

"OPERATION CONDOR" IS THE CODE NAME FOR THE COLLECTION,
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AMERICA IN ORDER TO ELIMINATE MARXIST TERRORIST ACTIVITIES IN
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1 - [80-84 (POIRE)] (S)(U) (S)M LETELIER)
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OPERATIONS AGAINST TERRORIST TARGETS IN MEMBER COUNTRIES OF

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A SPECIAL TEAM HAS BEEN ORGANIZED [IN ARGENTINA MADE UP OF MEMBERS OF THE ARGENTINE ARMY INTELLIGENCE SERVICE AND THE STATE SECRETARIAT FOR INFORMATION,] WHICH ARE BEING PREPARED FOR POSSIBLE FUTURE ACTION UNDER THE THIRD PHASE OF "OPERATION CONDOR." (S) (U)

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(2 CR 3 1f) ADMINISTRATIVE - SOURCE IS DR. ARTURO HORACIO POIRE, WHO IS A MEMBER OF THE ARGENTINE SPECIAL GROUP, WHICH WILL POSSIBLY PARTICIPATE IN THE THIRD PHASE OF "OPERATION CONDOR." (S) (U)
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IT SHOULD BE NOTED THAT NO INFORMATION HAS BEEN DEVELOPED INDICATING THAT SANCTIONS UNDER THE THIRD PHASE OF "OPERATION CONDOR" HAVE BEEN PLANNED TO BE CARRIED OUT IN THE UNITED STATES; HOWEVER, IT IS NOT BEYOND THE REALM OF POSSIBILITY THAT THE RECENT ASSASSINATION OF ORAANDO LETELIER IN WASHINGTON, D. C. MAY HAVE BEEN CARRIED OUT AS A THIRD PHASE ACTION OF "OPERATION CONDOR." AS NOTED ABOVE, INFORMATION AVAILABLE TO THE SOURCE INDICATES THAT PARTICULAR EMPHASIS WAS PLACED ON THE THIRD PHASE ACTIONS OF "OPERATION CONDOR" IN EUROPE, SPECIFICALLY FRANCE AND PORTUGAL. THIS OFFICE WILL REMAIN ALERT FOR ANY INFORMATION INDICATING THAT THE ASSASSINATION OF LETELIER MAY BE PART OF "OPERATION CONDOR" ACTION.

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BRAZILIAN-ARGENTINE BORDER ACTIVITY

On 7/7/76, Major HUGO DE QUEIROZ SILVA, SNI, Rio de Janeiro, advised that tensions along the Brazilian-Guyana border appear to be easing in light of recent intelligence reports that appear to negate prior reports that large numbers of Cubans are training within the latter country. Brazilian military units have pulled back from the common border and in some instances have been withdrawn entirely and reassigned. The Brazilian Government appears to have no intentions of fanning the flames of political conflict between the two countries and is attempting a complete turnabout from its previous suspicious allegations by making its presence on the border as low-key as possible. ~~(S)~~ (U)

Major QUEIROZ further advised regarding the current Argentine situation that all the killings taking place between the new military regime and terrorist forces show no signs of a letup, the government forces appearing to have the upper hand. He stated that what took the Brazilian Government 12 years to accomplish, the Argentine Government is endeavoring to end in four months. According to SNI intelligence projections, with the current rate of Government activity and effort, the government forces could conceivably be in an absolute and dominant position within a matter of weeks. ~~(S)~~ (U)

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ON SEPTEMBER 23, 1976, A CONFIDENTIAL SOURCE ABROAD, [WHO IS (U)
CONNECTED WITH THE ARGENTINE ARMY INTELLIGENCE SERVICE,] PROVIDED (S)
THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION:

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71299 "OPERATION CONDON" PROVIDED FOR JOINT OPERATIONS AGAINST TERRORISTS

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ARGENTINE TERRORIST ACTIVITIES; FPM-ARGENTINA.

ON MAY 8, 1978, A CONFIDENTIAL SOURCE WHO HAS FURNISHED
RELIABLE INFORMATION IN THE PAST REPORTED THAT INFORMATION
HAS BEEN RECEIVED THAT SIX GROUPS OF SPECIALLY TRAINED TERRORISTS
WILL TRAVEL TO ARGENTINA PRIOR TO THE COMMENCEMENT OF THE JUNE,
1978 WORLD CUP SOCCER MATCH IN ORDER TO CARRY OUT ACTS OF
TERRORISM. THE SOURCE REPORTED THAT THE SIX TERRORIST GROUPS
WERE COMPOSED OF SEVERAL HIGHLY TRAINED INDIVIDUALS AND THAT THEY
HAD RECEIVED TRAINING IN EUROPE. SOURCE REPORTED THAT IT WAS
BELIEVED THAT TWO OF THE GROUPS HAD ALREADY CLANDESTINELY ENTERED
ARGENTINA. (S) (U)

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ADMINISTRATIVE: SOURCE IS DR. ARTURO POIRE, ARGENTINE
AIR FORCE INTELLIGENCE SERVICE. (S) (U)

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FOREIGN POLITICAL MATTERS-CHILE; IS-CHILE; FPM-ARGENTINA;
IS-ARGENTINA; ARGENTINE TERRORIST ACTIVITIES; FPM-ARGENTINA.

ON NOVEMBER 14, 1976, [A CONFIDENTIAL SOURCE ABROAD WHO IS
AN OFFICIAL OF THE FEDERAL POLICE OF ARGENTINA (FPA), INTELLIGENCE
DIVISION,] PROVIDED THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION: (S) (U)

DURING THE EVENING OF NOVEMBER 13, 1976, TERRORISTS
MACHINE GUNNED AND SET OFF INCENDIARY BOMBS AT THE RESIDENCE
OF JAIME VALDEZ, PRESS ATTACHE OF THE CHILEAN EMBASSY IN BUENOS
AIRES. MODERATE DAMAGE WAS DONE TO THE VALDEZ RESIDENCE
WHICH IS LOCATED IN SAN ISIDRO, BUENOS AIRES PROVINCE.
VALDEZ' AUTOMOBILE, WHICH WAS PARKED OUTSIDE THE RESIDENCE,
WAS SEVERELY DAMAGED. VALDEZ WAS NOT AT HOME WHEN THE ATTACK
TOOK PLACE INASMUCH AS HE WAS ACCOMPANYING ARGENTINE PRESIDENT
RAFAEL JORGE VIDELA ON A STATE VISIT TO CHILE.

AS OF NOVEMBER 14, 1976, NO TERRORIST ORGANIZATION HAD
CLAIMED CREDIT FOR THE BOMBING.

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ADMINISTRATIVE:

SOURCE IS COMISARIO MAYOR CARLOS VICENTE MARCOTTE, DEPUTY
DIRECTOR OF FEDERAL SECURITY, FPA. (~~S~~) (U)

COORDINATED LOCALLY.

WHILE THERE IS NO APPARENT CONNECTION WITH THE ABOVE-
DESCRIBED BOMBING ATTACK AND THE ASSASSINATION OF ORLANDO
LETELIER, IT IS SUGGESTED THAT THE BUREAU PROVIDE A COPY OF
THIS CABLE TO WFO AND OTHER OFFICES HANDLING LEADS IN THE
CHILBOM CASE IN CONNECTION WITH CHILEAN EXILE
COMMUNITIES IN THEIR TERRITORIES.

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10/20/76

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On 10/20/76, a source, who is connected with one of the Argentine intelligence services, provided the following information: ~~(S)~~ (U)

On 10/18/76, elements of the Argentine Army Intelligence Service (SIE) operating with members of the Buenos Aires Provincial Police Intelligence Service, discovered and successfully raided a location in Buenos Aires Province, that housed the intelligence records of the ERP. ~~(S)~~ (U)

Voluminous documents and files were seized as a result of the raid. The ERP had gathered information concerning over 1700 Argentine Army officers, which included name, rank, residence and assignment. Much of the information regarding the aforementioned Argentine Army officers was several years out of dat. In addition, documents were discovered indicating that the ERP had gathered information against personnel of various embassies in Argentina including the United States, Great Britain, Australia, Canada, France and Sweden. ~~(S)~~ (U)

Information concerning the U. S. Embassy related to JOSEPH DODSON, the former Agricultural Attache, General RICHARD ALLEN, the former Milgrp Commander, and Captain RAYMOND FORD, the former Naval Attache. All of these individuals departed post several years ago. Also included in the ERP material was a report setting forth the results of a casing operation against the residence of an unidentified U. S. Embassy individual, who held the rank of First Secretary and resided at Calle Dr. Guillermo Rawson 3271, La Lucila. This individual apparently had a son, who was missing his left arm as a result of a birth defect. The identity of this individual cannot be immediately established through available Embassy records. ~~(S)~~ (U)

The source made available photostatic copy of material taken from the ERP intelligence files relating to the aforementioned U. S. Embassy personnel. This photostatic copy will be retained in my office for future reference. The material as contained in the ERP intelligence file is set forth on the attached sheet. ~~(S)~~ (U)

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DODSON, JOSEPH
Yankee Diplomat: Resides at #742
Ricardo Gutiérrez, Olivos. TE 791-3259
Works at the U. S. Embassy, at #663
Sarmiento. TE 46-3211

Informant: ?
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ALLEN, Richar J.
Diplomat: Resides at
2340 Catamarca, Olivos
TE 797-2132
Works at the U. S.
Embassy, #663 Sarmiento,
TE 46-3211
Report: ?
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FORD, Raymond E.
Diplomat: Resides at 1776 Balcarce
Martínez
Works at U.S. Embassy, Sarmiento
#663, TE 46-3211

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Report regarding observations private home of the First Secretary, Yankee Embassy

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Residence: #3271 Dr. Guillermo Rawson Street, between Dr. D. Acassuso and San Lorenzo, La Lucila. Members of the family a) Head of the family (First Secretary of the Embassy): approximately 1.75 meters in height, race, white, short hair (American style), graying, 45 to 50 years of age, athletic build, wears glasses all the time. b) Wife: Typical "Gringa", approximately 1.75 meters in height, blonde, race, white, shoulder-length hair, 45 to 50 years of age. Oldest daughter, approximately 1.75 meters in height, race, white, shoulder-length reddish hair, dyed, thin, 20 to 22 years of age. Youngest daughter, approximately 1.65 meters, long, blonde hair, down to the middle of her back, about 16 to 18 years of age, weighing approximately 6 kilos. Youngest son, blond, 1.10 meters in height, 7 years of age, , missing left arm due to congenital defect. Automobiles: 69 Impala, green diplomatic plates. Guards: No special guards observed neither inside nor outside the house in the daytime nor at night. The only guard service observed has been a patrol car cruising every 15 to 20 minutes, green automobile, Chevrolet Cross Country being driven by two civilians who observe the residence from south to north and vice versa stopping and observing the interior of the residence each time they go by.

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ARGENTINE TERRORIST ACTIVITIES; FPM - ARGENTINA.

ON OCTOBER 20, 1976, AN OFFICIAL OF THE ARGENTINE ARMY
INTELLIGENCE SERVICE (AAIS) PROVIDED THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION: (S) (U)

ON OCTOBER 18, 1976, ELEMENTS OF THE AAIS, OPERATING WITH
MEMBERS OF THE BUENOS AIRES PROVINCIAL POLICE INTELLIGENCE SERVICE,
DISCOVERED AND SUCCESSFULLY RAIDED A LOCATION IN BUENOS AIRES
PROVINCE THAT HOUSED THE INTELLIGENCE RECORDS OF THE PEOPLES
REVOLUTIONARY ARMY (ERP), AN ARGENTINE TERRORIST ORGANIZATION. (S) (U)

VOLUMINOUS DOCUMENTS AND FILES WERE SEIZED AS A RESULT OF
THIS RAID. THE ERP HAD GATHERED INFORMATION CONCERNING OVER
1,700 ARGENTINE ARMY OFFICERS, WHICH INCLUDED NAME, RANK, RESIDENCE
AND ASSIGNMENT. MUCH OF THE INFORMATION REGARDING THESE ARGENTINE
ARMY OFFICERS WAS SEVERAL YEARS OUT OF DATE. IN ADDITION DOCUMENTS
WERE DISCOVERED INDICATING THAT THE ERP HAD GATHERED INFORMATION
AGAINST PERSONNEL OF VARIOUS EMBASSIES IN ARGENTINA, INCLUDING (S) (U)

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INFORMATION REGARDING U. S. EMBASSY PERSONNEL WAS RELATED TO THE FORMER AGRICULTURAL ATTACHE, THE FORMER MILITARY GROUP COMMANDER, AND THE FORMER NAVAL ATTACHE. ALL OF THESE INDIVIDUALS WERE REASSIGNED FROM ARGENTINA SEVERAL YEARS AGO. THE INCUMBENT NAVAL ATTACHE CURRENTLY OCCUPIES THE SAME RESIDENCE AS HIS PREDECESSOR, WHICH HAD BEEN IDENTIFIED BY THE ERP. THE ERP DOCUMENTS ALSO CONTAIN THE RESULTS OF A CASING OPERATION AGAINST AN AS YET UNIDENTIFIED FIRST SECRETARY OF THE U. S. EMBASSY, WHO RESIDED IN LA LUCILA, BUENOS AIRES PROVINCE. ~~(S)~~ (U)

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SOURCE IS MAJOR JUAN LUCERO, AAIS. ~~(S)~~ (U)

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THE AMBASSADOR
MR. JOHN SEARS, POL/R

10/19/76

LEGAL ATTACHE ROBERT W. SCHERRER

FOREIGN POLITICAL MATTERS - ARGENTINA;
FOREIGN POLITICAL MATTERS - CUBA

Reference my memo 9/3/76, which reported on the abduction and assassination of JESUS CEJAS ARIAS and CRESENCIO GALANENA HERNANDEZ, two employees of the Cuban Embassy in Buenos Aires, by Argentine security forces during August, 1976.

On 9/18/76, a source, who is connected with one of the Argentine intelligence services, provided the following information: ~~(S)~~ (U)

After CEJAS and GALANENA had been assassinated, their bodies were cemented into one large storage drum and thrown into the Rio Lujan near Puente Colorado in San Fernando, Buenos Aires Province. The location where the two bodies were dumped had been used in the past to dispose of other bodies by the State Secretariat for Information (SIDE). The bodies of CEJAS and GALANENA were recovered on or about 10/14/76 by members of the San Fernando Volunteer Fire Department and frog men from the National Maritime Prefectura. Because CEJAS and GALANENA had been immersed in water for such a considerable period of time facilitating rapid decomposition, it is doubtful that they will be identified. At the time CEJAS and GALANENA were recovered, several other bodies, apparent victims of SIDE operations, were also recovered from the Rio Lujan at the same approximate location. ~~(S)~~ (U)

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ON OCTOBER 13, 1976, A CONFIDENTIAL SOURCE ABROAD WHO IS AN
OFFICIAL OF THE STATE SECRETARIAT FOR INFORMATION (SIDE), AN
ARGENTINE GOVERNMENT INTELLIGENCE AGENCY? PROVIDED THE FOLLOWING
INFORMATION: ~~(S)~~ (U)

ON OCTOBER 8, 1976, ARGENTINE SECURITY FORCES DISCOVERED WHAT
IS BELIEVED TO BE THE LAST REMAINING CELL OF THE PEOPLE'S
REVOLUTIONARY ARMY (ERP) AUGUST 22 FACTION, AN ARGENTINE TERRORIST
ORGANIZATION. THE CELL WAS COMPOSED OF FIVE MEMBERS WHO DIED WHEN
THEY RESISTED THE SECURITY FORCES. AMONG MATERIAL FOUND IN
POSSESSION OF THE CELL WAS A BOOK WHICH WAS A THREE-RING BOUND
LOOSE LEAF BOOK ISSUED BY THE ARGENTINE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN RELATIONS ~~(S)~~

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WHICH CONTAINS THE NAME, ADDRESS, TITLE AND DATE OF ACCREDITATION OF ALL FOREIGN DIPLOMATS IN ARGENTINA. THIS MATERIAL DATED BACK TO LATE 1972 OR EARLY 1973. THE SECTION CONTAINING THE ADDRESS OF U. S. EMBASSY PERSONNEL HAD BEEN REMOVED FROM THE NORMAL ORDER OF THE BINDER. HOWEVER, THERE IS NO INDICATION THAT ANY PARTICULAR MEMBER CONTAINED IN THE LIST HAD BEEN SINGLED OUT FOR ANY TERRORIST ACTION. (~~S~~) (U)

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SOURCE IS DR. ARTURO H. POIRE, SIDE. (~~S~~) (U)

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Memorandum

TO : FILE 109-103

DATE: 10/12/76

FROM : LEGAT ROBERT W. SCHERRER

SUBJECT: ARGENTINE TERRORIST ACTIVITIES
FPM - ARGENTINA

On 10/8/76, Dr. ARTURO H. POIRE (PROTECT), SIDE, made available copies of "Secret" SIDE reports on RODOLFO JOSE PUIGGROS, GUSTAVO ADOLFO ROCA DEHEZA and LUCIO GARZON MACEDA, who recently visited the U. S. to testify on alleged human rights violations in Argentina. Information where pertinent has been provided to FBIHQ by cable on 10/8/76 (see file 109-2 and instant file). ~~(S)~~ (U)

The SIDE reports are attached for information and indexing. ~~(S)~~ (U)

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ON OCTOBER 7, 1976, A CONFIDENTIAL SOURCE ABROAD, WHO IS
A RANKING OFFICIAL OF THE ARGENTINE ARMY INTELLIGENCE SERVICE,
(AAIS) PROVIDED THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION: ~~(S)~~ (U)

DURING RECENT U. S. CONGRESSIONAL HEARINGS ON HUMAN RIGHTS
HELD IN WASHINGTON, D. C. BY REPRESENTATIVE DONALD FRASER, SEVERAL
ARGENTINE CITIZENS WERE CALLED AS WITNESSES TO PRESENT THEIR
VIEWS ON ALLEGED HUMAN RIGHTS VIOLATIONS IN ARGENTINA. AMONG
THE WITNESSES CALLED WERE GUSTAVO ADOLFO ROCA, LUCIO GARZON MACEDA
AND RODOLFO JOSE PUIGGROS. THE AFOREMENTIONED INDIVIDUALS HAVE
EXTENSIVE, WELL-DOCUMENTED HISTORIES IN ARGENTINA OF BEING LONG-
TIME ~~TERRORIX~~ COMMITTED ~~TERRORIX~~ COMMUNISTS AND/OR SUPPORTERS OF
TERRORISTS ORGANIZATIONS. ~~(S)~~ (U)

THE FOLLOWING IS A SUMMARY OF THE SUBVERSIVE AND TERRORIST ~~(S)~~ (U)

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CONNECTIONS OF ROCA, MACEDA AND PUIGGROS, ACCORDING TO SECRET RECORDS OF THE AAIS. (S) (U)

ROCA IS AN ATTORNEY FROM CORDOBA, ARGENTINA. HE IS A CLOSE ASSOCIATE OF MACEDA. IN 1949 ROCA WAS A MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE POPULAR MOVEMENT FOR PEACE, A COMMUNIST PARTY OF ARGENTINA (CPA) FRONT. LATER IN 1949 ROCA WAS ELECTED AS A VOTING MEMBER OF THE POPULAR MOVEMENT FOR PEACE AND TOOK PART IN AN INTERNATIONAL CONGRESS OF THIS GROUP IN FRANCE IN 1955. HE WAS CONSIDERED TO BE A LEADER OF THE COMMUNIST PARTY OF ARGENTINA IN CORDOBA PROVINCE. IN 1957 HE TOOK PART IN THE "INTELLECTUAL GROUP" OF THE CPA AND THE "ARGENTINE LEAGUE FOR THE RIGHTS OF MAN," THE LATTER BEING A CPA FRONT. ALSO IN 1957, HE WAS PRESIDENT OF THE "ARGENTINE-RUMANIAN ASSOCIATION" AND WAS THE DIRECTOR OF "ORIENTACION," A CPA NEWSPAPER. IN 196-, HE WAS A SPEAKER AT THE "ROUND TABLE" CONCERNING A CAMPAIGN TO DISCREDIT THE ARGENTINE ARMED FORCES, WHICH WAS ORGANIZED BY THE CPA. IN 1962, HE TRAVELED TO CUBA WHERE HE ESTABLISHED RELATIONS WITH CASTROITES. IN 1964, HE ORGANIZED A PRESS CONFERENCE DURING WHICH IT WAS CLAIMED THAT ARGENTINE GOVERNMENT ACTION AGAINST TERRORISTS IN SALTA HAD BEEN ILLEGAL. ALSO IN 1964 HE WROTE A LETTER TO THE MAGAZINE "PRIMERA (S) (U)

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PLANA," WHERE HE GAVE JUSTIFICATION TO ARGENTINE GUERRILLA ACTIVITIES IN SALTA. ~~(S)~~ (U)

IN 1965, 1966 AND 1971 HE TRAVELED TO CUBA. IN 1972 HE TRAVELED TO CUBA WHERE HE ARRANGED FOR THE ACCEPTANCE IN CUBA OF VARIOUS ARGENTINE GUERRILLAS WHO WERE TO BREAK OUT OF RAWSON PRISON AND HIJACK AN ARGENTINE COMMERCIAL AIRLINER TO CHILE. ON DECEMBER 15, 1972, HE BECAME THE DIRECTOR OF "LIBERACION," A NEWSPAPER OF THE ERP AUGUST 22ND FACTION. IN 1972 HE WAS CLOSELY CONNECTED WITH THE ARGENTINE TERRORIST ORGANIZATION, THE REVOLUTIONARY ARMED FORCES (FAR) AND ITS LEADERS, MARCUS OSATINSKY AND JORGE ROBERTO QUIETO. LATER IN 1972 HE ARRANGED FOR THE TRANSFER OF THE AFOREMENTIONED ARGENTINE TERRORISTS, WHO DID ESCAPE FROM RAWSON PRISON ~~XXXX~~ FROM CHILE TO CUBA. IN 1974 HE WAS IN FREQUENT CLOSE CONTACT WITH LEADERS OF THE ARGENTINE TERRORIST ORGANIZATION, THE PEOPLES REVOLUTIONARY PARTY (ERP) AND ITS LEADERS, ROBERTO MARIO SANTUCHO AND ENRIQUE GORRIARAN MERLO. IN 1974, HE FACILITATED THE TRANSFER OF TEN MILLION DOLLARS FOR THE ERP, WHICH HAD BEEN PAID AS A RANSOM FOR THE RELEASE OF ~~XXX~~ VICTOR SAMUELSON, A U. S. EXECUTIVE OF THE ESSO STANDARD OIL COMPANY, WHO HAD BEEN KIDNAPPED BY ARGENTINE TERRORISTS. IN 1975 MARIO ~~(S)~~ (U)

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HERNANDEZ, AN ARGENTINE TERRORIST, VISITED ROCA'S LAW OFFICE WHERE HE SECURED AUTHORITY TO DEPOSIT AND WITHDRAW FUNDS FROM SECRET ACCOUNTS IN SWITZERLAND BELONGING TO THE ERP AND THE ERP AUGUST 22ND FACTION. HE MAINTAINS HIGH LEVEL CONTACTS WITH THE FOURTH INTERNATIONAL AND ANALYSIS OF HIS WRITINGS AND SPEECHES CLEARLY ESTABLISH THAT HE IS IN FAVOR OF VIOLENT SOCIALIST REVOLUTION AND THE CUBAN REVOLUTION. ON MARCH 24, 1976, AN ORDER FOR HIS CAPTURE WAS ISSUED BY THE ARGENTINE MILITARY GOVERNMENT. DURING THE BEGINNING OF SEPTEMBER 1976 HE CLANDESTINELY TRAVELED TO EUROPE VISITING SPAIN, SWITZERLAND AND FRANCE. HIS FUTURE PLANS INDICATE THAT HE WILL TRAVEL TO PARIS WHERE HE WILL DEDICATE HIS ACTIVITIES TO ORGANIZING INTERNATIONAL CAMPAIGNS TO DISCREDIT THE INCUMBENT ARGENTINE MILITARY GOVERNMENT. (S) (U)

LUCIO GARZON MACEDA IS ALSO AN ATTORNEY-AT-LAW AND AS NOTED PREVIOUSLY A CLOSE ASSOCIATE OF GUSTAVO ADOLFO ROCA. IN 1959 HE WAS EXPELLED FROM THE ARGENTINE SOCIALIST PARTY BECAUSE HE HELD AN UNACCEPTABLE TROTSKYITE POSITION. IN 1968 HE WAS THE PRINCIPAL SPEAKER DURING A "ROUND TABLE" DISCUSSION HELD IN CORDOBA UNDER THE SPONSORSHIP OF THE CPA, DURING WHICH THE ARGENTINE ARMED FORCES WERE ATTACKED. IN 1969, HE ATTENDED AN AFFAIR IN CORDOBA SPONSORED (S) (U)

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BY THE "SOLIDARITY COMMISSION FOR THE CUBAN REVOLUTION." ~~(S)~~ (U)

IN 1962 HE WAS ARRESTED BY THE FEDERAL POLICE OF ARGENTINA FOR TAKING PART IN A VIOLENT UNION CONFLICT AT THE IKA-RENAULT AUTOMOBILE FACTORY. IN 1969 HE TOOK PART AND ORGANIZED WIDESPREAD CIVIL DISORDERS IN CORDOBA. IN 197-, HE WAS ARRESTED BY ARGENTINE SECURITY FORCES WHEN ARMS AND EXPLOSIVES WERE FOUND IN THE LIGHT AND POWER UNION HEADQUARTERS IN CORDOBA WHILE HE WAS PRESENT. DURING 1971 HE DEFENDED NUMEROUS DETAINED ARGENTINE GUERRILLAS. ON MARCH 24, 1976, AN ARREST WARRANT WAS ISSUED FOR HIM BY THE ARGENTINE MILITARY GOVERNMENT. AT THE BEGINNING OF SEPTEMBER 1976, HE, ACCOMPANIED BY ROCA, CLANDESTINELY TRAVELED TO EUROPE. ~~(S)~~ (U)

RODOLFO JOSE PUIGGROS - IN 1936, HE JOINED THE CPA. IN 1934 HE WAS A CANDIDATE FOR ELECTION TO THE CPA COUNCIL IN ROSARIO, SANTA FE PROVINCE. IN 1936, HE WAS AMONG THE FOUNDERS OF THE NEWSPAPER "ORIENTACION," A COMMUNIST PUBLICATION. DURING 1936 HE ALSO WAS A DIRECTOR OF THE CPA WEEKLY NEWSPAPER "HOY." ON SEPTEMBER 11, 1942, HE WAS ARRESTED FOR DISORDERLY CONDUCT DURING A DEMONSTRATION ORGANIZED BY THE "ASSOCIATION OF FRIENDS OF RUSSIA." IN 1947 HE RESIGNED FROM THE CPA AND FOUNDED A GROUP KNOWN AS "WORKING CLASS," WHICH HAD TROTSKYITE TENDENCIES. IN 1950 HE WAS A FOUNDER OF THE "COMMUNIST" ~~(S)~~ (U)

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WORKERS MOVEMENT" AND BEGAN TO ACTIVELY ATTEMPT TO DRAW CLOSER TO THE PERONIST MOVEMENT. ON APRIL 16, 1963, HIS ARREST WAS ORDERED BY THE ARGENTINE GOVERNMENT FOR INTERFERING IN THE ELECTORAL PROCESS. BETWEEN THE YEARS 1966 AND 1970 HE WAS A FUGITIVE IN ARGENTINA. DURING THIS PERIOD HE WAS A MEMBER OF THE "COMMITTEE FOR SOLIDARITY WITH THE BOLIVIAN REVOLUTION." ON MAY 29, 1973, HE WAS DESIGNATED THE RECTOR OF BUENOS AIRES UNIVERSITY, WHERE HE ENCOURAGED SERIOUS MARXIST INFILTRATION TO TAKE PLACE. ON SEPTEMBER 7, 1976, HE SPOKE AT A CONGRESS HELD IN PARIS, FRANCE, AT THE LAW FACULTY OF THE UNIVERSITY OF PARIS (~~S~~) (U)

SOURCE ADVISED THAT HIS SERVICE WAS PREOCCUPIED THAT SUCH WELL-DOCUMENTED COMMUNISTS AND/OR TERRORISTS WOULD BE ALLOWED TO ENTER THE UNITED STATES WHERE THEY WOULD BE FREE TO CONTACT UNITED STATES SUBVERSIVE ORGANIZATIONS (~~S~~) (U)

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ADMINISTRATIVE - SOURCE IS MAJOR JUAN LUCERO, AAIS. (~~S~~) (U)

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ASSASSINATION OF ARMANDO CANZIANI,
NATIONAL DIRECTOR OF REGIONAL DELEGATIONS,
MINISTRY OF LABOR, 1/28/75, BUENOS AIRES PROVINCE

On January 29, 1975, a source, who has furnished reliable information in the past, provided the following information:

Approximately five hours after CANZIANI's assassination, various wire services and newspapers in Buenos Aires received similar anonymous telephone calls directing them to telephone booths located throughout the Federal Capital, in order to retrieve a communique in connection with CANZIANI's assassination. The communique was issued by the Army of Liberation, August 22nd Faction, and claimed credit for CANZIANI's assassination. (Previous Federal Police of Argentina intelligence established that the Army of Liberation, August 22nd Faction, is made up of former members of the Peoples Revolutionary Army (ERP), who defected from the latter organization because they felt it was not carrying out sufficient violence to overthrow the incumbent Argentine government. (S)(U)

The Army of Liberation, August 22nd Faction, is the group that among other actions was planning the assassination of Commander MORGAN and Chief Petty Officer COOPER of the U. S. Milgrp in Argentina. (S)(U)

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REPORTED BOMBING OF ARGENTINE
FOREIGN MINISTRY BUILDING, PLAZA
SAN MARTIN, 4/15/75

(S) (U) On 4/16/75, the Federal Police of Argentina (FPA) (S) (U) advised that there had been no bombing incident at the Argentine Foreign Ministry on 4/15/75. (S) (U) The FPA advised that a bomb had detonated during the early morning hours of 4/15/75 at Plaza Basavilbaso 1215, which is right across the street from the Foreign Ministry Building. (S) (U) The FPA advised that this location is the residence of CARLOS BLAQUIER, the Director of Ledesma Sugar Refinery. (S) (U) The FPA advised that their explosives experts detonated the bomb after it had been discovered, and that the resulting blast shattered several windows in the Foreign Ministry Building across the street. (S) (U) The FPA noted that several other bomb attacks had been carried out during the morning of 4/15/75 against Ledesma interests in the Federal Capital. (S) (U)

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (109-12-201)
FROM: LEGAT, BUENOS AIRES (109-2)(109-103)(P)
SUBJECT: FOREIGN POLITICAL MATTERS - ARGENTINA;
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REFERENCE:

My airtel and LHM 3/11/75 under the above dual caption.

ENCLOSURES:

For the Bureau eight (8) copies of a letterhead memorandum (LHM) dated and captioned as above.

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The enclosed LHM is being submitted at this time at the specific request of Ambassador HILL.

The enclosed LHM discloses only the more serious terrorist activities, which have taken place since the submission of referenced LHM.

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Federal Police of Argentina (FPA)

Comisario Mayor JORGE CROVETTO (BUE file 80-87)
Chief of Operations, Department of Federal Security, FPA

Sub-Comisario CARLOS ALBERTO MONTENEGRO (BUE file 80-186)
Department of Intelligence, FPA Estado Mayor

Comisario Inspector OSVALDO J. DE BALDRICH (BUE file 80-185)
Chief of Intelligence
Buenos Aires Provincial Police (BAPP)

Captain JUAN LUCERO (BUE file 80-173)
Argentine Army Intelligence Service (AAIS)

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AAIS

General ALBERTO S. CACERES (BUE file 64-14)
Commander of the Argentine Army
Gendarmeria Nacional (Border Guards)

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VISIT OF SECRETARY OF STATE KISSINGER
TO ARGENTINA

On 4/21/75, an official of the Argentine Army Intelligence Service (SIE) provided the following information: (S) (U)

The SIE intercepted a letter dated 3/13/75 from Peronist youth leader DARDO CABO to a female friend in Lima, Peru. The letter rambles on about the betrayal of the Peronist movement and notes that the Government is now in the hands of 'Fascists' led by LOPEZ REGA. CABO informs his female friend that he has switched from the Peronist University Youth (JUP) to the Peronist Youth (JP), and that he is much happier in the latter organization and is working to form a new political front with former Buenos Aires Governor OSCAR BIDECAIN as its leader. (S) (U)

With regard to the visit of Secretary KISSINGER to Argentina, DARDO CABO wrote as follows: (S) (U)

"Probablemente cuando venga KISSINGER a Argentina ese dia trataremos de armar un buen despelote." (Probably when KISSINGER comes to Argentina, we will try to set up a big disturbance on that day.) (S) (U)

On 4/20/75, a ranking official in the Federal Police of Argentina Department of Federal Security provided the following information: (S) (U)

During the week of 4/14/75, the Minister of the Interior directed an order to all police departments in Argentina, both Federal and Provincial, that all JP regional leaders should be closely watched and if possible detained legally or extra-legally, until after the visit of Secretary KISSINGER. Source advised that the detention of DARDO CABO and DANTE GULLO by the Buenos Aires Provincial Police was in keeping with the Minister of Interior's instructions. Source advised that the Buenos Aires Provincial Police have no positive information linking either of the aforementioned individuals to any plot against General PINCHET during his recent conference with President PERON at the Moron Air Force Base. (S) (U)

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ARGENTINE TERRORIST ACTIVITIES; FPM - ARGENTINA.

ON 4/25/75, AN OFFICIAL OF THE FEDERAL POLICE OF ARGENTINA
(FPA) ADVISED: (S) (U)

AT APPROXIMATELY 4:00 AM, 4/25/75, AN EXTREMELY POWERFUL
BOMB LOCATED IN A FORD FALCON STATION WAGON PARKED IN FRONT
OF A SIDE DOOR OF THE BRITISH EMBASSY RESIDENCE IN BUENOS
AIRES DETONATED.

THE BOMB KILLED AN FPA OFFICER STANDING APPROXIMATELY 30
YARDS FROM THE BLAST AND SEVERELY WOUNDED A NIGHT WATCHMAN IN
AN ADJOINING BUILDING. A PARAGUAYAN MAID EMPLOYED BY THE
BRITISH AMBASSADOR SUFFERED RELATIVELY SEVERE WOUNDS ON HER
LEG AND HEAD.

THE SHUTTERS AND WINDOW GLASS IN THE EMBASSY RESIDENCE
WERE DAMAGED AND NINE AUTOMOBILES PARKED IN A LINE ON EITHER
SIDE OF THE PARKED FORD FALCON STATION WAGON WERE SEVERELY
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DAMAGED. PORTIONS OF THESE NINE VEHICLES WERE BLOWN AS HIGH AS TEN STORIES IN THE AIR AND IMPACTED AGAINST ADJOINING BUILDINGS.

NO TERRORIST GROUP HAS TAKEN CREDIT FOR THIS ACT. THE BRITISH AMBASSADOR WAS NOT INJURED.

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ADMINISTRATIVE - SOURCE IS COMISARIO FRANCISCO SPINOSA, DEPARTMENT OF FEDERAL SECURITY, FPA. COORDINATED LOCALLY. ~~(S)~~ (U)
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on 5/1/75,

THE FEDERAL POLICE OF ARGENTINA (FPA) ADVISED THAT ON
APRIL 26, 1975, MEMBERS OF THE TROTSKYITE TERRORIST ORGANIZATION,
THE PEOPLES REVOLUTIONARY ARMY (ERP), WERE CONDUCTING A CASING
OPERATION AGAINST AN FPA COMISARIO, WHO RESIDES IN MUNRO,
BUENOS AIRES PROVINCE. FPA ADVISED THAT THE CASING OPERATION
WAS DETECTED AND IN THE ENSUING GUN BATTLE TWO FPA OFFICERS
WERE KILLED AS WELL AS THREE TERRORISTS. FPA ADVISED THAT
A SEARCH OF ONE OF THE VEHICLES UTILIZED IN THE CASING
OPERATION LOCATED A DETAILED PLAN CONCERNING ARRIVAL AND
DEPARTURE TIMES FROM THE RESIDENCE OF DR. ROBERT W. CHASE,
A VETERINARIAN ASSIGNED BY THE U. S. FOREIGN AGRICULTURAL
SERVICE TO ARGENTINA TO INSPECT MEAT PACKING PLANTS. FPA
ADVISED THAT FROM INFORMATION RECOVERED FROM THE VEHICLE
IT WAS OBVIOUS THAT DR. CHASE HAD BEEN UNDER SURVEILLANCE
IN CONNECTION WITH A PROJECTED KIDNAPPING OR ASSASSINATION (S) (U)

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BY THE ERP. FPA ADVISED THAT DURING INTERROGATION WITH A CAPTURED ERP MEMBER TAKEN AS A RESULT OF THE CASING OPERATION AGAINST THE FPA OFFICER, IT WAS REVEALED THAT DR. CHASE HAD BEEN IDENTIFIED BY THE ERP DURING HIS REGULAR CONTACTS AT THE VARIOUS MEAT PACKING COMPANIES IN ARGENTINA, WHICH ARE HEAVILY INFILTRATED BY ERP SYMPATHIZERS. DR. CHASE IS SCHEDULED TO DEPART ARGENTINA FOR URUGUAY ON 5/3/75. (~~S~~) (U)

THE FOREGOING INFORMATION HAS BEEN COORDINATED WITH THE EMBASSY IN BUENOS AIRES AND IS SUBMITTED ONLY FOR THE INFORMATION OF THE BUREAU AND LEGAT, BRASILIA. NO ADDITIONAL DISSEMINATION OF THIS INFORMATION IS REQUIRED.

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FROM : *RWS* LEGAT ROBERT W. SCHERRER

SUBJECT: ARGENTINE TERRORIST ACTIVITIES

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On 5/3/75, I contacted Comisario General DEGASTALDI, Deputy Chief, Buenos Aires Provincial Police (BAPP), and Comisario Inspector OSVALDO DE BALDRICH, at the request of RSO GEORGE BECKETT, in order to ascertain whether the BAPP had recovered any information indicating that CPO STAMER of the Defense Attache's Office had been targeted for kidnapping by the ERP.

It should be noted that STAMER's guard on his residence, who is an employee of the Brown Security Agency, was informed by a neighbor, identified only as Mr. DURAN, who resides at Anchorena 502, La Lucila, that the latter had been advised by two BAPP officers named ROSSI and OJEDA, whom DURAN employs at his factory in Vicente Lopez, as security guards; that papers were recovered from the bodies or body of terrorists killed in a shootout on 4/26/75 in Munro, while apparently conducting a casing operation against a Sub-Comisario of the Federal Police of Argentina.

According to information provided by DURAN, which he obtained from ROSSI and OJEDA, among the papers recovered was a notation that a member of the "Yanqui" military mission resided at the corner of Anchorena and Castellano and apparently had been under observation for some terrorist act. The BAPP, 1st Precinct, in Vicente Lopez conducted initial investigation into the attempted assassination of the FPA Sub-Comisario, but once it had been established that this was a Federal crime, all evidence and information developed during the preliminary BAPP investigation was turned over to the FPA.

BECKETT advised that inquiry at the First Precinct of the BAPP and the FPA failed to develop any information indicating that STAMER's identity or residence had been listed among documents recovered at the scene of the shootout on 4/26/75.

BECKETT requested that I contact the BAPP Deputy Chief *Chief* of Intelligence, in order to attempt to verify this information. When ~~the~~ contacted, Deputy Chief DEGASTALDI and Chief of Intelligence DE BALDRICH, both appeared amazed that any information regarding the American Embassy or its personnel had been recovered after the 4/26/75 shootout. They promised to immediately conduct approp-



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riate inquiries and advise me as soon as any results had been obtained.

Deputy Chief DEGAS^{TALDI} advised that the BAPP recently uncovered information linking a Police Comisario with the surname "ESTEL^{TALDI}LA" to the Montonero guerrilla organization. DEGAS^{TALDI} noted that ESTEL^{TALDI}LA's name had been picked up among various documents in a Montonero command house located in Buenos Aires Province. DEGAS^{TALDI} noted that the BAPP had tentatively identified Comisario ESTEL^{TALDI}LA as a retired FPA Comisario, who was in charge of security guards service program at the U. S. Embassy. DEGAS^{TALDI} noted that Comisario ESTEL^{TALDI}LA, who is employed by the Embassy has two other brothers, who also have the rank of Comisario, one of whom is employed by the BAPP and the other is^{also} a retired FPA Comisario. DEGAS^{TALDI} requested that the foregoing information be maintained on a confidential basis until it could definitely be established which of the ESTEL^{TALDI}LA brothers is the Montonero collaborator.

During the evening of 5/3/75, I passed on the above information regarding Comisario ESTEL^{TALDI}LA to RSO GEORGE BECKETT, who agreed not to take any action or disclose the information to any other individual until DEGAS^{TALDI} was able to positively establish the identity of the Montonero collaborator.

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ON 8/28/73, a confidential source abroad ADVISED
THAT AN ARGENTINE HERCULES C-130 MILITARY AIRCRAFT
EXPLODED THIS AFTERNOON, 8/28/73, WHILE TAKING OFF FROM
TUCUMAN IN NORTHERN ARGENTINA. THE SOURCE ADVISED THAT
INITIAL REPORTS INDICATE THAT THE EXPLOSION WAS
CAUSED BY A TERRORIST CONTACT MINE PLACED ON THE RUNWAY,
IN ORDER THAT IT WOULD EXPLODE WHEN THE AIRCRAFT PASSED
OVER IT. SOURCE ADVISED THAT PRELIMINARY REPORTS FROM
TUCUMAN IN NORTHERN ARGENTINA INDICATE THAT OVER TWENTY
ARGENTINE ARMY PERSONNEL WERE KILLED IN THE HOLONAUST.
SOURCE STATED THAT TUCUMAN HAS BEEN THE SCENE OF
ARGENTINE ARMY ANTI-GUERRILLA OPERATIONS FOR THE
PAST SIX MONTHS, AND THAT NUMEROUS GUERRILLAS HAVE
BEEN KILLED BY THE ARGENTINE ARMY. ~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

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FOR INFORMATION, THE ARGENTINE NAVAL INTELLIGENCE SERVICE ADVISED THAT INFORMATION TAKEN IN A RAID AGAINST THE MONTONERO GUERRILLA ORGANIZATION APPROXIMATELY SIX WEEKS AGO IN BUENOS AIRES UNCOVERED INFORMATION THAT THE MONTONEROS WERE CONDUCTING A CASING OPERATION AGAINST LT. COL. ARTHUR F. ELIASON, WHO WAS IS ASSIGNED TO THE U. S. MILITARY GROUP IN ARGENTINA. ACCORDING TO INFORMATION PROVIDED BY THE ARGENTINE NAVAL INTELLIGENCE SERVICE, THE MONTONEROS APPARENTLY SELECTED COL. ELIASON FOR EITHER A KIDNAPPING OR ASSASSINATION OPERATION; HOWEVER, FROM DATA COLLECTED BY THE MONTONEROS, IT APPEARED THAT THE CASING OPERATION WAS NOT BEING PROFESSIONALLY CONDUCTED AND HAD DEVELOPED LITTLE INFORMATION OF VALUE IN ORDER TO CARRY OUT AN ACTUAL OPERATION. (S) (U)

THE ARGENTINE NAVAL INTELLIGENCE SERVICE ADVISED THE MAIN

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POINT OF THE ELIASON EPISODE IS THAT THE MONTONEROS CONTINUE TO TARGET U. S. EMBASSY PERSONNEL IN BUENOS AIRES WITH TERRORIST ACTS. ALL EMBASSY COMPONENTS AND THEIR HEADQUARTERS ARE AWARE OF THE FOREGOING INFORMATION AND IT IS PROVIDED TO THE BUREAU ONLY FOR INFORMATION. IT IS SUGGESTED THAT NO DISSEMINATION OF THIS INFORMATION BE MADE. ~~(S)~~ (U)

COL. ELIASON HAS BEEN SCHEDULED TO DEPART ARGENTINA WITHIN THE NEXT WEEK. ~~(S)~~ (U)

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FROM: LEGAT, BUENOS AIRES (109-2) (109-103)

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TERRORIST ACTIVITIES; FPM-ARGENTINA.

ON SEPTEMBER 7, 1975, A CONFIDENTIAL SOURCE ABROAD WHO IS
A RAKING OFFICIAL WITH THE FEDERAL POLICE OF ARGENTINA (FPA),
PROVIDED THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION: ~~(S)~~ (U)

IN ORDER TO COMMEMORATE THE FIRST ANNIVERSARY OF THE
ISSUANCE OF A DECLARATION OF WAR BY THE MONTONERO GUERRILLA
ORGANIZATION AGAINST THE ARGENTINE GOVERNMENT, THE MONTONEROS
CARRIED OUT VARIOUS BOMBING ATTACKS IN BUENOS AIRES AND OTHER
MAJOR ARGENTINE CITIES ON SEPTEMBER 6, 1975. [A BOMB WAS
DISCOVERED AND DEACTIVATED BY FPA BOMB EXPERTS IN THE READING
ROOM OF THE PLAZA HOTEL IN DOWNTOWN BUENOS AIRES. ADDITIONALLY,
A BOMB WAS DEACTIVATED BY FPA BOMB SQUAD EXPERTS AT THE MOLINO
CAFETERIA, WHICH IS LOCATED ONE HALF BLOCK FROM THE ARGENTINE
CONGRESS BUILDING AND IS PATRONIZED BY A LARGE NUMBER OF
ARGENTINE LEGISLATORS. OTHER BOMBS DETONATED AT THE NATIONAL ~~(S)~~ (U)

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[COLLEGE OF BUENOS AIRES AND THE ARGENTINE WINE PRODUCERS ASSOCIATION IN BUENOS AIRES. NUMEROUS OTHER BOMBINGS TOOK PLACE IN THE PROVINCIAL CAPITALS OF MENDOZA, CORDOBA AND SANTA FE.] (S) (U)

IN THE TWENTY-FOUR HOUR PERIOD PRIOR TO SEPTEMBER 7, 1975, FIFTEEN INDIVIDUALS, INCLUDING A CORDOBA PROVINCIAL POLICE OFFICER, AN ARMY LIEUTENANT AND ENLISTED MAN, DIED AS A RESULT OF VIOLENCE CARRIED OUT BY RIGHT-WING EXTREMISTS AND GUERRILLAS.

ON SEPTEMBER 7, 1975, AN ARGENTINE ARMY SENTRY FIRED UPON A SUSPICIOUS VEHICLE IN LA PLATA, THE PROVINCIAL CAPITAL OF BUENOS AIRES, KILLING THREE INNOCENT PERSONS WHO HAPPENED TO BE PASSING BY AN ARGENTINE ARMY INSTALLATION.

DURING THE EVENING OF SEPTEMBER 7, 1975, THE MONTONEROS HIJACKED A MITRE RAILROAD PASSENGER TRAIN EN ROUTE TO THE FEDERAL CAPITAL.

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ADMINISTRATIVE. [SOURCE IS COMISARIO GENERAL JORGE CROVETTO, DIRECTOR OF FEDERAL SECURITY, FPA.] (S) (U)

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REMYCAB, 9/4/75; BUCAB, SEPTEMBER 7, 1975.

MANAGER PLAZA HOTEL, BUENOS AIRES, INFORMED OFFICE SOURCE THAT VICTIM HAS UTILIZED MEXICAN PASSPORT ON PREVIOUS OCCASIONS WHEN HE WAS A GUEST AT THE PLAZA. ACCORDING PLAZA MANAGER, VICTIM CAUSED PROBLEMS ON SEVERAL PREVIOUS OCCASIONS WHEN HE INSISTED ON BRINGING LOCAL PROSTITUTES TO HIS ROOM. PLAZA MANAGER CLAIMS SHORTLY AFTER ARRIVAL AT HOTEL DURING THE EVENING OF JULY 8, 1975, VICTIM DISMISSED LOCAL OTIS CONTRACT SECURITY GUARDS, TELLING THEM HE INTENDED TO RETIRE EARLY. AFTER THE GUARDS HAD DEPARTED, PLAZA MANAGER ADVISED VICTIM AND NICOLE RACZKOWSKI DEPARTED PLAZA FOR TOUR OF LOCAL NIGHTCLUBS. PLAZA MANAGER CLAIMS VICTIM AND RACZKOWSKI NEVER REAPPEARED AT HOTEL.

IT IS NOTED THAT, ACCORDING TO INFORMATION FURNISHED TO THE

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NYO BY OTIS ELEVATOR EXECUTIVES, VICTIM AND RACZKOWSKI JOINED ANOTHER OTIS EXECUTIVE AT THE NEARBY SHERATON HOTEL FOR DINNER DURING THE EVENING OF JULY 8, 1975. THIS WAS VICTIM'S AND RACZKOWSKI'S APPARENT DESTINATION WHEN THEY DEPARTED THE PLAZA DURING THE EVENING OF JULY 8, 1975, AFTER DISMISSING OTIS CONTRACT SECURITY GUARDS.

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LEGAL ATTACHE ROBERT W. SCHERER

FEDERAL POLICE OF ARGENTINA (FPA)

On 9/12/75, an official of the Argentine Army Intelligence Service (SIE), provided the following information: (S) (U)

In connection with the projected more active participation of the Argentine military in anti-terrorist activities, SIE collaborated with its sister services in the Argentine Navy and Air Force in studying the possibilities of establishing a Central Anti-Terrorist Command. The idea of the study was to look at the possibilities of reurrecting an organization similar to the Comite de Seguridad which had been approved and abruptly cancelled last year. The three service intelligence agencies came to the conclusion that the creation of a new Central Anti-Terrorist Command is unnecessary and would be a waste of military intelligence resources. The three services came to the conclusion that such a central command organization already existed in the form of the Department of Federal Security of the FPA. A general consensus was reached that the three armed forces would have representatives assigned to the Department of Federal Security as had been the case in the past. In order to carry out the assignment of military personnel again to the Department of Federal Security it was decided that the Director of Federal Security must be an active-duty or retired senior military officer with the equivalent rank of colonel. (S) (U)

It was also agreed that to function effectively, a military head of Federal Security should not be answerable to (S) (U)

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a civilian Chief of Police. Accordingly, it has been resolved that the Chief of the Federal Police should be an active duty or retired Argentine military officer with the rank of at least Brigadier General. (S) (U)

The timing for the above-described changes has been projected to take place during the time of President Peron's official absence when she turns the presidential power to Italo Luder. Luder in turn would replace the incumbent Minister of the Interior, who would be opposed to such a change. (S) (U)

On 9/12/75, an official of the FPA Department of Federal Security advised that the above information is known to ranking officials in the Department of Federal Security and has been accepted as a reality. (S) (U)

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On 9/16/75, Australian Ambassador to Argentina Hugh Dunn contacted me to request my assistance in setting up an interview with some ranking Federal Police of Argentina (FPA) official who would be knowledgeable of the general terrorist situation in Argentina with particular emphasis on recent events that occurred in the Australian Ambassador's residence. (S) (U)

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Accordingly, on 9/22/75, I arranged an interview for Ambassador Dunn with Comisario General Jorge Crovetto, Director of Federal Security, FPA. I went along with Ambassador Dunn to act as his interpreter. (S) (U)

Crovetto assured Ambassador Dunn that the FPA would do everything possible to protect the Australian Embassy and residence from terrorist attacks. Crovetto assured the Ambassador that the bombing at the University of Belgrano opposite the Australian Embassy residence was in no way connected with the Australian Embassy or the Ambassador. Crovetto told the Ambassador that the FPA clearly recognized the potential for terrorist actions to be carried out against diplomatic representatives of foreign countries in Argentina in order to embarrass the Argentine Government and call attention to the terrorist goals in overthrowing the government. Crovetto told Ambassador Dunn that the FPA had no current intelligence indicating that the foreign diplomatic community in Argentina was being targeted for terrorist actions in the immediate future. Ambassador Dunn asked Crovetto whether it could be established if a building adjacent to the Australian Embassy residence was still occupied. (S) (U)

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by the Cuban Embassy, it being noted that last year this building apparently was used by the Cubans as a school for dependents. Ambassador Dunn noted that this building was still occupied and that there were comings and goings at various hours of the evening, which, if the building were available to terrorists, would provide an excellent base of operations against the Australian Embassy residence. Crovetto ordered Comisario Inspector Antonio Meyorin, Chief of Foreign Affairs, Department of Federal Security, to ascertain this information for Ambassador Dunn. Crovetto also instructed that the local FPA precinct covering the Australian Embassy's residence and the FPA Metropolitan Security Division give additional emphasis to patrolling this area. (S) (U)

Ambassador Dunn asked Crovetto for a personal evaluation of the terrorist situation in Argentina in order that he could relay this information to Canberra. Crovetto told Ambassador Dunn that in his view, terrorism could be eliminated through normal police operations within the next six months, provided that the unprecedented corruption in the Argentine Government is also eliminated to a tolerable degree in order to remove the motivation for many individuals to associate with illegal organizations, specifically the Montoneros. Crovetto also noted that until Argentine security forces learn to coordinate their intelligence and to trust each other with sensitive information, the war against terrorism will merely be a holding action. In answer to a question from Ambassador Dunn, Crovetto stated he would estimate, based on available intelligence, that the strength of the Ejercito Revolucionario del Pueblo (People's Revolutionary Army) (ERP) militants in Argentina numbers no more than 1,800. Crovetto noted, however, that the ERP had many supporters who, although not militants, provide material and ideological backing to the ERP. Again answering a question posed by Ambassador Dunn, Crovetto stated that the Montoneros are composed of many individuals who are not Marxists per se, but have associated themselves with the Montoneros in order to voice their displeasure and make a contribution for change with regard to the present course which Peronism now finds itself. For this reason, Crovetto told (S) (U)

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Ambassador Dunn that a numerical estimate of actual Montonero militants would be virtually impossible for any intelligence officer in Argentina to arrive at with any degree of accuracy. (S) (U)

Crovetto terminated the meeting by expressing the hope that Ambassador Dunn would continue to be in personal touch with any problems that might arise with regard to security of the Australian diplomatic establishment in Buenos Aires. (S) (U)

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FROM: LEGAT BUENOS AIRES (109-2) (109-103)
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FOREIGN POLITICAL MATTERS-ARGENTINA; IS-ARGENTINA; ARGENTINE
TERRORIST ACTIVITIES; FPM-ARGENTINA.

ON SEPTEMBER 29, 1975 A CONFIDENTIAL SOURCE ABROAD WHO IS
AN OFFICIAL WITH THE FEDERAL POLICE OF ARGENTINA (FPA) PROVIDED
THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION: ~~(S)~~ (U)

DURING THE EARLY MORNING HOURS OF SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER
27, 1975, SEVERAL TERRORIST BOMBS WERE SET OFF IN CORDOBA,
ARGENTINA. ONE OF THESE BOMBS WAS DETONATED AT THE VILLA
CABRERA BRANCH OF THE FIRST NATIONAL CITY BANK OF NEW YORK.
THIS BOMB CAUSED NO PERSONAL INJURIES AND MODERATE MATERIAL
DAMAGE.

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DIRECTOR OF FEDERAL SECURITY, FPA] ~~(S)~~ (U)
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ARGENTINE TERRORIST ACTIVITIES: FPM-ARGENTINA.

THE NAVAL ATTACHE ASSIGNED TO THE U. S. EMBASSY, BUENOS AIRES REPORTED HE WAS INFORMED ON SEPTEMBER 26, 1975 BY A SOURCE DESCRIBED AS A (RETIRED MILITARY OFFICER, WHO HAS PROVIDED RELIABLE INFORMATION IN THE PAST, THAT ARGENTINE TERRORISTS ARE PLANNING TO INITIATE A NEW WAVE OF TERRORISM IN ARGENTINA SOMETIME DURING THE PERIOD SEPTEMBER 26-OCTOBER 6, 1975. NAVAL ATTACHE REPORTED THAT HIS SOURCE IS UNABLE TO IDENTIFY WHERE THE ACTIVITY WOULD TAKE PLACE BUT SUGGESTED IT COULD VERY WELL ORIGINATE IN THE METROPOLITAN BUENOS AIRES AREA. THE NAVAL ATTACHE REPORTED HIS SOURCE HAD NO INFORMATION INDICATING THAT U. S. EMBASSY PERSONNEL WOULD BE TARGETS OF TERRORIST ATTACKS BUT FELT THAT IT WAS A DISTINCT POSSIBILITY. (S) (U)

THE FOREGOING INFORMATION, WHICH WAS CLASSIFIED BY THE NAVAL (S) (U)

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ATTACHE "CONFIDENTIAL-NO FOREIGN DISSEMINATION", WAS REPORTED TO DIA HEADQUARTERS AND THE UNITED STATES ARMY SOUTHERN COMMAND AT QUARRY HEIGHTS, PANAMA VIA CABLE ON SEPTEMBER 29, 1975.

OFFICE SOURCES AND CIA SOURCES HAVE REPORTED NO SIMILAR INFORMATION. LEGAT CLOSELY FOLLOWING WITH SOURCES AND OFFICE PERSONNEL ARE TAKING APPROPRIATE SECURITY MEASURES. (S) (U)

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FROM: LEGAT, BUENOS AIRES (109-103)

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FOREIGN POLITICAL MATTERS-ARGENTINA, IS-ARGENTINA; ARGENTINE
TERRORIST ACTIVITIES; FPM-ARGENTINA.

ON SEPTEMBER 29, 1975, A CONFIDENTIAL SOURCE ABROAD WHO IS
CONNECTED WITH AN ARGENTINE GOVERNMENT AGENCY UNDER THE
JURISDICTION OF THE ARGENTINE MINISTRY OF DEFENSE REPORTED (S)(U)
THAT ON SEPTEMBER 29, 1975 A WARNING NOTICE WAS CIRCULATED FROM
THE MINISTRY OF DEFENSE TO ALL MINISTRY OF DEFENSE ENTITIES
ADVISING THAT INFORMATION HAD BEEN RECEIVED ORIGINATING IN PARIS,
FRANCE, WHICH INDICATED THAT INSTRUCTIONS HAD BEEN DIRECTED TO
THE ARGENTINE TERRORIST ORGANIZATION, EJERCITO REVOLUCIONARIO
DEL PUEBLO (PEOPLE'S REVOLUTIONARY ARMY) (ERP), FOR THAT ORGANIZATION (S)(U)

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TO INITIATE A CAMPAIGN OF INDISCRIMINATE ASSASSINATIONS OF
ARGENTINE MILITARY AND POLICE PERSONNEL. ~~(S)~~ (U)

SOURCE REPORTED THAT THE ORIGIN OF THE INFORMATION AND
THE MANNER BY WHICH IT HAD BEEN RECEIVED BY THE ARGENTINE
GOVERNMENT WAS NOT SPELLED OUT IN THE CIRCULAR. ~~(S)~~ (U)

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ADMINISTRATIVE. SOURCE IS DR. ARTURO POIRE, REGISTRO
NACIONAL DE PERSONAS (NATIONAL REGISTER OF PERSONS), MINISTRY
OF DEFENSE, BUENOS AIRES, ARGENTINA. ~~(S)~~ (U)

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THE AMBASSADOR
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ARGENTINE TERRORIST ACTIVITIES

On 9/29/75, a source connected with an Argentine Government agency under the jurisdiction of the Ministry of Defense advised that on 9/29/75 a notice was circulated from the Ministry of Defense to all Ministry of Defense entities advising that the Ministry received information originating in Paris, France which indicated that orders had been issued that the Ejercito Revolucionario del Pueblo (People's Revolutionary Army) (ERP) was to initiate a campaign of indiscriminate assassinations of Argentine military and police personnel. (S) (U)

The source noted that the information contained in the circular was non-specific as to the exact origin of the information and the manner in which it had been received by the Argentine Government.

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FOREIGN POLITICAL MATTERS; IS-ARGENTINA; ARGENTINE TERRORIST
ACTIVITIES; FPM-ARGENTINA.

ON OCTOBER 10, 1975, A CONFIDENTIAL SOURCE ABROAD WHO IS
AN OFFICIAL OF THE FEDERAL POLICE OF ARGENTINA (FPA) INTELLIGENCE
SERVICE PROVIDED THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION: (S) (U)

AT APPROXIMATELY 2:00 A. M., OCTOBER 10, 1975, UNIDENTIFIED
SUBJECTS FIRED UPON THE FACADE OF BUILDINGS HOUSING THE EGYPTIAN
(UNITED ARAB REPUBLIC) AND THAILAND EMBASSIES IN THE FEDERAL
CAPITAL OF BUENOS AIRES. NO TERRORIST ORGANIZATION HAS TAKEN
CREDIT FOR THIS ACTIVITY (S) (U)

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ADMINISTRATIVE. [SOURCE IS COMISARIO MAYOR JORGE CROVETTO,
DIRECTOR OF FEDERAL SECURITY, FPA] (S) (U)

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SECURITY OF BUENOS AIRES OFFICE PERSONNEL.

[REDACTED] RECENTLY ADVISED THAT
THE ARGENTINE TERRORIST ORGANIZATION, THE PEOPLES REVOLUTIONARY
ARMY (ERP), INTENDS TO CONCENTRATE ON TARGETING U. S. EMBASSY
BUENOS AIRES PERSONNEL AND U. S. BUSINESSMEN IN ARGENTINA FOR
TERRORIST ACTIVITIES. SPECIFICALLY, [REDACTED] SOURCE REPORTED
THAT THE ERP CONCLUDED THAT THE LOCATION OF THE U. S. EMBASSY,
BUENOS AIRES, IN THE CROWDED, CONGESTED DOWNTOWN FINANCIAL
DISTRICT OF BUENOS AIRES MADE IT AN EXCELLENT TARGET FOR
TERRORIST ATTACK. [REDACTED] SOURCE ADVISED THAT THE ERP WAS
CONSIDERING ~~XMK~~ SEEKING THE ASSISTANCE OF THE MONTONERO
GUERRILLA ORGANIZATION IN MOUNTING AN ATTACK AGAINST THE
U. S. EMBASSY OF BUENOS AIRES. (S) (U)

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ON FEBRUARY 17, 1976, THE FEDERAL POLICE OF ARGENTINA
(FPA) ADVISED THAT DURING A JOINT FPA-ARGENTINE ARMY RAID ON
JANUARY 8, 1976, IN BERNAL, BUENOS AIRES PROVINCE, AGAINST (S) (U)

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A TERRORIST COMMAND POST, A VOLUME OF MATERIAL WAS SEIZED, INCLUDING A ROLL OF MICROFILM CONCERNING INTELLIGENCE GATHERED AGAINST THE U. S. EMBASSY, BUENOS AIRES. THIS MICROFILM CONTAINED A COMPLETE LIST OF ARGENTINE PARTICIPANTS IN THE FORMER AID PUBLIC SAFETY PROGRAM, INCLUDING THREE GRADUATES OF THE FBINA. ADDITIONALLY, THE MICROFILM CONTAINED A COPY OF A DATED EMBASSY-ISSUED IDENTIFICATION CODE FOR RESIDENCES OCCUPIED BY EMBASSY PERSONNEL. INCLUDED IN THE LATTER WAS FORMER BUENOS AIRES LEGAT JOHN J. WACHTER, WHOSE RESIDENCE AT ROQUE SAENZ PENA 654, SAN ISIDRO, WAS CORRECTLY IDENTIFIED BY ITS EMBASSY CODE DESIGNATION OF "VERDE NUEVE." THE MICROFILM ALSO CONTAINED A VOLUME OF DATED BUT ACCURATE INFORMATION ON U. S. MILITARY PERSONNEL ASSIGNED TO ARGENTINA, AS WELL AS CURRENT DATA ON AMBASSADOR ROBERT C. HILL. [REDACTED]

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THE FOREGOING IS PROVIDED ONLY FOR THE INFORMATION OF THE BUREAU. THIS INFORMATION IS KNOWN TO THE AMBASSADOR AND ALL U. S. EMBASSY, BUENOS AIRES, COMPONENTS AND THEIR HEADQUARTERS.

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AT FBIHQ. BUENOS AIRES OFFICE PERSONNEL ARE CONTINUING
TO TAKE STRINGENT SECURITY MEASURES.

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TO: DIRECTOR NR. -05
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TERRORIST ACTIVITIES; FPM-ARGENTINA.

ON APRIL 2, 1976, A CONFIDENTIAL SOURCE ABROAD WHO IS AN
OFFICIAL OF THE FEDERAL POLICE OF ARGENTINA (FPA) DEPARTMENT
OF FEDERAL SECURITY (INTELLIGENCE DIVISION), PROVIDED THE
FOLLOWING INFORMATION: ~~(S)~~ (U)

DURING THE WEEK OF MARCH 29, 1976, THE FPA DEPARTMENT OF
FEDERAL SECURITY RECEIVED INFORMATION FROM AN ARGENTINE CITIZEN
WHO WAS THE OWNER OF A SUBURBAN FARM LOCATED IN MORENO, BUENOS
AIRES PROVINCE, WHICH HAD BEEN RENTED TO A YOUNG MARRIED COUPLE,
INDICATING THAT SUSPICIOUS ACTIVITIES WERE TAKING PLACE AT THIS
FARM; SPECIFICALLY, THAT A LARGE NUMBER OF INDIVIDUALS HAD BEEN
ASSEMBLING AT THAT LOCATION. THE FPA DEPARTMENT OF FEDERAL
SECURITY DISPATCHED THREE FPA OFFICERS TO INVESTIGATE THE REPORT ~~(S)~~ (U)

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IN MORENO. FPA FEDERAL SECURITY OFFICERS CONTACTED THE LCCAL
PRECINCT OF THE BUENOS AIRES PROVINCIAL POLICE (BAPP) IN WHOSE
JURISDICTION THE FARM IN MORENO FELL, TO ANNOUNCE THEIR IDENTITY
AND REQUEST BAPP ASSISTANCE IN CARRYING OUT INVESTIGATION. THE
BAPP PROVIDED EIGHT OFFICERS WHO ACCOMPANIED THE FPA FEDERAL
SECURITY OFFICIALS TO THE FARM IN QUESTION. ~~(S)~~ (U)

THE FPA FEDERAL SECURITY OFFICIALS, BAPP OFFICERS APPROACHED
THE FARM DIRECTLY AND WERE GREETED BY A HAIL OF BULLETS FROM A
LARGE NUMBER OF AUTOMATIC WEAPONS WHICH RESULTED IN A VIOLENT
SHOOTOUT. ~~(S)~~ (U)

FOURTEENS INDIVIDUALS IDENTIFIED AS MEMBERS OF THE PARTIDO
REVOLUCIONARIO DE TRABAJADORES-PARTIDO SOCIALISTA DE TRABAJADORES
(WORKERS REVOLUTIONARY PARTY-WORKERS SOCIALIST PARTY) (PRT-PST)
and THE PEOPLE'S REVOLUTIONARY ARMY (ERP), AN ARGENTINE TERRORIST
ORGANIZATION, WERE KILLED DURING THE SHOOTOUT. SUBSEQUENT
INVESTIGATION ESTABLISHED THAT THE FARM WAS BEING USED FOR A HIGH
LEVEL POLICY MEETING OF THE PRT/PST AND THE ERP WHICH WAS
XXXXXXXXX ATTENDED BY BETWEEN FIFTY AND SIXTY RANKING LEADERS OF ~~(S)~~ (U)

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THESE ORGANIZATIONS, INCLUDING ERP LEADERS MARIO ROBERTO SANTUCHO AND DOMINGO MENA. BOTH SANTUCHO AND MENA MANAGED TO ESCAPE DURING THE SHOOTOUT. A LARGE VOLUME OF VALUABLE DOCUMENTS, INCLUDING TAPES, WERE SEIZED AT THE FARM AND ARE CURRENTLY BEING PROCESSED AND ANALYZED. (~~S~~) (U)

THE ARGENTINE ARMY, WHICH HAS THE PRIME RESPONSIBILITY FOR INVESTIGATING AND REPRESSING THE ERP, WAS HIGHLY CRITICAL OF THE FPA AND RAPPE OPEN APPROACH TO THE FARM WHICH PRECIPITATED THE SHOOTOUT AND ALLOWED SANTUCHO, MENA AND OTHER RANKING PRT/PST AND ERP OFFICIALS TO ESCAPE. (~~S~~) (U)

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ADMINISTRATIVE. SOURCE IS COMISARIO MAYOR CARLOS VICENTE MARCOTE, DIRECTOR GENERAL FOR OPERATIONS AND INTELLIGENCE, FPA, DEPARTMENT OF FEDERAL SECURITY. (~~S~~) (U)

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ARGENTINE TERRORIST ACTIVITIES; FPM - ARGENTINA.

ON JULY 15, 1976, BRIGADIER GENERAL ALBANO EDUARDO HARGUINDEGUY, MINISTER OF THE INTERIOR, ADVISED THAT RECENTLY DEVELOPED INTELLIGENCE INDICATES THAT THE ERP GUERRILLA ORGANIZATION SOMETIME DURING 1973 OBTAINED 5,000 INCENDIARY BOMBS FROM GERMANY. THE MINISTER INDICATED THAT THE TYPE OF INCENDIARY BOMB PURCHASED BY THE ERP WAS A TUBULAR DEVICE APPROXIMATELY EIGHTEEN INCHES LONG WITH A SELF-CONTAINED TIMING DEVICE. THE MINISTER REPORTED THAT THE INCENDIARY BOMB PRODUCES AN EXTREMELY INTENSE LONG-LASTING FIRE SIMILAR TO A THERMITE GRENADE. THE MINISTER NOTED, HOWEVER, THAT INQUIRIES BY THE ARGENTINE MILITARY ESTABLISHED THAT THE PARTICULAR INCENDIARY DEVICE IN QUESTION HAS A SAFE LIFE OF TWO YEARS UNDER IDEAL STORAGE CONDITIONS, AND THAT THE ARGENTINE INTELLIGENCE SERVICES BELIEVE THAT THE INCENDIARY DEVICES, OWING TO THE FACT THAT THEY ARE OVER THREE YEARS OLD AND UNDOUBTEDLY STORED IN LESS THAN DESIROUS CONDITIONS, HAVE LOST THEIR EFFECTIVENESS. (S) (U)

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ADMINISTRATIVE - [THE FOREGOING INTELLIGENCE WAS PROVIDED
DURING A PRIVATE INTERVIEW BETWEEN THE MINISTER OF THE
INTERIOR, AMBASSADOR HILL AND MYSELF. (S) (U)

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THE AMBASSADOR
VIA A/DCM

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LEGAL ATTACHE ROBERT W. SCHERRER

ARGENTINE TERRORIST ACTIVITIES

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On 7/15/76, Brigadier General ALBANO EDUARDO HARGUINDEGUY, Minister of the Interior, provided the following information to the Ambassador and me in the strictest of confidence: (S) (U)

Argentine security forces have scored considerable successes against the Argentine terrorist organization, The Peoples Revolutionary Army (ERP). Argentine security services have developed information judged to be reliable that the ERP and the Montonero guerrilla organizations will join forces and will announce their merger in a public manifesto, which will be issued on August 22, 1976, the anniversary date of the so-called Trelew incident, during which several Argentine terrorists were killed by Argentine security forces during an escape attempt from an Argentine military detention center. The reason for the merger is that the ERP has been severely crippled during the past three months by Argentine security forces. (S) (U)

Argentine security forces believe that ERP leader, MARIO ROBERTO SANTUCHO, is in Buenos Aires, as well as Montonero leader, MARIO EDUARDO FIRMENICH. (S) (U)

Recently developed intelligence indicates that the ERP guerrilla organization sometime during 1973 obtained 5,000 incendiary bombs from Germany. The Minister indicated that the type of incendiary bomb purchased by the ERP was a tubular device approximately eighteen inches long with a self-contained timing device. The Minister noted, however, that inquiries by the Argentine military established that the particular incendiary device in question has a safe life of two years. (U) (S)

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under ideal storage conditions, and that the Argentine intelligence services believe that the incendiary devices, owing to the fact that they are over three years old and undoubtedly stored in less than desirous conditions, have lost their effectiveness. ~~(S)~~ (U)

The foregoing information should not be discussed with any foreign government official, including those of the Argentine Government.

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ROBERT W. SCHERRER, LEGAL ATTACHE

COLLECTION OF INFORMATION BY ERP
REGARDING MILGRP

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Attached for each recipient is a copy of an ERP document captioned "Datos Operativos" dated 5/30/76 concerning U. S. Milgrp personnel. This ERP document was picked up by the Argentine Army Intelligence Service (SIE) on 7/23/76 in a raid against the residence of an ERP militant. The attached ERP document was made available by a ranking SIE official on 3/2/76. It is noted that the document was to be furnished to the Junta Coordinadora and had been prepared by the ERP Unidad J. S. Manccini, and its author was an ERP member with the code name "Sergeant DIANA." The attached ERP document contains the name, title, residence address and telephone number of past and present U. S. Milgrp personnel both American and Argentine. Next to the names of five Argentine Milgrp employees there is an "X" marked in red ballpoint pen. The source was unable to provide any information with regard to the significance of the red ballpoint "X's" but speculated that these marks might indicate that the individuals may have been under surveillance or may be unwitting contacts of the ERP. The source noted that the data contained in the attached ERP document probably was secured at a Milgrp office either in the U. S. Embassy or one of the Argentine Government buildings. It is presumed that the information regarding U. S. Milgrp personnel contained therein may have been secured by an Argentine Army conscript or infiltrator in the military. If this be the case, the source speculated that the "X's" in red ballpoint ink next to the names in the attached document might indicate that the source of the information may personally be acquainted with the individuals signaled out by the red ballpoint "X" next to their names. (S) (U)

1 - Addressee (Enc.1)

1 - POL

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COLLECTION OF INFORMATION BY ERP
REGARDING MILGRP

Source noted that the ERP militant in whose possession the attached document was found was severely wounded during the SIE raid and died during the afternoon of 8/2/76. Source noted, however, that the ERP member indicated that Lieutenant Colonel LLOYD GRACEY had been signaled out by the ERP for assassination and that more specific data had passed through this ERP member's hands concerning Colonel GRACEY several weeks ago. (S) (U)

Source advised that the SIE had conducted no investigation with regard to the attached document and was leaving the entire matter for the U. S. Embassy to evaluate. The original of the attached document was made available to me by the SIE and will be retained in my office for future reference. (S) (U)

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Personal del Grupo Militar de ERUV de Argentina

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Buenos Aires, 28 de Julio de 1976

ASUNTO: Documentación encontrada en un procedimiento antisubversivo.-

SE INFORMA:

El documento que se adjunta fué encontrado -entre gran variedad de papeles - en un local allanado por Fuerza de Seguridad y que perteneció a un militante del autotitulado ERP.-

No se procedió a efectuar ninguna investigación sobre el mismo, desconociéndose por lo tanto, si las direcciones que en él figuran, son actualizadas, pese a figurar en el mismo la fecha 30/5/76.-

Se ignora asimismo el porqué de las marcas en rojo que figuran al lado de cinco personas de las nombradas.-

8/3/76

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TO: DIRECTOR NR. -03
FROM: LEGAT, BUENOS AIRES (109-2; 109-103)

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FOREIGN POLITICAL MATTERS-ARGENTINA; IS-ARGENTINA; ARGENTINE
TERRORIST ACTIVITIES; FPM-ARGENTINA.

ON AUGUST 2, 1976, [A CONFIDENTIAL SOURCE ABROAD WHO IS
AN OFFICIAL OF THE ARGENTINE ARMY INTELLIGENCE SERVICE (AAIS)] (S) (U)
PROVIDED THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION (S) (U)

ON JULY 28, 1976, UNITS OF THE AAIS RAIDED THE RESIDENCE
OF A RECENTLY IDENTIFIED MEMBER OF THE ARGENTINE TERRORIST
ORGANIZATION, THE PEOPLE'S REVOLUTIONARY ARMY (ERP). THE ERP
RAIDING PARTY SEVERELY WOUNDED AN ERP MEMBER AND RECOVERED
A VOLUME OF IMPORTANT ERP DOCUMENTS. ONE OF THE DOCUMENTS
RECOVERED (THE ORIGINAL OF WHICH WAS PROVIDED BY THE SOURCE)
WAS A DOCUMENT DATED MAY 30, 1976, CAPTIONED, "DATOS OPERATIVOS"
(OPERATING DATA). THIS DOCUMENT CONTAINS THE NAME, TITLE, (S) (U)

5 - Bue (1 - 109-2)
(1 - 109-103)
(1 - 109-38)
(1 - 88-173 Captain Lucero)
(1 - Junta Coordinadora)
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RESIDENCE ADDRESS AND TELEPHONE NUMBER OF CURRENT AND FORMER U. S. AND ARGENTINE MEMBERS OF THE U. S. MILITARY GROUP IN ARGENTINA. A NOTATION ON THIS DOCUMENT INDICATES THAT IT HAD BEEN PREPARED BY THE ERP J. S. MANCCINI CELL AND ITS AUTHOR WAS AN ERP MEMBER KNOWN BY THE CODE NAME OF "SERGEANT DIANA."

THE DOCUMENT WAS TO HAVE BEEN PROVIDED TO THE JUNTA COORDINADORA REVOLUCIONARIA REVOLUTIONARY (COORDINATING/JUNTA). (S) (U)

THE WOUNDED ERP MEMBER IN WHOSE POSSESSION THE ABOVE-DESCRIBED DOCUMENT WAS FOUND, DIED OF HIS WOUNDS ON AUGUST 2, 1976. HOWEVER, BEFORE HE DIED THIS ERP MEMBER ADVISED THAT SEVERAL WEEKS PREVIOUSLY HE HAD SEEN INFORMATION INDICATING THAT THE ERP INTENDED TO ASSASSINATE LT. COL. LLOYD GRACEY OF THE U. S. MILITARY GROUP IN ARGENTINA. IT IS NOTED THAT LT. COL. GRACEY ^{RECENTLY} DEPARTED ARGENTINA PERMANENTLY FOR THE UNITED STATES. (S) (U)

IT IS NOTED THAT IN THE RECOVERED ERP DOCUMENT, FIVE ARGENTINE EMPLOYEES OF THE U. S. MILITARY GROUP IN ARGENTINA HAVE BEEN IDENTIFIED WITH A RED BALLPOINT PEN X NEXT TO THEIR NAMES IN THE DOCUMENT. THE PURPOSE OF THESE MARKINGS IS UNKNOWN TO THE AAIS. (S) (U)

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THE JUNTA COORDINADORA WAS ORGANIZED BY THE ERP AND IN ADDITION TO THE ERP, ITS MEMBERSHIP IS COMPOSED OF THE NATIONAL LIBERATION ARMY (ELN FROM BOLIVIA), THE MLN-TUPAMAROS FROM URUGUAY, AND THE MOVEMENT OF THE REVOLUTIONARY LEFT (MIR FROM CHILE).

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ADMINISTRATIVE. [SOURCE IS CAPTAIN JUAN LUCERO, AAIS.] ~~(S)~~ (U)
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CHARGE D'AFFAIRES MALVIEL CHAPLIN

6/3/76

LEGAL ATTACHE ROBERT A. SCHNEIDER

COLLECTION OF INFORMATION RE: ERP REGARDING MILGROUP

Reference my memorandum dated 5/3/76.

On 5/4/76, an official of the Argentine Army Intelligence Service (SIE) provided the following information: ~~(S)~~ (U)

The individual who is in possession of the documentation and information regarding ERP interest in the U. S. Military Group, Buenos Aires, was to have delivered these documents to (first name unknown) MARIANA, a member of the National Bureau of the ERP. MARIANA currently is a fugitive; however, combined Buenos Aires Provincial Police and SIE units narrowly missed apprehending him last week in Buenos Aires Province. ~~(S)~~ (U)

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1 - PCL
1 - PCL-E
1 - JAO
1 - Milgrp
1 - Security

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3 - Pre (100-103) (100-38) (1-Ambassador's Brief, (80-173) ~~SECRET~~ Book)
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TO: DIRECTOR NR. -03
FROM: LEGAT, BUENOS AIRES (109-2) (109-103)

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FOREIGN POLITICAL MATTERS-ARGENTINA; IS-ARGENTINA; ARGENTINE
TERRORIST ACTIVITIES; FPM-ARGENTINA.

ON AUGUST 2, 1976, A CONFIDENTIAL SOURCE ABROAD WHO IS
AN OFFICIAL OF THE ARGENTINE ARMY INTELLIGENCE SERVICE (AAIS)
PROVIDED THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION: (S) (U)

IN NUMEROUS CAPTURED DOCUMENTS PICKED UP BY THE AAIS
FROM THE ARGENTINE TERRORIST ORGANIZATION, THE PEOPLE'S
REVOLUTIONARY ARMY (ERP), THERE HAS APPEARED INFORMATION
INDICATING THAT THE ERP PLANNED TO CONDUCT A BLITZ-TYPE
TERRORIST OPERATION COMMENCING APPROXIMATELY TEN DAYS PRIOR
TO AUGUST 22, 1976 WHEREIN BOMBINGS, ASSASSINATIONS AND OTHER
TERRORIST ACTS WOULD BE CARRIED OUT IN ORDER TO DRAMATICALLY
LEAD UP TO THE ANNIVERSARY OF THE SO-CALLED TRELEW INCIDENT ON
AUGUST 22, 1976. IT IS NOTED THAT THE TRELEW INCIDENT INVOLVED (S) (U)

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THE KILLING OF NUMEROUS CAPTURED TERRORISTS IN TRELEW, ARGENTINA BY ARGENTINE SECURITY FORCES DURING AN ESCAPE ATTEMPT FROM AN ARGENTINE TERRITORIAL PRISON. THE AAIS BELIEVED THAT THE RECENT ELIMINATION OF MANUEL ROBERTO SANTUCHO, DOMINGO MENA AND OTHER TOP ERP LEADERS, PLUS THE CAPTURE OF IMPORTANT DOCUMENTS REVEALING ERP PLANS DURING THE TEN-DAY PERIOD PRECEDING AUGUST 22, 1976, MAY CAUSE SURVIVING ERP MEMBERS, WHO ARE BASICALLY WITHOUT LEADERSHIP, TO ABORT THEIR PLANS CONCERNING THIS PERIOD; HOWEVER, THE AAIS HAS NO POSITIVE INFORMATION CONFIRMING THAT THIS ERP PLAN HAS BEEN CALLED OFF. ~~(S)~~ (U)

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ADMINISTRATIVE. [SOURCE IS COL. ALBERTO VALIN, CHIEF, AAIS.
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ARGENTINE TERRORIST ACTIVITIES; FPM - ARGENTINA;
SECURITY OF BUENOS AIRES OFFICE PERSONNEL.

FOR INFORMATION, THE EMBASSY MOBILE SECURITY PATROL REPORTED AT APPROXIMATELY 1:30 A.M., AUGUST 11, 1976, THAT THERE WAS A SHOOTOUT IN PROGRESS IN LA LUCILA, BUENOS AIRES PROVINCE, BETWEEN ARGENTINE SECURITY FORCES AND PRESUMED TERRORISTS. SUBSEQUENT INQUIRY BY THE EMBASSY MOBILE SECURITY PATROL ESTABLISHED THAT UNITS OF THE ARGENTINE ARMY INTELLIGENCE SERVICE OPERATING WITH THE BUENOS AIRES PROVINCIAL POLICE HAD RAIDED AN APARTMENT IN LA LUCILA, BUENOS AIRES PROVINCE, AND ARRESTED A FEMALE OCCUPANT OF THE FIRST FLOOR, WHOSE PARENTS RESIDE IN THE SAME APARTMENT BUILDING ON THE SIXTH FLOOR. THE INDIVIDUAL ARRESTED WAS A PRESUMED TERRORIST. IT IS NOTED THAT THE LOCATION OF THE SHOOTOUT AND ARREST AS DESCRIBED ABOVE IS THE APARTMENT BUILDING WHERE CLERK STENOGRAPHER JOSEPHINE R. NAVARRO OF THE BUENOS AIRES OFFICE RESIDES. AT NO TIME WAS MRS. NAVARRO IN ANY PHYSICAL DANGER AND THE SECURITY FORCES WITHDREW FROM THE AREA AT APPROXIMATELY

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4:00 A.M., AUGUST 11, 1976, AFTER HAVING CARRIED OUT THEIR
MISSION.

THE FOREGOING IS PROVIDED ONLY FOR THE INFORMATION OF THE
BUREAU. ALL BUENOS AIRES OFFICE PERSONNEL ARE CONTINUING TO
TAKE STRINGENT SECURITY PRECAUTIONS.

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MR. GEORGE HUEY, CONSUL GENERAL

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LEGAL ATTACHE ROBERT W. SCHERRER

REASON: 3906 ELW/BCE/OG
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ROBERTO ALFREDO BASSAGAISTEGUY ECHEVARRIA
REQUEST FOR NIV CONSIDERATION

Argentine Project

Attached are copies of two memoranda prepared by my office captioned "COLLECTION OF INFORMATION BY ERP REGARDING MILGROUP," dated 8/3/76 and 8/5/76, respectively.

Also attached is Argentine Passport #7.014.518 belonging to captioned individual and a completed application for an NIV, with two current photographs attached.

BASSAGAISTEGUY had been employed on a contract basis at the University of Puerto Rico (UPR), Mayaguez, Puerto Rico, from 1971 until 1975 and had been issued J-1 visas. During his residence in Puerto Rico, BASSAGAISTEGUY purchased an apartment and an automobile which he has not yet sold, since he anticipated returning to Puerto Rico for another year. However, BASSAGAISTEGUY's contract was not renewed. BASSAGAISTEGUY therefore applied for an NIV to return briefly to Puerto Rico in order to liquidate his assets, but was denied the visa. BASSAGAISTEGUY freely admits that he enjoyed living in Puerto Rico and would like to again reside there; however, he realizes that this would not be possible with an NIV visa. BASSAGAISTEGUY emphasizes that he only desires to travel to Puerto Rico for a brief period to settle his affairs and assures he will return to Argentina.

BASSAGAISTEGUY and his family are lifetime personal friends of a ranking officer of the Argentine Army Intelligence Service (SIE), who is the source of intelligence in the attached memoranda of my office concerning ERP information collection against the MILGROUP and the targeting of a MILGROUP member for assassination. I have known this SIE officer for the past six years and he is a trusted friend and an invaluable reliable source. He requested any possible assistance on BASSAGAISTEGUY's behalf in allowing the latter to travel to Puerto Rico in order to settle his personal business. I explained to the SIE official that an NIV had been denied to BASSAGAISTEGUY, because it appeared possible

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2 - Buenos Aires

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that BASSAGAISTEGUY might attempt to illegally remain in Puerto Rico and work. The SIE official offered his personal guarantee that BASSAGAISTEGUY would return to Argentina after a brief reasonable period to handle his personal business in the United States. The SIE official noted that he understood the concern of the U. S. Government with the numerous aliens in the United States, working illegally, but stated that BASSAGAISTEGUY would not violate the U. S. Government's trust, should he be allowed to visit the United States to put his personal affairs in order. The SIE official requested that the Embassy reconsider the denial of an NIV to BASSAGAISTEGUY. (S) (U)

After speaking at length with BASSAGAISTEGUY and the SIE official, I am personally convinced that BASSAGAISTEGUY's motive for desiring to visit Puerto Rico is as stated - to liquidate his remaining assets there - and that he would not violate the terms of an NIV. Any reconsideration in granting BASSAGAISTEGUY an NIV would be appreciated by my office. (S) (U)

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THE AMBASSADOR
VIA THE ACTING DCM

9/17/76

ROBERT W. SCHERRER, LEGAL ATTACHE

ERP

On 9/16/76, a confidential source who has provided reliable information in the past reported the following information with regard to data appearing in the Buenos Aires news media with regard to a raid conducted by security forces at an apartment located in the 400 block of Avenida Forest in Chacarita, Federal Capital:

Officers of the Federal Police of Argentina (FPA), Department of Federal Security, working with elements of SIDE acting on information obtained from ERP documents, raided an ERP safehouse on 9/14/76 at the above-described location. As a result of the raid, two ERP members were killed and three prisoners taken, one a female in her last month of pregnancy. The successor to slain ERP leader MARIO ROBERTO SANTUCHO, who was identified only by his ERP code name, "PANCHO", managed to escape by climbing down from the sixth floor where the ERP safehouse was located to the street by utilizing the exterior balconies of the building. The pregnant female ERP member also was utilizing this escape route when she was detected; however, she was apprehended in the street.

The foregoing information should not be discussed with any foreign officials, including those of the Argentine Government.

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THE AMBASSADOR
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9/20/76

LEGAL ATTACHE ROBERT W. SCHERRER

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UNDOCUMENTED THREAT AGAINST UNITED STATES DIPLOMATIC
ESTABLISHMENTS IN ARGENTINA, CHILE and URUGUAY

On 9/17/76 and 9/20/76, a confidential source who
has provided reliable information in the past, provided the
following:

Information was received on 9/14/76 by one of the
Argentine Armed Forces Intelligence Services indicating that
an individual under detention in Bolivia had disclosed the
possibility of synchronized hostile terrorist action being taken
against the U. S. Embassies in Buenos Aires, Argentina,
Montevideo, Uruguay and Santiago, Chile. The information provided
by the individual under detention in Bolivia did not specify the
identity of the terrorist group or groups that planned to take
this action. The information was passed to the Argentine Military
Intelligence Service in question by the Bolivians with the request
that any information available be provided to the Bolivians to
assist in their interrogation of the individual under detention. (S) (U)

The receiving Argentine Military Intelligence Service,
after canvassing the other Argentine Military Intelligence
Services, as well as appropriate Federal and Provincial Police
Intelligence Services, were unable to develop any information
indicating that imminent synchronized hostile terrorist action
against the U. S. Embassies in Montevideo, Buenos Aires and
Santiago was currently being planned by Argentine terrorists. (S) (U)

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1 - The Ambassador, Santiago, Chile
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RE: UNDOCUMENTED THREAT AGAINST UNITED STATES DIPLOMATIC
ESTABLISHMENTS IN ARGENTINA, CHILE AND URUGUAY

The receiving Argentine Military Intelligence Service rated the above information as originating from a source whose reliability had not been established and who obviously was being pressured under severe interrogation by the Bolivians. The receiving Argentine Military Intelligence Service, in evaluating the information, rated it as highly improbable, specifically with regard to synchronized terrorist attacks against U. S. diplomatic establishments in Uruguay, Argentina and Chile. (S) (U)

The foregoing information should not be discussed with any foreign officials, including those of the Argentine, Bolivian, Chilean or Uruguayan Governments.

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THE AMBASSADOR, BUENOS AIRES

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LEGAL ATTACHE ROBERT W. SCHERRER, BUENOS AIRES

UNDOCUMENTED THREAT AGAINST UNITED STATES DIPLOMATIC
ESTABLISHMENTS IN ARGENTINA, CHILE AND URUGUAY

Reference my memo 9/20/76.

On 9/21/76, a confidential source, who has
provided reliable information in the past, provided the
following information:

Supplemental information received from
Bolivia by one of the Argentine armed forces intelligence
services indicates that the plan to carry out synchronized
hostile terrorist acts against U. S. diplomatic establish-
ments in Buenos Aires, Argentina, Montevideo, Uruguay,
and Santiago, Chile, is to be implemented by the pertinent
groups in these countries belonging to the Junta Coordinadora
Revolucionaria (JCR). The JCR has assigned the code word
"Operation Jasmin" to this project and from all available
information provided to the Argentine armed forces intelligence
service, the plan to carry out "Operation Jasmin" is definitely
going forward and the source of the information under detention
in Bolivia has provided accurate information concerning other
activities of the JCR. Apparently information provided to one
of the Argentine armed forces intelligence services from
Bolivia indicates that the original source's information has
been corroborated by two other individuals in a conversation
which apparently was subject to electronics surveillance.
The information contains no specifics but only indicates that
"Operation Jasmin" will be implemented. (S) (U)

The foregoing information should not be discussed
with any foreign officials including those of the Argentine,
Bolivian, Chilean or Uruguayan Governments.

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1 - Addressee

- 1 - Ambassador, La Paz
- 1 - Ambassador, Montevideo
- 1 - Ambassador, Santiago
- 1 - POL/R, Buenos Aires
- 1 - SY, Buenos Aires
- 1 - DAO, Buenos Aires

3 - Buenos Aires (1 - 109-103)

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Ford Motor Argentina S.A.

Casa de Correo 596 Correo Central
Buenos Aires

September 20, 1976

Mr. George Stanley Beckett
U.S. Embassy
Sarmiento 551
Buenos Aires

Dear Mr. Beckett:

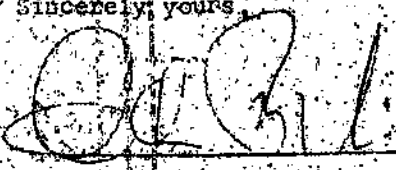
This will refer to our conversation regarding the attempt at the home of Ing. Jorge A. Paquet, Manufacturing and Plant Engineering Staff Manager, located at Jorge Newbery 1321, Hurlingham.

On September 18 at 05:35 hours a red Chevrolet Pick-up passed by the house and about 100 shots were fired with a FAL machine gun. A smoke bomb was also thrown and it went in through the kitchen window. The pick-up stopped before the house garage which allowed the guards to fire back from the back of the house with an ITACA machine gun. When the guards repelled the attack the pick-up drove away and threw pamphlets, one of which is enclosed.

The front of the house suffered important damages but there were no casualties. The kitchen faces the street and it has a big window. The majority of the shots were fired there and if anyone had been inside he would have been killed.

On March 26, 1976 a similar attack took place at which the guards in charge of the custody of the house, were killed.

Sincerely yours,


R. F. Sibilla, Supervisor
Plant Protection Section

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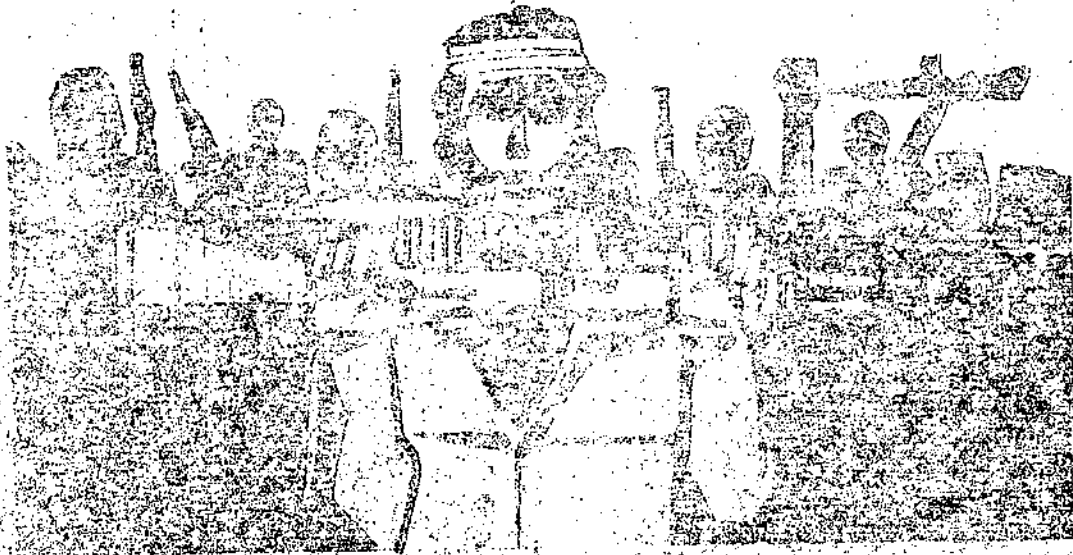
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4ª CAMPAÑA NACIONAL DEL EJERCITO MONTONERO

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**Por la dignidad del PUEBLO y la
grandeza de la PATRIA**



**SIN JUSTICIA SOCIAL
NO HABRA PAZ PARA NADIE**

EJERCITO MONTONERO

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THE AMBASSADOR, BUENOS AIRES

9/22/76

LEGAL ATTACHE ROBERT W. SCHERRER, BUENOS AIRES

UNDOCUMENTED THREAT AGAINST UNITED STATES DIPLOMATIC
ESTABLISHMENTS IN ARGENTINA, CHILE AND URUGUAY

Reference my memoranda 9/20 and 9/21/76.

During the evening of 9/21/76, a source, who has
furnished reliable information in the past, advised as follows:

It is noted that the source is a senior ranking
officer of one of the Argentine military intelligence services.

There has been considerable confusion in Argentine
military intelligence circles with regard to information received
from Bolivia related to "Operation Jasmin." Source in Bolivia
originally provided information, which indicated that "Operation
Jasmin" involved coordinated simultaneous attacks by the various
components of the Junta Coordinadora Revolucionaria (JCR) and the
Montoneros in Argentina. The information provided by the source
in Bolivia, who had in the past furnished reliable information
that had been corroborated through other sources; indicated that
the purpose of "Operation Jasmin" was to create havoc in Argentina
in order to disrupt and discredit the Argentine Government inter-
nationally with specific emphasis on neighboring Uruguay and Chile.
The source advised that to his knowledge components of the JCR and
Montoneros would utilize stolen Argentine, Chilean and Uruguayan
military uniforms to create incidents at the respective borders
of these countries and possibly at the Paraguayan-Argentine border.
Also the source advised that "other actions" would be carried out
by the JCR and Montoneros in Argentina to further the objectives
of "Operation Jasmin." The foregoing is the hard information
provided by the source in Bolivia.

When asked to elaborate on "other actions" to be
carried out in Argentina by the JCR and the Montoneros, the source
in Bolivia indicated he believed that logical targets in Argentina
would be foreign business interests and embassies, specifically
those pertaining to the United States. The source also added that
similar attacks against foreign interests might be carried out in
Uruguay and Chile. It is emphasized that the source at no time

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[Source is Brigadier Carlos Otto Paladino, Chief, SIDE]

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furnished any information from his personal knowledge of "Operation Jasmin" indicating that the United States business and diplomatic establishments in Argentina, Chile or Uruguay had been specifically targeted in connection with "Operation Jasmin." (S) (U)

Because the source of this information is not directly available to Argentine military intelligence services, he obviously cannot be properly debriefed according to Argentine military intelligence standards. There is a great distinction between the hard information provided by the source in Bolivia and information provided by him, which basically is nothing more than his personal evaluation of events concerning "Operation Jasmin." (S) (U)

The information provided by the source in Bolivia concerning "Operation Jasmin" has been passed to all components of the Argentine military intelligence services, as well as the Federal Police of Argentina and Provincial Police Departments. These services in turn have provided their own evaluation of the data related to "Operation Jasmin," which may further create confusion with regard to the actual information provided by the source in Bolivia. (S) (U)

The source in Bolivia has previously furnished information which has been received by several of the Argentine military intelligence services, which as noted previously has been found to be generally accurate and has been corroborated. This particular source has been assigned a rating of "B" by the intelligence service to which the source belongs. The rating of a source as "B" indicates that he is generally reliable and has previously furnished reliable information. The information concerning "Operation Jasmin" as provided by the source in Bolivia has not been assigned a numerical evaluation by the intelligence service of the reporting source, since it is too nebulous and has not been corroborated through any other available sources in Argentina to date. (S) (U)

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THE AMBASSADOR
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2/27/76

LEGAL ATTACHE ROBERT W. SCHERRER

TERRORIST INFORMATION REGARDING
U. S. EMBASSY, BUENOS AIRES

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On 2/27/76, a senior official of the Argentine Army Intelligence Service (SIE) provided the following information: ~~(S)~~ (U)

The SIE Logistics Battalion #10 in a joint operation with the Federal Police of Argentina (FPA), Department of Federal Security, raided an apartment in the Federal Capital located at Obligado 3695 at 2:00 A.M., 12/12/75. This apartment belongs to SERGIO PUIGGROS and his wife. It is noted that PUIGGROS is the son of former University of Buenos Aires Rector RODOLFO PUIGGROS, who fled to Mexico after receiving death threats from the AAA organization. In this apartment combined forces discovered a volume of literature, including microfilm, which contained data related to the U. S. Embassy in Buenos Aires. Among the material located at the apartment was a building pass for the First Sub-Suelo of the U. S. Embassy. According to information supplied by PUIGGROS's wife (PUIGGROS, himself, escaped and is currently a fugitive), the Embassy building pass is fraudulent and was made during 1972, when terrorists were considering an attack against the U. S. Embassy in Buenos Aires. ~~(S)~~ (U)

I was given an opportunity to personally examine the material contained on the microfilm, and it is identical to material previously provided to Colonel BOHACH by the Department of Federal Security, FPA, which allegedly was picked up during the combined SIE-FPA Department of Federal Security raid on a terrorist location in Bernal, Buenos Aires Province, on 1/8/76. ~~(S)~~ (U)

The discrepancy in the location and dates where the material concerning the Embassy was recovered for obvious reasons could not be discussed with the above mentioned source. However, the source noted that PUIGGROS's wife is extra-legally being held by the FPA. ~~(S)~~ (U)

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It is therefore conceivable that information provided indicating that the material was seized on 1/8/76 in Bernal, Buenos Aires Province, and not on 12/19/75 from the PUIGGROS apartment in the Federal Capital, was done in order not to pinpoint the origin of the material, should Mrs. PUIGGROS subsequently turn up dead. (S) (U)

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FROM: LEGAT, BUENOS AIRES (105-1294) (NEW)

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ARGENTINE ANTI-IMPERIALIST SOCIALIST MOVEMENT (MASA); IS-
ARGENTINA.

FILES OF THE BUENOS AIRES OFFICE CONTAIN INFORMATION
REGARDING AN ORGANIZATION KNOWN AS THE FRENTE ANTI-IMPERIALISTA
POR EL SOCIALISMO (ANTI-IMPERIALIST FRONT THROUGH SOCIALISM)
(FAS) WHICH HAS BEEN DESCRIBED BY [FEDERAL POLICE OF ARGENTINA
(FPA)] SOURCES AS BEING A FRONT GROUP OF THE ARGENTINE SOCIALIST
WORKERS PARTY WHOSE BASIC OBJECTIVES ARE FREEING SO-CALLED
POLITICAL PRISONERS IN ARGENTINA, THE LIFTING OF THE STATE OF
SIEGE, ELECTIONS IN PROVINCES WHERE FEDERAL INTERVENTORS HAVE
BEEN NAMED AND THE REPEAL OF ALLEGEDLY REPRESSIVE LEGISLATION.

FILES OF THE BUENOS AIRES OFFICE ALSO CONTAIN INFORMATION
WHICH APPEARED IN THE APRIL 11, 1971 ISSUE OF "CLARIN", A
SPANISH LANGUAGE DAILY NEWSPAPER PUBLISHED IN BUENOS AIRES
WHICH ORIGINATED WITH THE FRANCE PRESS AGENCY IN MADRID, SPAIN,
INDICATING THAT FORMER ARGENTINE PRESIDENT JUAN DOMINGO PERON,
WHO AT THE TIME WAS IN EXILE IN SPAIN, HAD ACCEPTED THE PRESIDENCY

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OF THE LATIN AMERICAN ANTI-IMPERIALIST MOVEMENT. ACCORDING TO THE "CLARIN" ARTICLE, THE BUENOS AIRES ORGANIZERS OF THE LATIN AMERICAN ANTI- IMPERIALIST MOVEMENT CLAIM THAT THE ORGANIZATION WAS FORMED BY A GROUP OF ARGENTINE PERONISTS IN ORDER TO "BRING ABOUT A COALITION OF NATIONALIST-POPULIST-REVOLUTIONARY GOVERNMENTS AND MOVEMENTS TO FIGHT FOR NATIONAL LIBERATION." THE "CLARIN" ARTICLE REPORTED THAT THE LATIN AMERICAN ANTI-IMPERIALIST MOVEMENT WAS AGAINST UNITED STATES POLICIES AND THE ORGANIZATION CLAIMED TO HAVE THE SUPPORT OF CHILEAN PRESIDENT ALLENDE AND PRESIDENTS JUAN JOSE TORRES AND JUAN VELASCO ALVARADO RESPECTIVELY OF BOLIVIA AND PERU.

BUENOS AIRES FILES INDICATE THAT DOMINGO MENNA WAS A LEADER OF THE PEOPLE'S REVOLUTIONARY ARMY (ERP), AN ARGENTINE TROTSKYITE GUERRILLA ORGANIZATION UNTIL 1972. ON AUGUST 15, 1972, TWENTY-FOUR MEMBERS OF THE ERP, THE "FUERZAS ARMADAS REVOLUCIONARIAS" (REVOLUTIONARY ARMED FORCES) (FAR) AND THE MONTONEROS ESCAPED FROM RAWSON PRISON IN CHUBUT PROVINCE, ARGENTINA, IN A COORDINATED ACTION. ANOTHER GROUP OF TERRORISTS TOOK OVER THE NEARBY TRELEW

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AIRPORT AND DETAINED AN AUSTRAL JET AIRCRAFT UNTIL THE RAWSON PRISON ESCAPEES BOARDED THE AIRCRAFT. THE PILOT OF THE AIRCRAFT WAS THEN FORCED TO FLY TO SANTIAGO, CHILE. AT FIRST, THE CHILEAN GOVERNMENT OF SALVADOR ALLENDE ASSURED THE ARGENTINE GOVERNMENT THAT MENNA AND HIS FELLOW HIJACKERS WOULD NOT BE GRANTED POLITICAL ASYLUM BUT ON AUGUST 25, 1972 THE CHILEAN GOVERNMENT GRANTED THEM ASYLUM AND ALLOWED THEM TO DEPART CHILE VIA A CUBANA AIRLINER FOR CUBA.

MENNA IS DESCRIBED AS A WHITE MALE ARGENTINE, APPROXIMATELY 28 YEARS OF AGE, HEIGHT, APPROXIMATELY FIVE FEET NINE INCHES, WEIGHT, APPROXIMATELY 160-170, AND BLACK HAIR, WHO, IN 1972, SPORTED A THICK MUSTACHE AND WAS GROWING A BEARD. [A PHOTOGRAPH OF MENNA HAS BEEN PROVIDED BY THE FPA.] (S) (U)

BUENOS AIRES OFFICE FILES DISCLOSE THAT FRANCISCO JULIAN LICASTRO WAS A FIRST LIEUTENANT IN THE ARGENTINE ARMY UNTIL 1955, WHEN THE GOVERNMENT OF JUAN DOMINGO PERON WAS OVERTHROWN BY A MILITARY COUP. AFTER PERON RETURNED TO POWER IN 1973, LICASTRO BECAME THE POLITICAL SECRETARY IN THE OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY

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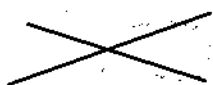
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GENERAL OF THE PRESIDENCY. RECENTLY, LICASTRO WAS DESIGNATED AS THE ARGENTINE CONSUL IN SAN FRANCISCO.

ON OCTOBER 20, 1975, A CONFIDENTIAL SOURCE ABROAD WHO IS A RANKING OFFICIAL OF THE ARGENTINE ARMY INTELLIGENCE SERVICE (AAIS), ADVISED AN AAIS SOURCE IN THE UNITED STATES PROVIDED THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION: ~~(S)~~ (U)

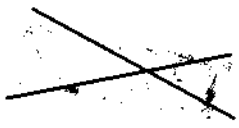
ON AUGUST 22, 1975, A HANDBILL APPEARED IN NEW YORK CITY ANNOUNCING THAT A COLOR FILM OF ONE HOUR AND FIFTY MINUTE DURATION CALLED, "ARGENTINA-LOS TRAIIDORES" (ARGENTINA-THE TRAITORS), WOULD BE SHOWN AT THE CASA DE LAS AMERICAS (CDLA) AT 104 WEST 14TH STREET, ON THE SECOND FLOOR, AT 8:00 P.M., ON AUGUST 23, 1975. THIS HANDBILL ANNOUNCED THAT A MEETING WOULD BE HELD AT 6:00 P.M., AT THE CDLA TO COMMEMORATE THE EVENTS THAT TOOK PLACE IN TRELEW ON AUGUST 22, 1971. A TWO-DOLLAR FEE WAS COLLECTED AT THE DOOR OF THE CDLA AND ERP AND MONTONERO BANNERS ADORNED THE MEETING HALL. APPROXIMATELY 200 INDIVIDUALS WERE PRESENT, WITH 150 BEING ARGENTINE RESIDENTS OF THE UNITED STATES. AT THE ENTRANCE TO THE CDLA, THE NEWSPAPER, "DENUNCIA" PUBLISHED BY THE ~~(S)~~


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MASA, P. O. BOX 134, TIMES SQUARE STATION, NEW YORK, NEW YORK, 10036, WAS BEING SOLD. THIS NEWSPAPER CONTAINS A REPRODUCTION OF THE MASA EMBLEM, WHICH IS A FIVE-POINTED STAR IDENTICAL TO THE ERP EMBLEM. AN ARTICLE APPEARING IN "DENUNCIA" MENTIONS ERP LEADERS MARIO ROBERTO SANTUCHO, DOMINGO MENNA, MARCOS OSATINSKY (WHO WAS RECENTLY KILLED IN CORDOBA PROVINCE BY CORDOBA PROVINCE POLICE OFFICERS), AND FERNANDO BACA NARVAJA. WHEN THE AAIS SOURCE, WHO ATTENDED THE CDLA MEETING, ARRIVED AT THE CDLA PREMISES AT 6:30 P.M., AN ARGENTINE MALE, BELIEVED TO BE DOMINGO MENNA, WAS GIVING A SPEECH. THIS INDIVIDUAL INDICATED THAT HE HAD TAKEN PART IN THE RAWSON PRISON BREAK AND HAD BEEN IN CHILE AND CUBA BUT HAD RECENTLY RETURNED TO ARGENTINA TO FIGHT FOR NATIONAL LIBERATION. THE SPEAKER CLAIMED THAT MASA WAS AN IMPORTANT NON-CLANDESTINE ORGANIZATION WHICH OPERATED LEGALLY IN THE UNITED STATES. THE SPEAKER MENTIONED THAT MASA WAS ACTIVE IN VARIOUS U. S. CITIES, INCLUDING MIAMI, NEW YORK, AND SAN FRANCISCO, AS WELL AS OTHER SOUTH AMERICAN COUNTRIES. (S) (U)


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THE AAIS OFFICIAL MADE AVAILABLE THE #3 ISSUE OF "DENUNCIA", TOGETHER WITH THE AAIS INFORMANT'S REPORT AND A COPY OF THE HANDBILL DISTRIBUTED IN NEW YORK CITY ON AUGUST 22, 1975. ~~(S)~~ (U)

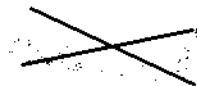
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[IT APPEARS THAT THE CIA SOURCE IN BUENOS AIRES IS CONNECTED WITH THE AAIS, SINCE INFORMATION OBTAINED BY THIS OFFICE AND CIA IS VIRTUALLY IDENTICAL.] ~~(S)~~ (U)

PHOTOGRAPHS OF DOMINGO MENNA WILL BE POUCHED TO THE BUREAU VIA AIRTEL, AS WELL AS A NO. 3 COPY OF "DENUNCIA" AND THE AUGUST 22, 1975 HANDBILL.

DURING 1971, [THE FPA ADVISED] ~~(S)~~ (U) THAT MENNA, SHOULD HE BE LOCATED OUTSIDE OF ARGENTINA, IN A COUNTRY WITH AN EXISTING EXTRADITION TREATY WITH ARGENTINA, WOULD BE EXTRADITED ON CHARGES OF THEFT OF MILITARY PROPERTY, IMPERSONATION AND HIJACKING. REFER TO BUENOS AIRES LETTER AND LHM TO THE BUREAU CAPTIONED, "ARGENTINE TERRORIST ACTIVITIES; IS-ARGENTINA", DATED OCTOBER 13, 1972.


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IT IS SUGGESTED THAT THE NYO INITIATE APPROPRIATE INQUIRIES TO ASCERTAIN WHETHER IN FACT MENNA WAS IN NEW YORK CITY ON AUGUST 23, 1975 AND WHETHER HIS WHEREABOUTS ARE KNOWN AT PRESENT.

SOURCE IS COLONEL ALBERTO VALIN, CHIEF, AAIS. COL. VALIN REQUESTED INFORMATION CONCERNING THE CDLA AND ANY OTHER INFORMATION THE FBI MIGHT BE ABLE TO DEVELOP WITH REGARD TO DOMINGO MENNA OR MASA ACTIVITIES IN THE U. S. DIRECTED AGAINST ARGENTINA. COL. VALIN WAS PROVIDED WITH GENERAL BACKGROUND INFORMATION ON THE CDLA AND ITS PREDECESSOR ORGANIZATION, CASA CUBA. ~~(S)~~(U)
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FROM: LEGAT, BUENOS AIRES (100-2; 100-103)

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TERRORIST ACTIVITIES; PPM-ARGENTINA.

ON AUGUST 2, 1976, [A CONFIDENTIAL SOURCE ABROAD WHO IS
AN OFFICIAL OF THE ARGENTINE ARMY INTELLIGENCE SERVICE (AAIS)] (S)(U)
PROVIDED THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION:

ON JULY 28, 1976, UNITS OF THE AAIS RAIDED THE RESIDENCE
OF A RECENTLY IDENTIFIED MEMBER OF THE ARGENTINE TERRORIST
ORGANIZATION, THE PEOPLE'S REVOLUTIONARY ARMY (ERP). THE ERP
RAIDING PARTY SEVERELY WOUNDED AN ERP MEMBER AND RECOVERED
A VOLUME OF IMPORTANT ERP DOCUMENTS. ONE OF THE DOCUMENTS
RECOVERED (THE ORIGINAL OF WHICH WAS PROVIDED BY THE SOURCE)
WAS A DOCUMENT DATED MAY 30, 1976, CAPTIONED, "DATOS OPERATIVOS"
(OPERATING DATA). THIS DOCUMENT CONTAINS THE NAME, TITLE (S)(U)

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RESIDENCE ADDRESS AND TELEPHONE NUMBER OF CURRENT AND FORMER U. S. AND ARGENTINE MEMBERS OF THE U. S. MILITARY GROUP IN ARGENTINA. A NOTATION ON THIS DOCUMENT INDICATES THAT IT HAD BEEN PREPARED BY THE ERP J. S. MANCCINI CELL AND ITS AUTHOR WAS AN ERP MEMBER KNOWN BY THE CODE NAME OF "SERGEANT DIANA." THE DOCUMENT WAS TO HAVE BEEN PROVIDED TO THE JUNTA COORDINADORA REVOLUCIONARIA REVOLUTIONARY (COORDINATING/JUNTA). ~~(S)~~ (U)

THE WOUNDED ERP MEMBER IN WHOSE POSSESSION THE ABOVE-DESCRIBED DOCUMENT WAS FOUND, DIED OF HIS WOUNDS ON AUGUST 2, 1976. HOWEVER, BEFORE HE DIED THIS ERP MEMBER ADVISED THAT SEVERAL WEEKS PREVIOUSLY HE HAD SEEN INFORMATION INDICATING THAT THE ERP INTENDED TO ASSASSINATE LT. COL. LLOYD GRACEY OF THE U. S. MILITARY GROUP IN ARGENTINA. IT IS NOTED THAT LT. COL. GRACEY DEPARTED ARGENTINA PERMANENTLY FOR THE UNITED STATES. ~~(S)~~ (U)

IT IS NOTED THAT IN THE RECOVERED ERP DOCUMENT, FIVE ARGENTINE EMPLOYERS OF THE U. S. MILITARY GROUP IN ARGENTINA HAVE BEEN IDENTIFIED WITH A RED BALLPOINT PEN X NEXT TO THEIR NAMES IN THE DOCUMENT. THE PURPOSE OF THESE MARKINGS IS UNKNOWN TO THE AAIS. ~~(S)~~ (U)

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THE JUNTA COORDINADORA WAS ORGANIZED BY THE ERP AND IN ADDITION TO THE ERP, ITS MEMBERSHIP IS COMPOSED OF THE NATIONAL LIBERATION ARMY (ELN FROM BOLIVIA), THE MLN-TUPAMAROS FROM URUGUAY, AND THE MOVEMENT OF THE REVOLUTIONARY LEFT (MIR FROM CHILE).

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ADMINISTRATIVE. [SOURCE IS CAPTAIN JUAN LUCERO, AAIS.] ~~(S)~~ (U)
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ATTENTION: LIAISON UNIT, INTD.

POSSIBLE ARGENTINE ARMY INTELLIGENCE ATTENDANCE AT FBI COUNTER-
INTELLIGENCE COURSES.

RE LEGAT, BOGOTA, TELETYPE DATED DECEMBER 14, 1981.

LEGAT, PANAMA, DESIGNATED LEGAT, MONTEVIDEO, CONCURS
THAT THE ATTENDANCE OF AN ARGENTINE ARMY INTELLIGENCE OFFICER
AT AN FBI COUNTERINTELLIGENCE COURSE WOULD BE OF GREAT BENEFIT
FOR FUTURE LIAISON PURPOSES BETWEEN THE BUREAU AND THE ARGENTINE
ARMY INTELLIGENCE SERVICE (AAIS). [453] IT SHOULD BE NOTED, HOWEVER,
THAT LEGAT, WHILE ON TEMPORARY ASSIGNMENT IN BUENOS AIRES IN
JULY, 1979, AND DOING ROADTRIP THERE IN OCTOBER, 1981,
LEARNED THAT THE UNITED STATES EMBASSY IN BUENOS AIRES HAD
INSTRUCTIONS FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE NOT TO CONTACT AAIS
DUE TO THEIR (AAIS) PROPENSITY FOR VIOLATIONS OF HUMAN RIGHTS
(I. E. TORTURES, MURDERS AND DISAPPEARANCES OF INDIVIDUALS
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LEGAT, PANAMA, IS OF THE OPINION THAT SHOULD AN AAIS PERSON ATTEND THE FBI ACADEMY, THIS INFORMATION WOULD CERTAINLY GET BACK TO THE UNITED STATES EMBASSY IN BUENOS AIRES AND COULD CONCEIVABLY BECOME AN ISSUE.

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT PRIOR TO HAVING AN INDIVIDUAL FROM AAIS NOMINATED TO ATTEND AN FBI COURSE, A DISCREET INQUIRY BE MADE AT THE UNITED STATES EMBASSY IN BUENOS AIRES, AND PERHAPS OF THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE, TO DETERMINE THEIR POSITION IN THIS MATTER.

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TO DIRECTOR NR 223-18

FROM LEGAT BUENOS AIRES (109-2)

FOREIGN POLITICAL MATTERS-ARGENTINA; IS-ARGENTINA.

DURING THE MORNING OF DECEMBER 18, 1975, THE ARGENTINE AIR FORCE CLOSED JORGE NEWBERRY DOWNTOWN METROPOLITAN AIRPORT IN BUENOS AIRES FOR UNEXPLAINED REASONS. SUBSEQUENTLY IT WAS REVEALED THAT JUNIOR MIDDLE GRADE OFFICERS OF THE ARGENTINE AIR FORCE WERE IN REBELLION AND HAD PLACED THE AIR FORCE COMMANDER IN CHIEF UNDER HOUSE ARREST. THERE ARE TWO CONFLICTING VERSIONS REGARDING THE PURPOSE OF THE AIR FORCE REVOLT. ONE IS THAT THE AIR FORCE JUNIOR OFFICERS HAVE INITIATED THE BEGINNING OF A COUP D'ETAT AND WILL BE JOINED BY THE ARGENTINE NAVY AND ARMY IN ORDER TO OVERTHROW THE INCUMBENT PERONIST GOVERNMENT. THE SECOND VERSION AND PROBABLY THE MOST PLAUSIBLE IS THAT JUNIOR AIR FORCE OFFICERS WERE EXTREMELY DISPLEASED OVER WHAT THEY CONSIDERED TO BE POLITICAL MANEUVERING IN THE RECENTLY PUBLISHED AIR FORCE PROMOTION AND REASSIGNMENT SCHEDULE. IT IS NOTED THAT THE AIR FORCE COMANDER IN CHIEF HAS CONSISTENTLY REMOVED FROM CENTER STATE ANY OFFICER

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IN THE AIR FORCE BELIEVED BY THE AIR FORCE COMMANDER IN CHIEF AS A COMPETITOR OR CHALLENGER. AS OF 12:30 PM, BUENOS AIRES TIME, DECEMBER 18, 1975, A CLOSED MEETING IS BEING HELD OF ARGENTINE NAVY ADMIRALS, THE PURPOSE OF WHICH IS UNKNOWN AT THIS TIME.

FOREGOING HAS BEEN PROVIDED BY THE BUENOS AIRES EMBASSY TO THE STATE DEPARTMENT IN WASHINGTON, D.C. BY FLASH TELEGRAM. IT IS PROVIDED ONLY FOR THE INFORMATION OF THE BUREAU. I AM CLOSELY FOLLOWING THIS MATTER AND WILL KEEP THE BUREAU CURRENTLY ADVISED.

OFFICE PERSONNEL ARE TAKING APPROPRIATE SECURITY PRECAUTIONS.

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11:15 AM URGENT 12-19-75 JN

TO DIRECTOR (109-12-20) NR. 227--

FROM LEGAT BUENOS AIRES (109-2)

FOREIGN POLITICAL MATTERS - MILITARY AND NAVAL MATTER
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REMYCABS DECEMBER 18, 1975.

BY DECREE DRAWN UP DURING THE AFTERNOON OF DECEMBER 18, 1975, BUT ONLY MADE PUBLIC AT 11:00 P. M., DECEMBER 18, 1975, THE ARGENTINE EXECUTIVE REPLACED GENERAL FAUTARIO AS ARGENTINE AIR FORCE COMMANDER WITH GENERAL ORLANDO AGOSTI, A RELATIVELY JUNIOR ARGENTINE WPR FORCE GENERAL. THIS ACTION FORCES THE RETIREMENT OF SEVERAL ARGENTINE AIR FORCE GENERALS SENIOR TO AGOSTI, WHO WERE CONSIDERED TO BE SUPPORTERS OF FAUTARIO.

ARGENTINE AIR FORCE AIRCRAFT OVERFLEW DOWNTOWN BUENOS AIRES BETWEEN 5:30 P. M. AND 10:00 P. M., DECEMBER 18, 1975, DROPPING LEAFLETS CALLING ON THE ARGENTINE ARMED FORCES TO OUST PRESIDENT PERON AND FOR THE INSTALLATION OF ARGENTINE ARMY COMMANDER GENERAL VIDELA AS CHIEF OF STATE. GENERAL VIDELA HASTILY RETURNED TO BUENOS AIRES FROM CARACAS, VENEZUELA, WHERE HE WAS ON AN OFFICIAL VISIT, DURING THE LATE EVENING OF DECEMBER 18, 1975. AS OF 9:00 A. M, DECEMBER 19, 1975, THE ARGENTINE

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ARMY AND NAVY HAD NOT MOVED TO JOIN IN THE ARGENTINE AIR FORCE REBELLION.

REBEL ARGENTINE AIR FORCE ELEMENTS^{EN} CONTINUE TO HOLD THE MORON AIR FORCE BASE OUTSIDE OF BUENOS AIRES AND THE JORGE NEWBERY DOWNTOWN AIRPORT. THERE ARE UNCONFIRMED REPORTS THAT AN ARGENTINE AIR FORCE SABRE JET BASE IN MENDOZA MAY NOW BE BACKING THE DECEMBER 18, 1975, REBELLION. APPARENTLY SENSING THAT THE DECEMBER 18, 1975, ARGENTINE AIR FORCE REBELLION MIGHT POSSIBLY EXPAND TO A FULL COUP D'ETAT^{AI}, DURING THE DECEMBER 18, 1975, EVENING SESSION OF THE ARGENTINE CONGRESS THE CHAMBER OF DEPUTIES DISSIDENT WORKING GROUP CALLED FOR PRESIDENT PERON'S RESIGNATION AND RECOMMENDED THAT, SHOULD THE PRESIDENT REFUSE, IMMEDIATE IMPEACHMENT PROCEEDINGS BE INSTITUTED.

BUENOS AIRES IS CALM DURING THE MORNING OF DECEMBER 19, 1975, WITH PEOPLE GOING ABOUT THEIR NORMAL DAILY BUSINESS.

FOREGOING HAS BEEN PROVIDED BY THE BUENOS AIRES EMBASSY TO THE U. S. DEPARTMENT OF STATE VIA STATE DEPARTMENT CHANNELS. IT IS BEING PROVIDED ONLY FOR THE INFORMATION OF THE BUREAU.

PERSONNEL ARE TAKING APPROPRIATE SECURITY MEASURES.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (185-789)
FROM: LEGAT, BUENOS AIRES (157-35)(P)
CHILBOM

Remycab 10/1/76, which in part set forth the circumstances of the assassination of retired Chilean Army General CARLOS PRATS GONZALEZ in Buenos Aires, Argentina, on 9/30/74.

Enclosed for the Bureau are the original and five copies of self-explanatory investigative inserts, which contain a translation from the Spanish language of the official Federal Police of Argentina Bomb Squad report concerning the explosive device placed in General PRATS' car, which killed him.

Also enclosed for the Bureau are the original and four copies of a photograph depicting the remains of General PRATS' automobile, in which the bomb was placed. 157-35-145

Bureau is requested to provide appropriate copies of the aforementioned enclosures to WFO and to the FBI Laboratory.

It is noted that the original photograph (6" x 4") showing the remains of General PRATS' car is much clearer than the 6 1/2" x 10" blow-up, which were made by the U. S. Embassy, Buenos Aires, Photo Lab. The Buenos Aires Embassy Photo Lab does not have the necessary sophisticated copying equipment to make any clearer copies. Accordingly, the Bureau may desire to have the photographic section improve upon the enclosed copies

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RWS:jn (7) General CARLOS PRATS GONZALEZ)

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of the photographs showing the remains of General PRATS' automobile.

From facts available to the Buenos Aires Office it would appear that the bomb placed in General PRATS' automobile was considerably more powerful than the one, which was placed in LETELIER's vehicle.

As noted in reBUEcab no suspects were developed during the [Federal Police of Argentina's investigation] of the PRATS' assassination. ~~(S)~~ (U)

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(U) ~~(S)~~ On November 29, 1976, a confidential source abroad made available a report in the Spanish language dated October 15, 1974, prepared by the Federal Police of Argentina Bomb Squad, concerning the bombing of the automobile of retired Chilean Army General CARLOS PRATS GONZALEZ which took place in Buenos Aires, Argentina on September 30, 1974. General PRATS and his wife died as a result of the bombing.

A translation of the above-described report from the Spanish language follows:

TRANSLATION FROM SPANISH

"REPORT ON EXPLOSIVE DEVICE IN AUTOMOBILE
ON PUBLIC THOROUGHFARE"

"This report was prepared as the result of a bombing of an automobile which took place at 12:45 A.M., on September 30, 1974, which was parked in front of #3351 Malabia Street, City of Buenos Aires, wherein Carlos Prats González, General in the Chilean Army and his wife, lost their lives.

"DESCRIPTION OF FACTS IN THIS MATTER

"The explosion took place in the front of the car, a Fiat 125, Model 1973, Vehicle Identification Number C-949.958, which was parked on the sidewalk, close to the gate used to gain entrance into the apartment building at #3351 Malabia Street.

"Reportedly, the vehicle was driven there minutes before the explosion. General Prats and his wife had attended a meeting five blocks away and went straight home from this meeting.

"The automobile was almost totally destroyed and after the explosion a fire ensued of such magnitude that it required a detachment of firemen to extinguish the flames.

"The force of the explosion shattered doors and windows in the building and damaged adjoining property as well as the garage of the building in question.

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"The body of General Prats was found on the sidewalk about four meters away on the left side of the car and the charred mutilated body of a female, presumed to be his wife, was found on the right side of the car near the sidewalk. Her foot was found on the floor of the car, on the passenger's side.

"EFFECTS OF THE EXPLOSION

"Due to the extensive damages sustained by the vehicle, it was determined the explosive must have been placed under the floor of the car, near the front seats. The floor had a large opening of approximately .25 meters in diameter and the metal around the opening was bent in such a way, as was the metal on the seats, to pinpoint the impact of the explosion in that area.

"The universal joint was split in half and the transmission was deformed. The sidewalk where the car was parked, though, was only superficially damaged, which indicates that most probably the explosive was placed in or near the transmission.

"The roof of the car was blown off and thrown with such force that it landed on the terrace of a building situated on the opposite side of the street from the vehicle, about twenty meters away.

"The door next to the passenger seat was open and did not sustain great damage and the fire also slightly damaged it, so it is believed the door was open at the time of the explosion. The door next to the driver's seat was blown off and landed quite a distance away and was greatly deformed, so it is believed it was closed and was blown off by the force of the explosion.

"The fire which occurred as a result of the explosion was not immediate and it is believed it was caused by a short circuit produced by a damaged cable in the electric installation in the car, which was probably ignited when the gasoline tank broke. The battery was not damaged in the explosion.

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"It is pointed out that upon examination of the wounds on the bodies it has been concluded that General Prats was probably standing outside of the car next to the door or was half bending against the door, while the female was probably seated in the driver's seat when the explosion took place.

"CONCLUDING REMARKS

"In spite of extensive search at the scene of the explosion and the surrounding areas, no particles of the explosive were recovered which may have been due to the power of the explosion plus the fire.

"An examination of the electrical circuit in the vehicle did not disclose any foreign device connected to the cables, which indicates the device was placed by itself.

"Inasmuch as there were no traces of particles of the container in which the explosive may have been placed, it is believed it was of a flimsy material. Regarding the explosive itself, laboratory tests were negative since it was completely obliterated by the explosion as is usually the case when high explosives are utilized and this is also borne out by the large hole on the floor of the car.

"The following conclusions stemmed from the laboratory examination:

"(a) Container - Explosive did not have one or it was of the flimsy type (tin, cardboard, plastic, etc.), since there were no particles observed.

"(b) Explosive Charge - Approximately 800 grams of a high explosive (probably T.N.T.). This is borne out by the blackened condition of the interior of the roof, which was not damaged by the fire.

"(c) Ignition of Explosive - Although there is no

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positive proof of how the explosive was activated, it is pointed out that the car had traveled five blocks and that it was not of the type that would go off when the car was started. It is not felt it was activated by radio control, since the device would have been activated while General Prats was driving to make sure he was killed.

"It is therefore believed it was a time bomb. This type of explosive usually operates on batteries of 1.5 volts with a watch connected to the circuit and detonators to set the charge.

"The clock mechanism is set in such a way as to cause the explosion at a specific time.

Placement of Explosive

"Under the floor of the vehicle by means of one or several magnets or connected with some type of wire.

"/s/ Principal CARLOS ALBERTO LOPEZ
Jefe a/c Div. Investig. - Depart.
de Explosivos
Superintendencia de Bomberos"

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RSO GEORGE S. BECKETT

12/13/76

LEGAL ATTACHE ROBERT W. SCHERRER

ASSASSINATION OF RETIRED CHILEAN
ARMY GENERAL CARLOS PRATS GONZALEZ,
9/30/74

Per our conversation, I am attaching a trans-
lation of a report concerning the bombing-assassination of
General PRATS, [which was prepared by the Federal Police of
Argentina Bomb Squad.] (S) (U)

I am also attaching a photograph of the remains
of General PRATS' automobile.

Attachments

- 1 - Addressee
- 2 - Buenos Aires (157-35)
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IS-ARGENTINA; ARGENTINE TERRORIST ACTIVITIES; FPM-ARGENTINA.

ON NOVEMBER 14, 1976, [A CONFIDENTIAL SOURCE ABROAD WHO IS
AN OFFICIAL OF THE FEDERAL POLICE OF ARGENTINA (FPA), INTELLIGENCE
DIVISION,] PROVIDED THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION: (S) (U)

DURING THE EVENING OF NOVEMBER 13, 1976, TERRORISTS
MACHINE GUNNED AND SET OFF INCENDIARY BOMBS AT THE RESIDENCE
OF JAIME VALDEZ, PRESS ATTACHE OF THE CHILEAN EMBASSY IN BUENOS
AIRES. MODERATE DAMAGE WAS DONE TO THE VALDEZ RESIDENCE
WHICH IS LOCATED IN SAN ISIDRO, BUENOS AIRES PROVINCE.
VALDEZ' AUTOMOBILE, WHICH WAS PARKED OUTSIDE THE RESIDENCE,
WAS SEVERELY DAMAGED. VALDEZ WAS NOT AT HOME WHEN THE ATTACK
TOOK PLACE INASMUCH AS HE WAS ACCOMPANYING ARGENTINE PRESIDENT
RAFAEL JORGE VIDELA ON A STATE VISIT TO CHILE.

AS OF NOVEMBER 14, 1976, NO TERRORIST ORGANIZATION HAD
CLAIMED CREDIT FOR THE BOMBING.

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[SOURCE IS COMISARIO MAYOR CARLOS VICENTE MARCOTTE, DEPUTY
DIRECTOR OF FEDERAL SECURITY, FPA.] ~~(S)~~ (U)

COORDINATED LOCALLY.

WHILE THERE IS NO APPARENT CONNECTION WITH THE ABOVE-
DESCRIBED BOMBING ATTACK AND THE ASSASSINATION OF ORLANDO
LETELIER, IT IS SUGGESTED THAT THE BUREAU PROVIDE A COPY OF
THIS CABLE TO WFO AND OTHER OFFICES HANDLING LEADS IN THE
CHILBOM CASE IN CONNECTION WITH CHILEAN EXILE
COMMUNITIES IN THEIR TERRITORIES.

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4/6/79

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI
FROM: LEGAT, BUENOS AIRES (199-25) (P)

MARIA SUSANA PANERO
[FCI] ARGENTINA - TERRORISM

Re Miami teletype to Director and Philadelphia dated 2/3/78; Miami letter to Director dated 5/11/78; BUE airtel to Director dated 9/8/78 and BUE letter to Director dated 10/27/78, each under caption "MARTA ALICIA PANERO; FCI - TERRORISM - ARGENTINA."

Copies of referenced communications are enclosed for information of NYO.

For information of recipients, referenced communications set forth background information relative to MARTA ALICIA PANERO, also known as TANA ZURBRIGGEN, who arrived in the U.S. on 2/3/78 at Miami, Florida. It was reported that MARTA ALICIA PANERO had been released from incarceration in Argentina and was allowed to depart Argentina by the Argentine Law 21.650, which allowed non-Argentine citizens accused of anti-government activities to leave the country.

Captioned subject is the sister of MARTA ALICIA PANERO. She was arrested on 8/26/76 in Cordoba, Argentina, for reason of participation in subversive activities and being a member of a leftist-oriented organization. Formal charges were never filed against either subject or her sister. The subject, as well as her sister, maintain U.S. citizenship by virtue of having been born in the U.S., although each only resided in the U.S. for a short period before returning to Argentina.

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The following information was obtained from the office that maintains records of the Department of State in New York, New York, dated 1/11/77. The information is being furnished to the Department of State in New York, New York, dated 1/11/77.

REMARKS OF SENATOR

There is a serious situation in the Department of State in New York, New York, dated 1/11/77. The information is being furnished to the Department of State in New York, New York, dated 1/11/77.

DIRECTOR, FBI (100-211)

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MARTA ALICIA PANERO, aka
Tana Burbrigg
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Title marked "Changed" to reflect subject's complete name including matronymic and nickname TANA.

Re Buenos Aires letter, 9/8/78.

Enclosed for the Bureau for forwarding to office of origin is xerox copy each of the following: Memorandum for file, dated 3/16/78, from Consul MICHAEL M. SHERMAN, classified Confidential. Letter from SHERMAN to TIX HARRIS, Chief Human Rights, 11/27/77. Memorandum for the record, dated 5/3/78, from SHERMAN classified Confidential and State Department Cable, Unclassified, dated 10/6/78, from SECSTATE, Washington, D.C. to American Embassy, Buenos Aires. Xerox copy of subject's booking record, including her photograph and xerox copy of visitor's card including photographs and names of the subject's parents, her two brothers and one sister. The arrest card shows the observations that the subject left Argentina using the option furnished by law 21.650 allowing non-Argentine citizens accused of anti-Government activities to leave the country.

On 10/16/78, ARTURO POIRE, Argentine Federal Police, (Protect, described as a confidential source abroad) advised that he had learned from the Intelligence Service at the prison where MARTA was held prior to her voluntary departure for the U.S. that she behaved very badly and was considered "dangerous". This was not further explained. (S) (U)

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(U) ~~(S)~~ [The police in Cordoba orally advised that she was an activist in the Montoneros, a Marxist movement engaged in terrorist bombings in Argentina. The police in Cordoba also advised ARTURO that she took part in an attempted bombing "but they could not elaborate. Files of the Cordoba police (who requested confidentiality) by their file #24582,] show that MARTA ALICIA PANERO, daughter of CELESTINO ATILIO (Psychiatrist) and ALICIA ZULEMA ZURBRIGGEN (housewife), was born in Pennsylvania on May 12, 1957. She is single and a first year student in the faculty of Philosophy and Humanities. She resided at Calle Gregorio Velez, 645 Barrio Cerro de las Rosas in Cordoba. On 9/3/76, she was arrested by personnel of the Information Department of the Police of Cordoba when she was looking for her sister MARIA SUSANA, who had been taken from her residence on 8/26/76, by personnel of the Argentine Army and Air Force. In MARTA's purse at the time of her arrest was propaganda material pertaining to the anti-Government organization known as University Peronist Junta which is regarded as an anti-Government radical organization. In this organization her name was TANA.

Argentine Federal Police advised that they would furnish ~~the~~ additional information which comes to their attention regarding the subject. ~~(S)~~ (U)

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9/8/78

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (199-211)
FROM: LEGAT, BUENOS AIRES (199-10)

MARTA ALICIA PANERO
~~FCI~~ ARGENTINA-TERRORISM

Re BU R/S 8/17/78 captioned as above.

Embassy records indicate subject and her sister, MARIA SUSANA PANERO, born 10/24/55, Reading, Pennsylvania, were both arrested on charges of subversive activities. Subject is a dual national, who opted for Argentine nationality at the age of 18. However, under U. S. law any U. S. citizen under 21 with dual nationality retains U. S. citizenship until age 21 regardless of whether he or she opted for another nationality. Therefore, the PANERO sisters still maintain U. S. citizenship despite the fact that they never returned to the U. S. following their birth when their father was a practicing medical doctor in Philadelphia, until 1978 when subject was expelled from Argentina to live in the U. S. (U)

Subject and her sister were both arrested in Argentina on 9/2/76 and 8/26/76 respectively, on subversive charges under the National Executive Power Decree. As U. S. citizens both filed written requests for option to leave Argentina and chose to return to the U. S. to establish their residence. On 10/11/77, the American Embassy at Buenos Aires furnished a written note to the Argentine Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Worship indicating that as U. S. citizens the subject and her sister have the right to return to the U. S. and could do so with no objection from the American Embassy. (X)(U)

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According to American Embassy, Buenos Aires, records subject was released from Villa Devoto Penitentiary on 2/2/78 on the basis of "right of option to leave the country" granted by the Argentine government in 1977. Subject was one of eight granted permission to leave Argentina among approximately 700 persons released from Argentine Federal prisons. Subject departed Buenos Aires for Miami on 2/2/78 accompanied by her father. Subject's sister still remains imprisoned at the same penitentiary. (U)

It should be noted that in a recent confidential telegram from the U. S. Department of State headquarters, PATRICIA DERIAN of Human Rights fame wanted to use the MARIA SUSANA PANERO case in discussion before the House Subcommittee on Inter-American Affairs. (C) (U)

It is not known why subject's sister wasn't selected with subject for expulsion from Argentina. (U)

The exact charges under which both were arrested were never formalized in Argentine Government records. (U)

Records of CIA at Buenos Aires contain no derogatory information regarding subject. (C) (U)

Legat will pursue this matter with Argentine intelligence contacts. (C) (U)

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Te adjunto todo el material que pude conseguirte de Marta Alicia Paredo Zurbriggen - alias "TANA"

- En la carcel, el servicio de Inteligencia me informo que fue una reclusa de muy mal comportamiento y de mucha peligrosidad.

- La Policía de Córdoba informo verbalmente que actuó en atentados con bombas y en varias acciones de guerrilla - que fue una activa integrante de Montoneros - grupo que como tu sabes es marxista.

Ahora te explicaré lo del material que te surtió:

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TO : POL/R, CONSULAR SECTION, POL

DATE: 8/25/78

FROM : *via* LEGATT CALVIN C. CLEGG

SUBJECT: MARTA ALICIA PANERO

Subject arrived at Miami International Airport, Miami, Florida, February 3, 1978 from Argentina aboard Air Argentina Flight 322. A Lan-Chile employee told U. S. Customs at Miami that he had seen this person's photo in newspapers in Argentina, where she is big news as she had been serving a 20 or 25 year sentence for Marxist-oriented terrorism.

Subject was described as follows: DPOB 5/12/57, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, light brown hair, blue eyes, pale complexion, 5'6", 115 lbs., has a very bad cough. She has U. S. Passport #Z2857375, issued on 12/6/77. She is a dual citizen and entered the U. S. under Argentine Passport #J 0433834. Her home address is listed as Gregorio Velez #645, Cordoba, Argentina. In the U. S. she listed her permanent address as 535 South 46 Street, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

It has been alleged that subject was released from jail in Argentina by virtue of money paid by her family, as the family is reportedly wealthy.

It is requested Legat be advised if your records reflect any information indicating PANERO was involved in terrorist activities.

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MARTA ALICIA PANERO; FCI - TERRORISM - ARGENTINA.

ON FEBRUARY 3, 1978, JOE GOLDSTEIN, U. S. CUSTOMS, MIAMI INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT, MIAMI, FLORIDA, ADVISED THAT PANERO ARRIVED FEBRUARY 3, 1978 FROM ARGENTINA ABOARD AIR ARGENTINA FLIGHT 322. A LAN-CHILE EMPLOYEE TOLD GOLDSTEIN THAT HE HAD SEEN THIS PERSON'S PHOTO IN NEWSPAPERS IN ARGENTINA, WHERE SHE IS BIG NEWS AS SHE HAD BEEN SERVING A 20 OR 25 YEAR SENTENCE FOR MARXIST-ORIENTED TERRORISM.

GOLDSTEIN DESCRIBED PANERO AS FOLLOWS: DPOB MAY 12, 1957, PHILADELPHIA, PENNSYLVANIA, LIGHT BROWN HAIR, BLUE EYES, PALE COMPLEXION, 5 FEET 6 INCHES TALL, 115 POUNDS, HAS A VERY BAD COUGH. SHE HAS U. S. PASSPORT NUMBER Z 2857375,

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ISSUED ON DECEMBER 6, 1977. SHE IS A DUAL CITIZEN AND ENTERED THE UNITED STATES UNDER ARGENTINE PASSPORT NUMBER J 0433834. HER HOME ADDRESS IS LISTED AS GREGORIO VELEZ NUMBER 645, CORDOBA, ARGENTINA. IN THE U. S., SHE ~~IS~~ ^{WAS} ~~ARRIVING AS~~ SCHEDULED TO STAY AT THE JEFFERSON HOTEL ON MIAMI BEACH FOR TEN DAYS AND WILL THEN BE STAYING AT 535 SOUTH 46 STREET, PHILADELPHIA, PENNSYLVANIA.

HER FATHER IS DR. CELESTINO ATILO PANERO, DOB AUGUST 1, 1925.

MR. GOLDSTEIN SAID THAT HE WAS TOLD THAT SUBJECT WAS RELEASED FROM JAIL IN ARGENTINA BY VIRTUE OF MONEY PAID BY HER FAMILY, AS ~~THEY~~ ^{THEY} ARE WEALTHY.

FBIHQ IS REQUESTED TO FURNISH ABOVE INFORMATION TO LEGAT, BUENOS AIRES. ^{FE} IT IS REQUESTED LEGAT ADVISED IF HE HAS ANY ^{FOR FURTHER} KNOWLEDGE REGARDING POSSIBLE TERRORIST ACTIVITIES BY PANERO.

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Memorandum

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TO : LEGAT, BUENOS AIRES (199-22) (S) (U)

DATE: 4/4/79

FROM : LEGAT CALVIN C. CLEGG

SUBJECT: LISANDRO RAUL CUBAS
[FCI] - TERRORISM - ARGENTINA
(S) (U)

On 3/30/79, GOODWIN SHAPIRO, Consul General, American Embassy, Buenos Aires, advised that his office had learned that Navy Chaplain, Msgr. GRASELLI had unaccountably discontinued his attempts to have the American Embassy intervene in subject's behalf to gain entrance into the U. S. under the PEN program. SHAPIRO learned that approximately 2 months, subject was allowed to leave Argentina (and the Naval School of Mechanics) on his own and that he is thought to be in Venezuela.

Queried as to what procedures exist were the subject to apply at the Amemb, Caracas, to obtain an entry visa into the U. S. SHAPIRO advised it would be mandatory that Caracas check with Amemb Buenos Aires before visa authorization could be furnished. In such an event, the Consular Section would also request a check of Legat indices. SHAPIRO affirmed there is no manner by which subject could enter U. S. in his own name.

It is noted that personal inquiry by Dr. ARTURO POIRE (Legat contact) at the Naval School of Mechanics in February, 1979, resulted negatively in determining any further background re subject. (S) (U)

Inasmuch as no additional information could be developed on subject through Embassy and Legat contacts, coupled with the fact that any effort by subject to enter the U. S. under his true name would immediately come to attention of Legat and Embassy authorities, this matter being closed administratively.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : FILE 199-22

DATE: 12/28/78

FROM : LEGAT, BUENOS AIRES

SUBJECT: LISANDRO RAUL CUBAS
[FCI] (S) (U) TERRORISM - ARGENTINA

The attached communications were furnished by
GOODWIN SHAPIRO, Consul General, American Embassy, Buenos
Aires.

The attached material furnishes all background on
subject who has been incarcerated at the Naval School
of Mechanics. The Naval School of Mechanics has traditionally
been utilized to hold only the hardened and known terrorists.
In view of the strange request by Navy Chaplain, Msgr.
GRASELLI, to intervene in subject's behalf and request the
U. S. Embassy to facilitate the entrance of subject into the
U. S., the Ambassador has requested that Legat contact
sources in an attempt to obtain full background on subject.

A preliminary inquiry into subject's background is
being initiated under FCI guidelines in order to ascertain
nature of subject's background and reason for incarceration
at Naval School of Mechanics. An administrative tickler
is being set for April 1, 1979, to advise FBIHQ per FCIM O-2.2.1
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PLANS OF ARGENTINE PARAMILITARY ORGANIZATION TO SELECT ONE
NORTH AMERICAN JOURNALIST OR ONE ARGENTINE NATIONAL EMPLOYEE OF
UNITED STATES EMBASSY IN BUENOS AIRES, ARGENTINA, AS A CANDIDATE
FOR ASSASSINATION. (S) (U)

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION HEADQUARTERS {FBIHQ} HAS
REVIEWED THE REFERENCED TELETYPE AND WISHES TO SUGGEST THAT THE
CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY {CIA} CONSIDER ADVISING THE
UNITED STATES NEWS MEDIA OF THIS THREAT, IF NOT ALREADY DONE SO.
FBIHQ INTENDS TO MAKE NO DISSEMINATION OF THIS INFORMATION AND
THE ABOVE SUGGESTION IS FURNISHED FOR YOUR CONSIDERATION. (S) (U)

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- 1 - MR. S. KLEIN
- 1 - MR. N. V. O'HARA
- 1 - MR. R. D. DAVENPORT

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NOTE: REFERENCED TELETYPE STATES A U.S. NEWSPERSON IN BUENOS AIRES MAY BE MURDERED BY THE ARGENTINE INTELLIGENCE SERVICE. BASED ON THIS INFORMATION, THE ABOVE RECOMMENDS THAT CIA CONSIDER ADVISING THE NEWS MEDIA OF THE POSSIBLE THREAT. ~~TS~~ (U)

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Memorandum

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
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TO : Mr. Monroe *cm/Rux*

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DATE: 8/4/83

FROM : R. W. Scherrer *Rux*

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~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

SUBJECT: FOREIGN COUNTERINTELLIGENCE - ARGENTINA - TERRORISM

Unless otherwise indicated, the contents of this memorandum are classified ~~CONFIDENTIAL~~.

PURPOSE:

To record the identities of fugitive leaders of the Montoneros and the Peoples Revolutionary Army (ERP), Argentine terrorist organizations, and place their photographs and descriptions on record. ~~(S)~~ (U)

RECOMMENDATION:

For referral to the Criminal Investigative Division. (U)

ATTENTION: _____
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DETAILS:

On 7/29/83, I received a personal letter from Arturo Poire (protect identity), who is an official of the 601st Intelligence Battalion, Argentine Army Intelligence Service. I have known Poire since 1970, when I met him in connection with my duties as Legat, Buenos Aires. Included with Poire's letter were a group of cards identifying fugitive leaders of the Montoneros and ERP. Each card contains data in the Spanish language concerning each individual. The majority of the cards also contains a photograph. ~~(S)~~ (U)

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Enclosure

- 1 - Mr. O'Malley (Attention: Mr. Dickson)
- 1 - Mr. Revell (Attention: Mr. Klein)
- 1 - Mr. Monroe
- 1 - Mr. Scherrer

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Memorandum from R. W. Scherrer to Mr. Monroe

Re: FOREIGN COUNTERINTELLIGENCE - ARGENTINA - TERRORISM

Listed below are the identities of the fugitive Montoneros and ERP leaders, their aliases (aka), dates of birth (DOB) and places of birth (POB): (S)

1. Osvaldo Raul Lovey, aka "Omar"
DOB - May 26, 1947
POB - Argentina
2. Elbio Alberione, aka "Gringo"
DOB - October 26, 1937
POB - Argentina
3. Jorge Omar Lewinger, aka "Josesito"
DOB - December 7, 1944
POB - Argentina
4. Alberto Vulcano, aka "Edgardo," "Pantera"
DOB - 1950
POB - Argentina
5. Daniel Maria Vaca Narvaja, aka "Pablo"
DOB - May 9, 1946
POB - Argentina
6. Gloria Mercedes Bidegain, aka "Ana"
DOB - 1949
POB - Argentina
7. Mario Eduardo Firmenich, aka "Pepe"
DOB - January 24, 1948
POB - Argentina
8. Roberto Cirilo Perdia, aka "Pelado Carlos"
DOB - July 9, 1941
POB - Argentina
9. Avelina Amor Amatti, aka "Gorda Estela," "Elena"
DOB - July 23, 1941
POB - Argentina
10. Raul Clemente Yager, aka "Roque"
DOB - July 20, 1944
POB - Argentina
11. Maria Gilda Geretto de Yager, aka "Gringa Raquel"
DOB - November 24, 1949
POB - Argentina

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- (S) (U)
12. Ricardo Rene Naidar, aka "Turco Marcos"
DOB - January 15, 1944
POB - Argentina
 13. Soledad Martinez Agüero, aka "Chicha," "Lucia"
DOB - 1953
POB - Argentina
 14. Hugo Alberto Ramos, aka "Chilo"
DOB - Unknown
POB - Argentina
 15. Maria Ines Luchetti de Bettanin, aka "Nene"
DOB - September 5, 1950
POB - Argentina
 16. Hector Pedro Pardo, aka "Alcides"
DOB - October 19, 1943
POB - Argentina
 17. Maria Rosa Gualdoni, aka "Marcela"
DOB - 1954
POB - Argentina
 18. Eduardo Pereira Rossi, aka "Carlton"
DOB - January 19, 1950
POB - Argentina
 19. Rodolfo Alejandro Galimberti, aka "Loco Alejandro"
DOB - May 5, 1948
POB - Argentina
 20. Julieta Bullrich, aka "Victoria"
DOB - 1955
POB - Argentina
 21. Fernando Hugo Vaca Narvaja, aka "Vasco"
DOB - January 7, 1948
POB - Argentina
 22. Maria Josefa Fleming, aka "Tita Gringa"
DOB - 1951
POB - Argentina

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Re: FOREIGN COUNTERINTELLIGENCE - ARGENTINA - TERRORISM

The identities of the above-listed fugitive Montonero and ERP leaders should be indexed. The cards made available by Poire should be filed as an enclosure to instant memorandum for possible future reference. ~~(S)~~ (U)

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TO: Mr. J. P.

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EDUARDO PEREIRA ROSSI
(a) CARLON

Grado: 2do Comandante.
Cargo: Secretario Nacional de Agitación,
Prensa, Propaganda y Adoctrina-
miento.
Edad: 30 años (nac 19 Ene 50).
MI: 8.108.157.

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MARIA JOSEFA FLEMING
(a) TITA GRINGA

Grado: Tte.
Cargo: A cargo de la revista "VENCER"
dentro de la estructura de Rela-
ciones Exteriores.
Casada con: FERNANDO HUGO VACA
NARVAJA
a. Datos morfológicos: 1,60 m de estatura;
contextura mediana, bien formada; tez
blanca con pecas; cabello rubio, en-
rulado, lo usa hasta los hombros.
Rostro redondo, (típico de Irlandesa).
ojos celestes, chicos, cejas y pestañas
largas; nariz chica y respingada; boca
mediana, labios carnosos, rojizos. Edad
aproximada entre 26 y 28 años.
Se peina con hebillas a los costados
y raya al medio.
b. Viste siempre de sport y en forma des-
cuidada, no combina bien los colores.
Generalmente de jeans y con camisa o
remera. Es bastante desaliñada. No se
pinta.
c. Tiene pie plano y camina con los pies
abiertos.
d. Representa entre 23 y 28 años.
e. No suele ir armada.
f. Se mueve sin custodia.
g. Su lugar de asentamiento es el mismo
que tiene (NG) VASCO.
h. Tiene sonrisa en piernas y brazos.

NOTA: No se poseen fotografías.

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FERNANDO HUGO VACA NARVAJA
(a) VASCO

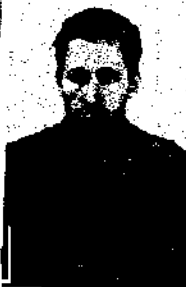
Grado: 2do Comandante.
Cargo: Secretario Nacional de Relaciones
Exteriores.
Edad: 32 años (nac 07 Ene 48).
CIPF: 6.795.698.

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MARIA GILDA GERETTO de YAGER
(a) GRINGA RAQUEL

a. Datos morfológicos: 1,65 m de estatura.
Delgada pero con buenas formas. Tez
blanca. Cabello castaño oscuro ondulado.
Ojos marrones, chicos y expresivos.
Nariz y boca medianas. Buena dentadura.
Suele peinarse con raya al medio y
tomado con una hebillas atrás. Usa el
cabello largo por debajo de los hombros.
b. Acostumbra a vestirse con ropa sport
clásica.
c. Es algo ancorvada y rápida para caminar.
d. Aparenta la edad que posee.
e. Habitualmente suele portar arma blanca.
f. No se mueve con custodia. Acompaña
a su marido en los viajes.
g. Su lugar de asentamiento es el mismo
que el de su marido.



RAUL CLEMENTE YAGER
(a) "ROQUE"

Grado: Comandante.
Cargo: Miembro de la conducción Nacional
y Responsable del Estado Mayor.
Edad: 35 años (20-07-44).
MI: 6.257.069.

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1. EDUARDO DANIEL PEREIRA ROSSI
(a) CARLON

- a. Datos morfológicos completos: 1,82 m de estatura. Contextura física muy delgada, encurvado, piernas muy largas, espalda angosta. Tez mate, cabello negro lacio, que peina hacia atrás y que usa generalmente largo. Ojos achinados marrones oscuros, nariz chica, boca grande de labios carnosos. Rostro ovalado con doble mentón. Se caracteriza muy poco, lo hace poniéndose anteojos neutros con cristales neutros de marco de metal fino. A veces se deja el bigote, pero este es muy raro porque es lampiño.
- b. Se viste con ropa sport muy moderna, en general usa vaqueros, camisa a cuadros y camperas. Para viajar se pone traje, siempre de corte moderno.
- c. Camina encurvado, con pasos largos y lentos.
- d. Puede representar entre 27 y 32 años.
- e. Se mueve siempre armado salvo en los viajes.
- f. No tiene custodia. Para viajar lleva a su mujer como acompañante.
- g. Su lugar de asentamiento es MEXICO, casa del MPM, calle ALABAMA Nro 17 - Colonia Nápoles DF. Sale a menudo, no se cuida, frecuenta los cines, los bares, no tiene limitaciones para ello.
- h. Tiene aspecto de un hombre serio, habla poco y no se ríe con frecuencia.

RAQUEL (a) RAQUEL

Grado: Miliciante.
Cargo: Asistente del Secretario Nacional de Agitación, Prensa, propaganda y Asesoramiento.
Casada con: EDUARDO DANIEL PEREIRA ROSSI.

- a. Datos morfológicos: 1,75 m de estatura. Contextura delgada con mucho busto, piernas muy largas. Tez blanca. Cabello rubio cenizo lacio, largo hasta la mitad de la espalda. Ojos celestes grandes, nariz chata, boca mediana de labios gruesos. Edad 23/24 años.
- b. Viste ropa sport, moderna. Es muy llamativa. No se pinta y por lo general lleva el cabello suelto.
- c. Camina muy erguida y tentamento.
- d. Representa entre 25/26 años.
- e. No suele ir armada.
- f. Se mueve sin custodia. No viaja habitualmente con el compañero.
- g. Su lugar de asentamiento es el mismo que el del concubino.
- h. Su aspecto general es de una típica sueca. Tiene fonada mexicana muy pronunciada.

NOTA: No se posee fotografía.

1. FERNANDO HUGO VACA NARVAJA
(a) VASCO

- a. Datos morfológicos completos: 1,65 m de estatura. Contextura delgada, pero atlética. Tez muy blanca. Cabello castaño oscuro, abundante y lacio; ojos marrones oscuros; nariz normal mediana; boca mediana y buena dentadura. Usa por lo general bigotes espesos. Edad: 30 años. Para caracterizarse usa anteojos neutros con marco metálico y se afeita el bigote o se deja la barba que es muy abundante.
- b. Viste en general de sport con ropa de buena calidad y de corte moderno. Le gusta usar campearas de todo tipo, pero sobre todo, tipo "cazador" de cuero.
- c. Camina muy erguido a lo "fanfarrón".
- d. Representa entre 28 y 33 años.
- e. Habitualmente va armado, salvo en los viajes.
- f. Normalmente se mueve sin custodia, incluso en los viajes.
- g. Su lugar de asentamiento es CUBA, calle Nro 24 entre 1ra y 3ra o 1ra Avenida y 12 o 14 - LA HABANA. Por ser su función, la de secretario de Relaciones Exteriores de la BDT Montoneros, es el que más viaja, y lo hace tanto a EUROPA como a países africanos o de América, dependiendo siempre de las relaciones de tipo político que tenga la BDT.

h. CUBA

Tendría fijada residencia en la 7ma Nro 702 1er piso (embajada montonera) de LA HABANA.

1. MEXICO

- 1) Residiría habitualmente en este país. Se desconoce domicilio.
- 2) Concurriría al domicilio de (NL) PATRICIA VACA NARVAJA, sito en la calle PENNSYLVANIA Nro 76, Colonia Nápoles. TE: 523-2906 planta baja.

1. NICARAGUA

Concurriría a dicho país, desconociéndose domicilio.

1. RAUL CLEMENTE YAGER
(a) "ROQUE"

- a. Datos morfológicos completos: 1,82 m de estatura; de contextura delgada pero atlética; espaldas anchas y muy erguido; piernas largas y musculosas. Tez blanca. Cabello castaño claro, escaso, ondulado que peina hacia atrás. Ojos claros, celestes casi transparentes; nariz larga y fina; boca mediana de labios muy finos; barbillos saliente. Usa en general bigotes finos y largos, castaños rojizos. Últimamente solía usar barba muy abundante y pareja que le daba todo el aspecto de un "rabino". Su aspecto general es de un alemán típico.
- b. Se viste en general con ropa sport clásica. Es muy pulcro. Cuando las circunstancias se lo permiten, le gusta usar zapatillas. Cuando viaja lo hace siempre con traje de corte clásico.
- c. Camina muy erguido, con pasos muy largos y acompesados.
- d. Puede aparecer hasta 38 años.
- e. Habitualmente va armado, excepto en los viajes.
- f. Se mueve sin custodia pero a veces cuando viaja lo hace acompañado de su mujer.
- g. Lugar de asentamiento es CUBA, calle Nro 24 entre 1ra y 3ra o 1ra Avenida y 12 o 14 - LA HABANA.

h. CUBA

Reside habitualmente en la 1ra Avenida y 12 o 14 de LA HABANA.

1. MEXICO

- 1) Podría concurrir a la casa de (NL) JUSTA ESPELETA. Un Dpto que estaría ubicado en un grupo de monobloques que se encontraría, posiblemente sobre la Av. COPILCO en dirección a la Ciudad Universitaria, (podría ser en el blok 1 o A, en el 5to piso, los edificios son de color gris y como dato de interés, para acceder a ellos, deberá franquearse una barrera que habilita un guardia civil permanente, quien pregunta a qué Dpto concurre).
- 2) Concurriría también al domicilio del "My" (NG) "EDGARDO" Jefe de Logística que estaría ubicado sobre la calle MUNDIAL (aproximadamente a 80 mts de la calle REAL DEL MONTE, con frente oblicuo a un taller mecánico ubicado en una esquina, a tres cuadras de la Avenida INSURGENTES y próxima al colegio Emiliano ZAPATA - TE: 757-4849).
- 3) Asimismo, tendría a su disposición el domicilio sito en la calle ALVARO OBREGON Nro 31, 1er piso, Dpto 1, en el DF y TE: 514-1903.

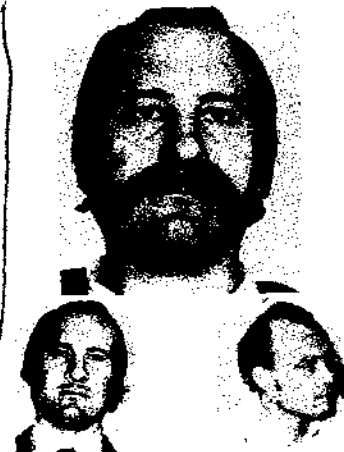
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ROBERTO CIRILO PERDIA
(a) "PELADO CARLOS"

Grado: Comandante.
Cargo: Miembro de la Conducción Nacional y Responsable de la Conducción Táctica.
Edad: 38 años (nac 09 Jul 41).
CIPF: 5.641.692 - MI: 4.379.488.

h. CUBA
Reside habitualmente en la 1ra Avenida y 12 ó 14 de LA HABANA, MEXICO.
Podría concurrir a la casa del DT (NG) "PASCUALITO" (su custodia personal). No se posee dirección exacta. Existen referencias de que estaría situada en la intersección del TUNEL y Av. CHAPULTEPEC, donde existen 5 esquinas. (En una de ellas existiría un restaurant y frente a éste un edificio de Dptos. Allí, en el 3ro y 4to piso, con frente a la mencionada avenida, podría estar ubicado el domicilio aludido).
J. NICARAGUA, COSTA RICA, ECUADOR y LIBANO.
En tránsito podría concurrir a los citados países. Se desconoce domicilios que podría utilizar.

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MARIO EDUARDO FIRMENICH
(a) PEPE

Grado: Comandante.
Cargo: Secretario General del PM.
Edad: 32 años (Nac 24 Ene 48).
CIPF: 6.072.024 - MI: 7.784.388.

1. ROBERTO CIRILO PERDIA
(a) "PELADO CARLOS"

- a. Datos morfológicos: 1,75 m de estatura. Contextura física robusta, macizo, abdomen abultado, ancho de espaldas. Tez blanca, cabello castaño oscuro y canoso que utiliza generalmente largo. Es semicalvo. Ojos marrones y oscuros, chicos, nariz ancha, boca mediana con labios finos, le faltan algunos dientes. En general se peina hacia atrás y no usa bigotes ni barba. Para caracterizarse usa anteojos neutros.
- b. Se viste en forma desaliñada, usando por lo general camisa y pantalón sport. Solamente usa traje para viajar y estos son muy pasados de moda.
- c. Camina con pasos largos y rápidos llevando la cabeza inclinada y moviéndose de un lado a otro.
- d. Puede aparentar hasta 43 años.
- e. Usa habitualmente armas para moverse con excepción de los viajes en que lo hace desarmado.
- f. Se mueve sin custodia y en sus viajes va acompañado de su mujer.
- g. Su lugar de asentamiento es CUBA, calle Nro 24 entre 1ra y 3ra ó 1ra Avenida y 12 ó 14 - LA HABANA. Estaba previsto un futuro asentamiento probablemente en BRASIL (Mar 80).

Durante todo el corriente año viajará en forma frecuente, sobre todo a los países de América ya que su función es la conducción de todas las estructuras que vuelven al país. Sin embargo no se descarta que mantenga contacto con miembros del MPM.

- h. Tiene un carácter excesivamente nervioso lo que hace que permanentemente esté masticando algo; gestícula mucho al hablar y es de los miembros de la conducción el menos preservacionista.
- h. CUBA
Reside habitualmente en la 1ra Avenida y 12 ó 14 de LA HABANA.
- i. MEXICO
Podría concurrir a la casa de (NL) JUSTA ESPELETA. Un Dpto que estaría ubicado en un grupo de monobloks que se encontraría, posiblemente sobre la Av GO-PILCO en dirección a la Ciudad Universitaria, (podría ser en el blok 1 ó A, en el 5to piso, los edificios son de color gris y como dato de interés, para acceder a ellos, debe franquearse una barrera que habilita un guardia civil permanente, quien pregunta a qué Dpto concurre.
- j. ESPAÑA
Concurriría a la casa del MPM, sito en la Puerta de Hierro - MADRID - TE; 215 Calle FERNANDEZ CLAUSELLS Nro 14 - 7598/ 216 7595.

1. MARIO EDUARDO FIRMINICH
(a) PEPE

- a. Datos morfológicos completos: 1,66/70 m de estatura, contextura física robusta, musculoso, de espaldas anchas, piernas gruesas, abdomen abultado, cuello ancho y corto. Tez blanca, cabello castaño claro, muy enrulado, patillas largas y abundantes. Ojos marrones, nariz grande y fina. Boca grande con labios gruesos. Tiene un lunar en la mejilla izquierda. Una particularidad es que tiene los dientes incisivos muy grandes y separados. Se caracteriza de diferentes formas: como posee barba abundante, la usa en variadas formas, una de ellas es dejarse largos bigotes, muy anchos con barba en el mentón o solamente barba sin bigotes. No tiene muchas posibilidades de cambiar su peinado porque su cabello es ondulado, por lo tanto las variantes son: peinado hacia el costado o con mucha gomina hacia atrás. Para caracterizarse, en CUBA, le hicieron una dentadura postiza que le tapa los dientes de arriba, con lo cual queda con una dentadura salida pero pareja. Esta dentadura le deforma los labios.

- b. En su vida cotidiana, es desaliñado para vestirse, haciéndolo con ropa sport de tipo clásico, utilizando en CUBA "guayabera". Para los viajes usa siempre trajes de corte clásico. Fuma en pipa y utiliza anteojos neutros.
- c. Camina muy erguido, con pasos largos y lentos.
- d. Por sus características físicas, puede aparentar hasta 35 años.
- e. En CUBA se mueve habitualmente armado, durante los viajes lo hace desarmado, pero quienes lo reciben, en los distintos países, le proveen de las mismas.
- f. Se mueve con custodia únicamente en los viajes. Siendo el mismo NG PASCUAL (NL) MARIO MONTOTO - Nivel: Tte 1ro.
- g. Su lugar de asentamiento es CUBA, calle Nro 24 entre 1ra y 3ra ó 1ra Avenida y 12 ó 14 - LA HABANA (CUBA). Sale muy poco de su casa o de su oficina, el lo hace es para concurrir a reuniones ya previstas con alguna personalidad cubana o visitar playas cercanas.

MARIA ROSA GUALDONI
(a) MARCELA

Grado: Colaboradora.

Cargo: Asistente del responsable TEI
Internacional.

- a. Datos morfológicos: 1,65 m de estatura; contextura delgada, algo encorvada, buen cuerpo; tez blanca; cabello castaño oscuro, lacio y pesado muy abundante, peinado con raya al medio y largo hasta abajo de los hombros. Ojos claros, verdes, rasgados; nariz mediana, aguililla, boca chica de labios finos. Se desconoce su edad. Suele peinarse con raya al medio y trenza atrás.
- b. Viste elegantemente. Casi siempre con polleras y zapatos o bota. Se peina muy poco.
- c. Tiene andar de modelo, despacio y erguida.
- d. Representa hasta 25 años.
- e. No usa armas.
- f. No tiene custodia.
- g. Su lugar de asentamiento es el mismo que el de su concubino.
- h. Habla con un leve acento español.

NOTA: No se posee fotografía.

2. SOLEDAD MARTINEZ AGÜERO

(a) CHICHA o LUCIA

- a. Datos morfológicos completos: estatura 1,63. De contextura muy delgada, piernas muy delgadas, pero de caderas muy anchas para su cuerpo poco busto, tez blanca, cabello castaño oscuro lacio, usa peinado largo con raya al medio, ojos saltones marrones, nariz larga y fina, boca mediana de labios finos, buena dentadura, usa anteojos de aumento. Edad 26 años.
- b. Viste muy bien, sport clásico.
- c. Camina con pasos muy cortos y rápidos, con los pies un poco abiertos.
- d. Representa la edad que tiene.
- e. No usa armas para moverse.
- f. No tiene custodia.
- g. Su lugar de asiento es el mismo que el de su concubino. (RICARDO RENE HAIDAR).

NOTA: No se posee fotografía.

MARIA INES LUCHETTI DE BETTANIN

(a) NENE

Grado: Colaboradora.

Cargo: Auxiliar del responsable de la Escuela de Cuadros.

Edad: 29 años (Nacida el 05 Set 50).

LC: 6.735.413.

Concubina de: HUGO ALBERTO RAMOS

(a) CHILO.

- a. Datos morfológicos completos: 1,58 m de estatura, de contextura delgada, de caderas anchas, piernas arqueadas, poco busto. Tez blanca, cabellos castaños claros, ondulado, y corto. Ojos chicos celestes, nariz recta fina, boca mediana, de labios finos, dientes grandes y parejos. Es muy bonita de cara.
- b. Se viste muy bien, con ropa de buena calidad, muy elegante. Usa frecuentemente pañuelo en la cabeza.
- c. Camina normal, no tiene ningún detalle que llame la atención.
- d. Representa de 25 a 30 años.
- e. No usa armas.
- f. No lleva custodia.
- g. Su lugar de asentamiento es el mismo de su concubino.

NOTA: No se posee fotografía.



JORGE OMAR LEWINGER

(a) JOSESITO

Grado: Mayor

Cargo: Responsable del Dpto. América en la Secretaría de Relaciones Exteriores.

Edad: 35 años (nac 07 Dic 44).

CIPF: 8.152.111.



ALBERTO VULCANO

(a) EDGARDO o PANTERA

Grado: Mayor

Cargo: Responsable de logística en el Estado Mayor.

MI: 5.277.946.



DANIEL MARIA VACA NARVAJA

(a) PABLO

Grado: Colaborador.

Cargo: Miembro de la tendencia "Monte-neros 17 de Octubre".

Edad: 33 años (08 May 46).

MI: 7.988.690.

1. JORGE OMAR LEWINGER
(a) JOSESITO

- a. Datos morfológicos completos: 1,70 m de estatura. De contextura delgada, abdomen abultado, piernas chuecas, cabeza chica, tez blanca, cabello castaño claro con canas, escaso, con profundas entradas. Ojos pardos, nariz prominente, boca mediana.
En general no usa bigotes pero si los tuviera serían espesos y abundantes, ya que tiene mucho vello.
- b. Viste en general con ropa sport moderna, de buena calidad y suele anudarse las mangas del pullover en el cuello. Generalmente usa calzado tipo mocasines.
- c. Camina con los pies abiertos, hacia afuera.
- d. Puede representar entre 35 y 40 años.
- e. Se desconoce si usa armas en forma habitual, ya que como su función es la de Vice Director de la radio denominada "Noticias del Continente" en COSTA RICA. Su funcionamiento en ese país es legal.
- f. Se mueve sin custodia. Se tiene conocimiento que en la sede de la radio, hay armamento.
- g. Su lugar de asentamiento es COSTA RICA y su domicilio sería la sede de la radio. Mantiene contactos con distintas personalidades del gobierno.

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1. VULCANO ALBERTO
(a) EDGARDO o PANTERA

- a. Datos morfológicos completos: 1,70 m de estatura, de contextura delgada, espaldas anchas, hombros rectos y muy derechos. Pies y manos muy grandes y cabeza chica. Cabello castaño claro, ondulado, peinado hacia atrás. Ojos claros verdosos, nariz normal, boca grande de labios carnosos. Usa por lo general bigotes finos, de un castaño rojizo. Es pecoso y de tez blanca. Tiene 29 años.
- b. Viste generalmente de sport, con pantalón y saco.
- c. Camina con los hombros hacia atrás, agachando la cabeza hacia adelante en puntas de pie como "La Pantera Rosa". Arrastra levemente una pierna, ya que tuvo un accidente.
- d. Puede representar 28 años o menos, ya que tiene una cara muy aniñada.
- e. Usa habitualmente armas para su funcionamiento cotidiano.
- f. Se mueve sin custodia, incluso en sus viajes.
- g. Vive actualmente a media cuadra calle Real del Monte y La Mundial (sobre esta última) MEXICO.
Es preservacionista en su funcionamiento, sale estrictamente lo necesario, sin embargo, hace una vida normal, en cuanto a las salidas como ir al cine, salir de paseo, etc.

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1. DANIEL MARIA VACA NARVAJA
(a) PABLO

- a. Datos morfológicos: 1,75 m de estatura. Contextura delgada pero atlético, espaldas anchas. Tez blanca; cabello castaño claro peinado hacia el costado; ojos pardos muy chicos. Nariz normal, boca mediana carnososa, buena dentadura, pareja.
Suele usar bigotes pero en general no se caracteriza.
- b. Viste de sport en forma muy elegante, con ropa de buena calidad. Viaja con traje.
- c. Camina erguido, en forma elegante.
- d. Puede representar hasta 36 años.
- e. Se desconoce si actualmente usa armas, ya que es un miembro de la tendencia "Montoneros 17 de Octubre".
- f. Se mueve sin custodia.
- g. Se cree que su lugar de asentamiento es MADRID, pero se desconoce su domicilio.

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AVELINA AMOR AMATTI
 (a) "GORDA ESTELA" o "ELENA"



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OSVALDO RAUL LOVEY
 (a) OMAR

Grado: Capitán.
 Cargo: Responsable de Asuntos Agrarios en la Estructura de Conducción Táctica.
 Edad: 32 años (26 May 47).
 MI: 7.929.029.



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GLORIA MERCEDES BIDEGAIN
 (a) ANA

Grado: Colaboradora.
 Cargo: Integrante de la Tendencia "Montoneros 17 de Octubre".
 Edad: 30 años.
 LC: 6.364.550.
 Concubina de DANIEL MARIA VACA NARVAJA.

Grado: Miliciana.
Cargo: Asistente del Responsable de la
Conducción Táctica.
Casada con: ROBERTO CIRILO PERDIA.
Edad: 38 años (nac 23 Jul 41).
LC: 6.843.484.

- a. Datos morfológicos: 1,65 m de estatura. Contextura robusta, tez mate; cabello castaño oscuro, pero lo usa con claritos; corto ondulado y lo peina con rulos. Ojos grandes, saltones, pardos con pestañas cortas y derechas. Nariz respingada, larga; boca grande, dentadura buena y pareja.
- b. Usa polleras, trajes y zapatos de tacón bajo. Generalmente usa colores oscuros. No se pinta.
- c. Camina rápido.
- d. Aparenta entre 40 y 45 años pues tiene cara muy arrugada y por la forma de vestirse. Suele usar bolsos en lugar de cartera.
- e. No usa armas.
- f. Se mueve sin custodia y en los viajes que hace el esposo, lo acompaña permanentemente. Siempre va acompañada de su hija.
- g. Su lugar de asentamiento es el mismo que el de su marido.

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7. OSVALDO RAUL LOVEY (a) OMAR

- a. Datos morfológicos completos: estatura 1,90, contextura delgada pero atlético, tiene piernas chuecas. Tez blanca rosada, cabello castaño claro, semi ondulado, peinado con raya al costado, ojos pardos, cejas pobladas, nariz repingada chica, boca grande, dientes parejos. Usa por lo general bigotes muy anchos hasta la comisura de los labios. Tiene muchas arrugas alrededor de los ojos. Viste siempre de sport clásico. Usa camisa y pañuelo anudado al cuello. Es muy prolijo para vestir. Siempre bien anudado.
- b. Da pasos largos al caminar.
- c. No usa armas de fuego, pero lleva una sevillana.
- d. Está asentado en MADRID. Frecuenta la casa del MPM, calle ALFONSO FERNANDEZ CLAUSELS Nro 14 - PUERTA DE HIERRO - MADRID - ESPAÑA.

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1. GLORIA MERCEDES BIDEGAIN (ANA)

- a. Datos morfológicos: 1,60/1,65 de estatura. Contextura delgada, caderas anchas, tez blanca. Cabello castaño oscuro, lacio; lo usa ondulado y largo hasta los hombros. Ojos marrones y chicos; nariz chica, respingada, de cirugía estética; boca de labios finos, mediana. Tiene hoyuelos a los costados de la boca. Edad 30 años.
- b. Viste elegantemente, muy a la moda y con ropa muy cara. Se pinta pero no mucho.
- c. Camina ergulda.
- d. Representa 28 años.
- e. No usa armas de fuego.
- f. Se mueve sin custodia.
- g. Su lugar de asentamiento es el mismo al de su marido.
- h. Fuma mucho y se come las uñas. Permanentemente se está tocando los dedos.

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ELBIO ALBERIONE
(a) GRINGO

Grado: Mayor.
Cargo: Responsable de inteligencia en el
Estado Mayor.
Edad: 43 años (nac 26 Oct 37).
MI: 6.503.643.



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HUGO ALBERTO RAMOS
(a) CHILO

Grado: Capitán
Cargo: Responsable de la Escuela de Cuadros en la estructura de Conducción Táctica.



HECTOR PEDRO PARDO
(a) ALCIDES

Grado: Capitán.
Cargo: Responsable TEI internacional.
Edad: 36 años (nacido 19 Oct 43).
MI: 7.974.669 - CIPF: 7.763.926.

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1. ELBIO ALBERIONE (a) GRINGO

- a. Datos morfológicos completos: estatura 1,75. Contextura delgada, encorvado, tez blanca, cabello rubio lacio, bastante calvo, rostro anguloso, pómulos salidos, ojos claros, nariz grande, boca mediana de labios finos, edad 42 años, rostro sumamente arrugado, orejas grandes.
- b. Viste en forma desaliñada, con ropa clásica que por lo general le queda grande.
- c. Camina encorvado y renguea levemente con la pierna derecha.
- d. Puede representar hasta 48 años.
- e. Habitualmente no usa armas.
- f. No tiene custodia.
- g. Lugar de asentamiento calle Nro 24 entre 1ra y 3ra ó 1ra Avenida y 12 ó 14 - LA HABANA (CUBA). O en 7ma Nro 702 1er piso (Embajada montonera). También casa del MPM. MEXICO.

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1. HECTOR PEDRO PARDO

(a) ALCIDES

- a. Datos morfológicos: 1,70/1,75 mts de estatura; contextura normal con características de gordo, doble mentón y abdomen abultado. Tez muy blanca y rosada. Al tener contacto con el sol, le aparecen pecas en la cara y manos. Cabello castaño, lacio, fino y muy escaso, salvo a los costados, está casi calvo. Ojos marrones, medianos, nariz mediana recta, boca mediana, labio superior fino, dentadura pareja. Para caracterizarse suele dejarse el bigote que es fino y rojizo. No acostumbra a dejarse barba, ya que no es muy espesa.
- b. Suele vestir de sport con ropa de poca calidad. Generalmente usa saco y un bolso de cuero negro colgando del hombro.
- c. Camina con pasos largos y acompasados.
- d. Representa entre 35 y 38 años.
- e. No usa habitualmente armas de fuego.
- f. Se mueve sin custodia.
- g. Su lugar de asentamiento es Madrid. Se desconoce su domicilio.
- h. Sufre de fotofobia por lo que suele llevar mucho y un gesto característico de él es estar usando un pañuelo o las manos para secarse. Tiene un marcado acento cordobés. Hace chiste permanentemente.

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1. HUGO ALBERTO RAMOS

(a) CHILO

- a. Datos morfológicos completos. estatura 1,69, contextura fuerte, piernas chuecas, tez oscura, cabello castaño oscuro, ondulado con entradas, peinado hacia atrás, lo usa corto con patillas largas. Ojos marrones achinados, nariz chica, recta y ancha, boca mediana, labios carnosos. Rostro ovalado y relleno. En general no usa bigotes.
- b. Viste generalmente de sport y utiliza ropa de buena calidad.
- c. Camina como pato con los pies abiertos.
- d. Representa 33/35 años.
- e. Habitualmente portaba arma blanca en su portafolios.
- f. Se mueve sin custodia.
- g. Su lugar de asentamiento: Frecuenta casa MPM calle Alfonso Fernandez Clausells Nro 14 - Puerta de Hierro - MADRID (ESPARA).

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RODOLFO ALEJANDRO GALIMBERTI
(a) LOCO ALEJANDRO

Grado: Ex Capitán.
Cargo: Disidente (Responsable del MPA)
Edad: 32 años (05 May 47).
MI: 7.003.694.



MARIA GILDA GERETTO de YAGER
(a) GRINGA RAQUEL

Grado: Tte.
Cargo: Asistente del responsable del Estado Mayor.
Casada con: RAUL CLEMENTE YAGER.
Edad: 30 años (nac 24 Nov 49).
LC: 6.183.419.



JULIETA BULLRICH
(a) VICTORIA

Grado: No tiene (ex Subt).
Cargo: Disidente (integrante del MPA).
Casada con: RODOLFO GALIMBERTI.



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RICARDO RENE HAIDAR
(a) TURCO MARCOS

Grado: Capitán.
Cargo: Responsable de una "Unidad Integral" que se desempeñaría en ámbito ferroviario.
Edad: 36 años (nacido el 15 Ene 44).
MI: 6.298.691.

1. RODOLFO ALEJANDRO GALIMBERTI
(a) LOCO ALEJANDRO

- a. Datos morfológicos: 1,75/80 de estatura. Contextura robusta con tendencia a engordar. Tez blanca. Cabello castaño abundante, peinado hacia atrás, ondulado. Frente amplia; ojos rasgados, pardos; nariz grande; boca normal. Edad 33 años. Suele usar bigotes.
- b. Viste en forma muy elegante y con ropas costosas. Acostumbra usar botas cortas y viste tanto de sport como de traje.
- c. Es normal en su forma de caminar, no sobresaliendo nada en especial.
- d. Puede representar hasta 35 años.
- e. Era hábil en él, portar arma permanentemente, se desconoce si actualmente mantiene la misma costumbre ya que se encuentra en la disidencia.
- f. Se desconoce si utiliza custodia.
- g. Su lugar de asentamiento: casa COSPA, calle J. M. IGLESIAS Nro 19 - Colonia SAN RAFAEL - MEXICO.
- h. Una característica particular es que fuma en pipa.

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- 4) Podría concurrir a la casa del DT (NG) "PASCUALITO" (su custodia personal). No se posee dirección exacta. Existen referencias de que estaría situada en la intersección del TUNEL y Av CHAPULTEPEC, donde existen 5 esquinas. (En una de ellas existiría un restaurant y frente a éste un edificio de Dtos. Allí, en el 3ro y 4to piso, con frente a la mencionada avenida, podría estar ubicado el domicilio aludido).

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2. JULIETA BULLRICH
(a) VICTORIA

- a. Datos morfológicos completos: 1,65 m de estatura. Contextura delgada, pero con formas. Tez blanca. Cabello castaño oscuro lacio largo, se peina con raya al medio. Ojos grandes marrones, nariz mediana, recta, boca mediana. Es muy bonita. Edad 24 años.
- b. Viste en forma muy elegante, con ropa costosa.
- c. Camina muy erguida.
- d. Representa de 23 a 28 años.
- e. Se desconoce si lleva arma.
- f. No lleva custodia.
- g. Su lugar de asentamiento es el mismo al de su concubino.
- h. Es muy corta de vista, usa lentes de contacto.

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1. RICARDO RENE HAIDAR
(a) TURCO MARCOS

- a. Datos morfológicos: estatura 1,70 contextura robusta, abdomen abultado, tez blanca, cabello castaño oscuro ondulado, con entradas, peinado hacia atrás, ojos pardos, nariz recta, boca normal, dientes amarillentos.
En general no usa bigotes ni barba. Usa anteojos de aumento con marco fino.
- b. Utiliza ropa clásica, sin tener en cuenta la combinación de colores.
- c. Camina muy lentamente con los pies hacia afuera, balanceándose hacia ambos lados.
- d. Puede representar hasta 38 años.
- e. Se mueve habitualmente armado.
- f. No utiliza custodia.
- g. Su lugar de asentamiento es CUBA, se desconoce el domicilio.
- h. Usa habitualmente atlaché, el cual cuando camina, lo bambolea hacia ambos lados.

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 of visitors at San Francisco County Jail during captioned
 Subject's incarceration proved negative. As stated in referenced
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 According to jail authorities, Subject was visited often by his
 wife and attorney. No further information was provided by local
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SUNSHINE-ROSON IMMEDIATELY APPEALED THE ORDER TO THE U.S. SUPREME COURT. THIS MATTER IS EXPECTED TO BE REVIEWED EXPEDITIOUSLY BY THE COURT. SAN FRANCISCO WILL ADVISE ACCORDINGLY.

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\$21 Million Judgment in Torture Case

By Cynthia Gorney
Washington Post Staff Writer

SAN FRANCISCO, April 25—A former Argentine army general, who fled to the United States five years ago to avoid prosecution for human-rights violations, was ordered today to pay \$21.1 million to an Argentine citizen who said he was tortured and imprisoned under the general's command.

Carlos Suarez Mason, 64, "intentionally, systematically and, with an awareness of the consequences, directed a pattern and practice of terror against the general population of Argentina" while commanding the 1st Army Corps in Buenos Aires, U.S. District Court Judge Samuel Conti wrote in his order.

"This pattern . . . was characterized by widespread violations of the most fundamental human rights, including abductions, disappearances, torture, prolonged arbitrary detentions and summary executions," Conti wrote.

The judgment against Suarez, who is jailed here while fighting extradition to Argentina on murder and kidnap charges, is the largest awarded in the newly emerging field of international human-rights claims in American courts, according to Washington-based lawyer Sam Issacharoff.

"This . . . confirms that American courts can hear and will hear claims of violations of international human rights," said Issacharoff, who argued the case with the New York-based Center for Constitutional Rights.

The case was brought by Horacio Martínez Baca, 46, an Argentine lawyer who had represented labor unions and held local government posts before being abducted in 1976 and imprisoned without charges for four years.

Martinez Baca testified that he was tortured many times in prison. When he was released in 1980 and fled to the United States, according to testimony, he had lost about 40 pounds.

Accounts similar to that of Martinez Baca were plentiful in Argentina during the late 1970s when the military, which held power from 1976 to 1983, began what it referred to as its "dirty war" against terrorists.

As corps commander, Suarez "did not personally apply the electric prods" to Martinez Baca, but evidence showed that he directed orders and planning for those who did, Conti wrote.

Citing California and international law, Conti awarded Martinez Baca \$1.17 million for lost income, \$10 million in compensatory damages for pain and suffering and \$10 million in punitive damages, an amount Conti said can be determined by "the egregiousness of the defendant's actions and the need to deter further such actions."

The money is not expected to be readily available, since Suarez, not represented in court during final arguments in the civil trial last month, has declared that he has almost no assets.

Attorneys who brought the case have said they believe that he is hiding funds, and Issacharoff said the judgment gives them authority to begin examining Suarez's U.S. financial records and perhaps those abroad.

Martinez Baca, who works in a San Francisco law office, said that if the money is found, he intends to donate half of it to Argentine human-rights organizations.

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GENERAL CARLOS GUILLERMO SUAREZ-MASON; IT-ARGENTINA;
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THIS COMMUNICATION IS CLASSIFIED
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RE BUREAU TELETYPE TO LOS ANGELES, ET AL, DATED MARCH 8,
1988.

REFERENCED TELETYPE REQUESTED THAT LOS ANGELES ADVISE
FEDERAL CORRECTIONAL INSTITUTION, TERMINAL ISLAND, CALIFORNIA,
PRISON OFFICIALS OF THE POSSIBLE ATTEMPT BY SUBJECT'S SUPPORTERS
TO ASSIST SUBJECT IN ESCAPING FROM DETENTION AND THAT LOS ANGELES

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OBTAIN A LIST OF ALL OF SUBJECT'S VISITORS.

ON MARCH 18, 1988, CONTACT WAS MADE WITH OFFICIALS AT FEDERAL CORRECTIONAL INSTITUTION, TERMINAL ISLAND, AT WHICH TIME THEY ADVISED THAT ON MARCH 16, 1988, SUBJECT WAS RELEASED FROM TERMINAL ISLAND INTO THE CUSTODY OF U.S. MARSHAL'S SERVICE, NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA.

PRIOR TO SUBJECT'S RELEASE, ON MARCH 11 - 13, 1988, SUBJECT WAS VISITED BY WIFE, ANGELICA SUAREZ; UNCLE, LAMAR HARLEY; AND AUNT, JEAN HARLEY.

AS ALL INVESTIGATION HAS BEEN COMPLETED, THE LOS ANGELES DIVISION IS PLACING THIS MATTER IN AN RUC STATUS.

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GENERAL CARLOS GUILLERMO SUAREZ-MASON; IT-ARGENTINA; EXTRADITION
MATTER; 00: SAN FRANCISCO

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RE SAN FRANCISCO AIRTEL DATED 12/24/87, TO THE BUREAU AND
LOS ANGELES, (MONTEVIDEO NOT IN RECEIPT) AND BUREAU TELETYPE
DATED 5/29/87, TO SAN FRANCISCO ONLY, BOTH CAPTIONED AS ABOVE.

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INDICATED THAT THE ARGENTINE STATE SECRETARIAT FOR INTELLIGENCE (SIDE) RECEIVED INFORMATION THAT SUAREZ CONTINUES TO BE VISITED BY UNIDENTIFIED FORMER ARGENTINE MILITARY OFFICERS AND CIVILIAN "GANGSTERS" WHO PARTICIPATED IN ILLEGAL ACTIVITIES WITH SUAREZ IN ARGENTINA. (S)(U)

LEADS WERE SET FOR SAN FRANCISCO TO DETERMINE WHERE SUBJECT IS INCARCERATED; ADVISE PRISON OFFICIALS OF THE POTENTIAL THREAT

[REDACTED]

REFERENCED SAN FRANCISCO AIRTEL ADVISED THAT AUSA MARK ZANIDES, SAN FRANCISCO WAS HANDLING THIS EXTRADITION ON 12/22/87, AND THAT THE FORMAL EXTRADITION HEARING WAS SCHEDULED FOR 2/1/88.

FURTHER, SAN FRANCISCO REPORTED THAT DUE TO THE OVER CROWDED CONDITIONS OF JAIL FACILITIES WITHIN THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA, THE U.S. MARSHAL'S SERVICE MOVED SUBJECT TO THE FEDERAL CORRECTIONAL INSTITUTION, TERMINAL ISLAND, CALIFORNIA.

SAN FRANCISCO IS TO CONTACT AUSA MARK ZANIDES FOR DETAILS

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CONCERNING CAPTIONED SUBJECT'S EXTRADITION HEARING SCHEDULED FOR
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LOS ANGELES IS TO ADVISE TERMINAL ISLAND PRISON OFFICIALS OF
THE POTENTIAL THREAT [REDACTED] AND
OBTAIN THE LIST OF VISITORS. ~~(S)~~ (U)

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NOTE: ABOVE REQUESTS SAN FRANCISCO TO CONTACT ASSISTANT U.S. ATTORNEY, SAN FRANCISCO FOR STATUS OF EXTRADITION HEARING CONCERNING CAPTIONED SUBJECT.

IN ADDITION, LOS ANGELES IS TO CONTACT PRISON OFFICIALS OF THE POTENTIAL THREAT [REDACTED] AND OBTAIN THE LIST OF VISITORS AND FORWARD THIS INFORMATION TO FBIHQ IN A FORM SUITABLE FOR DISSEMINATION TO [REDACTED]

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Re Bureau teletype to San Francisco, dated 5/30/87.

For information of Los Angeles, subject SUAREZ-MASON is the former commandant of the First Army Corps in Argentina. In 1983, a civilian constitutional government was restored in Argentina and thereafter, at the direction of the President of Argentina, various official investigations into alleged human rights violations were begun in the early part of 1984. In connection with one such official investigation General SUAREZ-MASON was served with a summons to appear before the Supreme Council of the Armed Forces. SUAREZ-MASON did not appear and apparently fled Argentina when he learned that an arrest warrant had been filed against him in November, 1984.

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SUAREZ-MASON entered the United States on June 2, 1985, under a B-1 tourist visa and on January 24, 1987, he was arrested at Foster City, California pursuant to a warrant issued by a U.S. Magistrate in the Eastern District of New York upon application by the United States acting on behalf of the Republic of Argentina. A supplemental complaint and formal extradition documents have been submitted in the United States District Court for the Northern District of California. Basically these extradition documents claim that SUAREZ-MASON and other officers of the Argentine Armed Forces tortured and killed a great number of persons (potentially up to 8,000 victims) between 1976 and 1979. The extradition requests that subject be returned to Argentina to stand trial.

AUSA MARK ZANIDES, San Francisco, who is handling this matter advised on 12/22/87, that all of the extradition documents had been filed before U.S. District Court Judge D. LOWELL JENSEN and that the formal extradition hearing is now scheduled to be held on February 1, 1988.

Owing to the over crowded conditions of jail facilities within the Northern District of California, the U.S. Marshal's Service has moved subject to the Federal Correctional Institution, Terminal Island, California.

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[redacted] subject allegedly was continued to be visited by "unidentified former Argentine military officers and civilian gangsters" who are potentially involved in illegal activities with him in Argentina. The Argentine Intelligence Service requested the identity of visitors to SUAREZ-MASON. The U.S. Marshal's Service, San Francisco was informed of the alleged details of this plot and they advised that had some bearing on their moving him to FCI, Terminal Island. In addition they pointed out that the San Francisco County Jail does not maintain visitors records, however, that subject's most constant visitor was his wife. (S)(U)

There has been a significant amount of local media coverage regarding subject's legal difficulties and there is an

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active Argentine community within this area which also keeps track of the legal motions taking place.

No new information has been developed regarding this alleged escape plot and unless and until new information is developed, San Francisco is placing this case in a closed status, however, will maintain liaison contact with AUSA ZANIDES.

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AMEMBASSY, BUENOS AIRES, HAS DEVELOPED CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION THAT ADMIRAL EMILIO EDUARDO MASSERA, RETIRED COMMANDER OF THE ARGENTINE NAVY, WILL BE TRAVELING TO THE U. S. IN THE NEAR FUTURE, SUPPOSEDLY TO FURTHER HIS PERSONAL POLITICAL AMBITIONS. MASSERA IS THOUGHT BY MANY TO BE THE RANKING FUTURE SELECTION AS PRESIDENT OF ARGENTINA. IT HAS BEEN LEARNED THAT MASSERA'S CONTACT IN THE U. S. WILL BE ELVIRA KOCK, TELEPHONE NUMBER (212) 938-1478.

AMERICAN EMBASSY, BUENOS AIRES, HAS REQUESTED ASSISTANCE OF FBI IN IDENTIFYING ELVIRA KOCK AND ASCERTAINING HER BACKGROUND.

BUREAU REQUESTED TO FORWARD ABOVE TO NEW YORK DIVISION WITH LEAD TO FULLY IDENTIFY ELVIRA KOCK.

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