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On 3/26/76, an official of the Argentine Army Intelligence Service (SIE) provided the following information: (S) (U)

Intelligence recently acquired by SIE established that ERP leader, MARIO ROBERTO SANTUCHO, recently directed a request to Cuban Premier FIDEL CASTRO, that 2,300 Cuban troops be sent to Argentina to assist the ERP in carrying out guerrilla activities. SANTUCHO's request was denied by CASTRO. (S) (U)

The foregoing intelligence has clearly demonstrated the significance and ramifications of recent Cuban intervention in Angola to members of the Argentine armed forces. (S) (U)

The above intelligence was rated A-1 by SIE indicating that both the source and the information were judged to be reliable. (S) (U)

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ON JANUARY 27, 1976, PASTOR CORONEL, CHIEF OF INVESTIGATIONS, POLICE OF THE CAPITAL, ASUNCION, PARAGUAY PROVIDED THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION:

DURING THE MORNING OF JANUARY 27, 1976, PARAGUAYAN PRESIDENT ALFREDO STROESSNER CONSULTED WITH CORONEL CONCERNING INFORMATION RECENTLY RECEIVED BY THE MEXICAN GOVERNMENT INDICATING THAT THE MEXICAN GOVERNMENT WOULD BE WILLING TO ACCEPT AMILCAR SANTUCHO AS A POLITICAL EXILE IN MEXICO SHOULD THE PARAGUAYAN GOVERNMENT ALLOW HIM TO DEPART PARAGUAY.

IT IS NOTED THAT AMILCAR SANTUCHO, THE BROTHER OF MARIO ROBERIO SANTUCHO, THE LEADER OF THE ARGENTINE TERRORISM ORGANIZATION, THE PEOPLE'S REVOLUTIONARY ARMY (ERP), WAS ARRESTED DURING MAY, 1975 BY THE POLICE OF THE CAPITAL
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IN ASUNCION UFTER HE HAD ILLEGALLY ENTERED PARAGUAY USING FALSE ARGENTINE DOCUMENTATION.

CORONEL EXPRESSED HIS VIEW TO PRESIDENT STROESSNER THAT AMILCAR SANTUCHO SHOULD NOT BE PERMITTED TO LEAVE PARAGUAY FOR MEXICO SINCE HE IS CONSIDERED BY CORONEL TO BE A DANGEROUS HIGH-RANKING TERRORIST AND THAT, SHOULDHE BE ALPOWED TO TRAVEL TO MEXICO, HE WOULD UNDOUBTEDLY CONTINUE HIS ACTIVITIES ON BEHALF OF THE ERP.

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ADMINISTRATIVE. REMYCABLE, JANUARY 5, 1976 UNDER THE TRIPLE CAPTION, "FPM-ARGENTINA; FPM-NORWAY; FPM-PARAGUAY", WHICH REPORTED INFORMATION INDICATING THAT THE NORWEGIAN GOVERNMENT HAD BEEN APPROACHED FOR THE PURPOSE OF SOUNDING OUT THE POSSIBILITIES OF ACCEPTING AMILCAR SANTUCHO AS A POLITICAL EXILE IN NORWAY.

REMYCABLE, JUNE 6, 1975 CAPTIONED, "JORGE ISAAC FUENTES, AKA, IS-CHILE; IS-PARAGUAY; FPC", WHICH REPORTED THE ARREST OF AMILCAR SANTUCHO.

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FOR THE INFORMATION OF THE BUREAU, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] THAT FUENTES,

A MEMBER OF THE CHILEAN TERRORIST ORGANIZATION, MOVEMENT OF THE REVOLUTIONARY LEFT (MIR), WHO WAS APPREHENDED WITH AMILCAR SANTUCHO, HAD BEEN SUMMARILY EXECUTED BY THE POLICE OF THE CAPITAL IN ASUNCION.

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BIEDMA STATED THAT THE

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REVOLUTIONARY ARMY (ERP), WERE ALSO PROVIDED FUNDS BY [Redacted]

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BIEDMA ALSO SAID THAT CUBAN

FUNDS AND SUPPORT ARE PROVIDED ON A REGULAR BASIS

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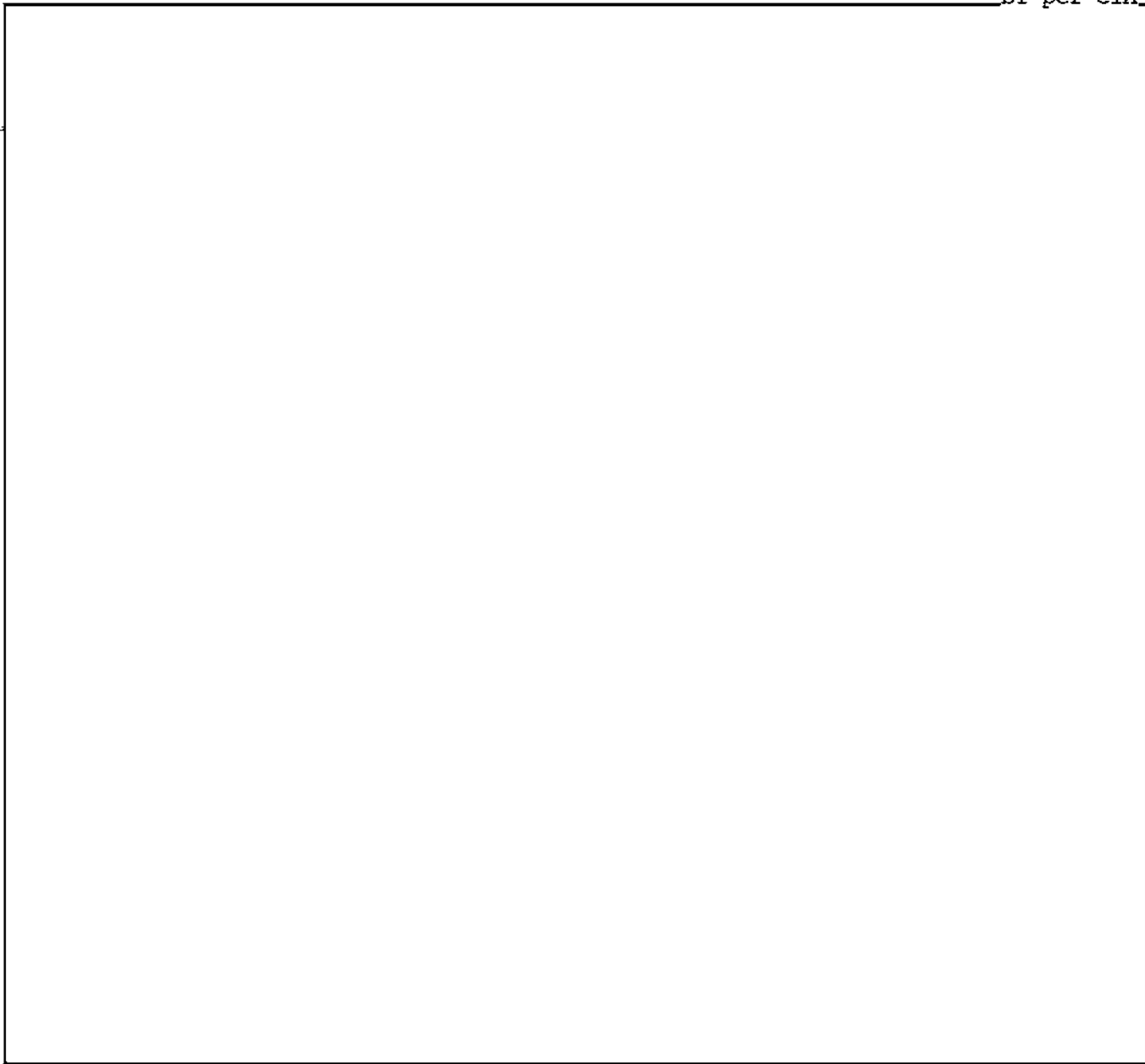
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6. ACCORDING TO BIEDMA, [Redacted]

[Redacted] MONTONEROS RECEIVED [Redacted] FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE,

IN ADDITION TO DIRECT PAYMENTS [Redacted]

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[Redacted] WHO CARRIED THE MONEY [Redacted] TO

EITHER PRAGUE OR MOSCOW, AND THEN TO A WESTERN EUROPEAN COUNTRY, GENERALLY FRANCE, DENMARK OR SWEDEN, AND ON TO ARGENTINA, [Redacted]

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7. BIEDMA STATED THAT THE EXTERIOR STRUCTURE OF THE MIR IS DIVIDED INTO THREE ELEMENTS AS FOLLOWS:

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C. ARGENTINE SECTION. BIEDMA HAS BEEN THE CHIEF OF THIS SECTION, USING THE ALIASES "NICO", "MARTIN", "JOAQUIN" AND "RAUL". HIS DEPUTY HAS BEEN ~~"CLAUDIA"~~, WHO MAY BE CECILIA H/ J A R L E S (SIC), WHO HAS BEEN IN NEUQUEN IN SOUTHERN ARGENTINA TRYING TO DEVELOP ACTIVITIES ON BEHALF OF THE MIR. BIEDMA SAID THAT THE ARGENTINE SECTION OF THE MIR HAS SUFFERED CONSIDERABLY AS A RESULT OF COUNTERSUBVERSIVE ACTIONS AND PROBABLY HAS NO MORE THAN TEN HARD-CORE MEMBERS LEFT. OF THESE TEN, BIEDMA SAID THAT ~~"RICARDO"~~ ~~"PABLO"~~ AND ~~"MAURO"~~, ALL OF WHOM WERE TRAINED IN CUBA, AS WELL AS ~~"CESAR"~~, ARE NOW WORKING MORE WITH THE ERP THAN WITH THE MIR. BIEDMA NOTED THAT HIGH-LEVEL CONTACTS OF THE MONTONEROS AND ERP, RESPECTIVELY, WITH THE MIR ARE

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~~"EMILIOZI"~~ AND ~~"ALBERTO"~~. *(Argentina)*

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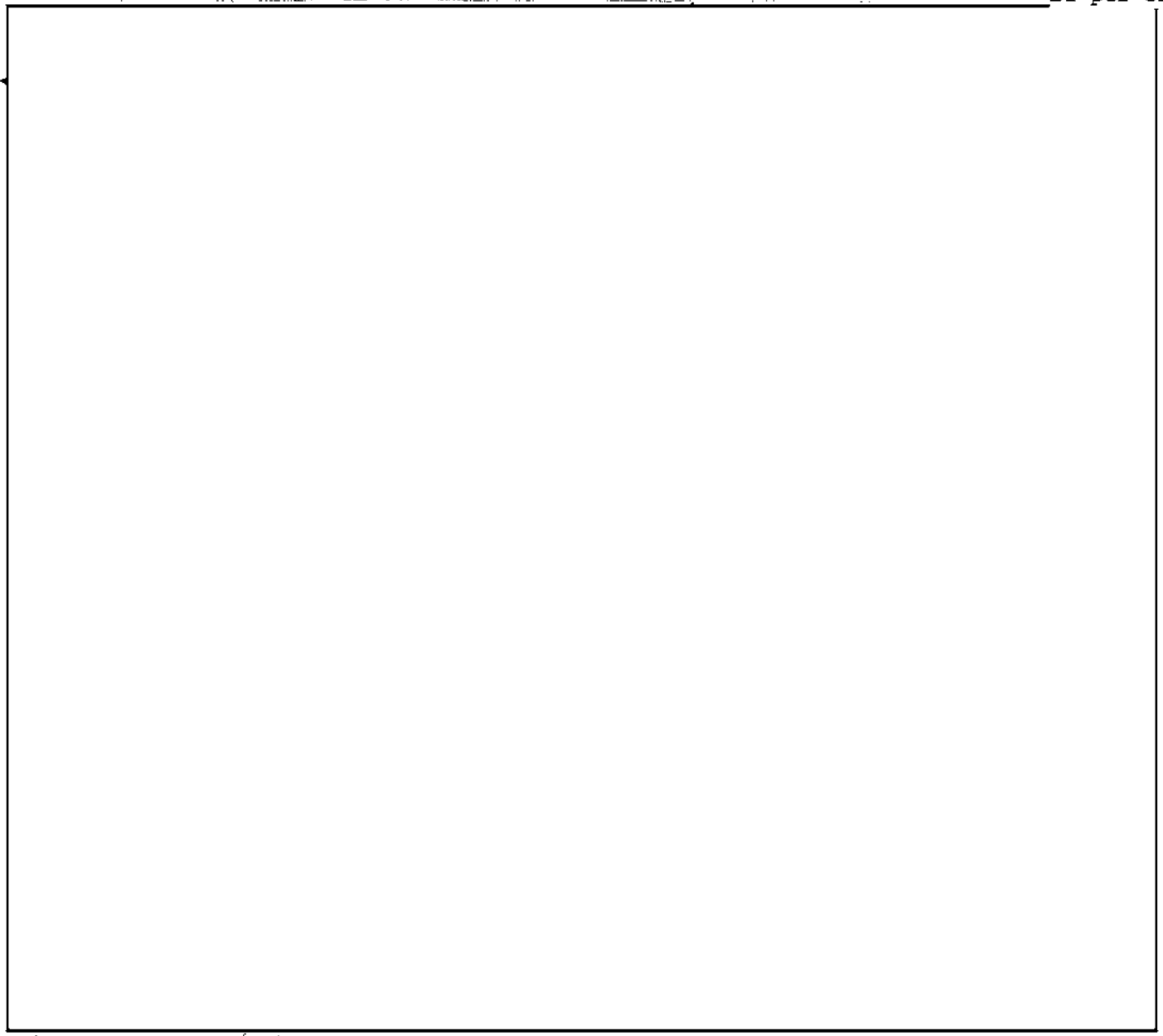
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