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SUBJECT: MONTERO TERRORIST ATTACK AGAINST FRANCISCO SOLDATTI

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1. SECRET - TNTIRE TEXT. WARNING: SENSITIVE INTELLIGENCE SOURCES INVOLVED.

2. ARGENTINE SOURCES PROVIDED THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION ON THE TERRORIST ATTACK COMMITTED AGAINST FRANCISCO SOLDATTI ON NOVEMBER 13, 1979:


5. SOURCES REMARKED THAT THEY WERE LUCKY IN THAT WHEN THE ATTACK BEGAN, A POLICE PATROL VEHICLE WITH TWO UNIFORMED POLICEMEN AND A PRIVATE VEHICLE WITH AN OFF-DUTY POLICEMAN AND HIS FATHER, A RETIRED COMISARIO, CAME UPON THE SCENE AND IMMEDIATELY BEGAN TO OPEN FIRE WITH THEIR FIREARMS AGAINST THE TERRORISTS.

6. SOURCES STATED THAT THE TERRORISTS WERE ARMED. EACH WITH A BELGIAN-MADE 9MM BROWNING AUTOMATIC PISTOL. THE GROUP ALSO HAD TWO REMINGTON SHOTGUNS AND ONE AK-47 RIFLE. SECURITY FORCES ARE DISTURBED WITH THE WEAPONS, AS THIS INDICATES THAT THE MONTEROS ARE ABLE TO SMUGGLE ARMS INTO THE COUNTRY.

CASTRO
HAVE BEEN CAPTURED BUT ALREADY FROM MENDIZABAL, NOT ONE T.I.
FOR THE ATTACK ON THE KLEIN RESIDENCE MAY ATTEMPT TO LEAVE.

ARGENTINA BUT THAT THEY WILL BE REPLACED BY OTHERS.
AT PRESENT THERE ARE APPROXIMATELY

TWO HUNDRED MONTHERO CASADES: BOTH T.I. AND T.A. IN ARGENTINA.

ARGENTINA IN AUGUST 1978 AND THEY THEY INTENDED TO CARRY OUT
BOMBINGS AND ASSASSINATIONS FOLLOWING THE DEPARTURE OF THE
INTER-AMERICAN HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION (IACHR).

3. FOLLOWING THE ATTACK AGAINST THE KLEIN RESIDENCE,
SECURITY FORCES RECOVERED PROJECTILE CASINGS OF UNKNOWN MANU-
FACTURE WHICH WERE MARKED WITH MONTHERO INSIGNIA AND WHICH
WERE USED IN THE ATTACK. IT INTENDS TO PREVENT
FURTHER ATTACKS BY INCREASING SECURITY MEASURES SUCH AS
PATROLS AND ROAD BLOCKS, STEP UP EFFORTS TO OBTAIN MORE INTELLI-
GENCE ON MONTHERO PLANS AND TAKE MORE INITIATIVES BASED ON
INTELLIGENCE.

THE 27 SEPTEMBER 1979 BOMBING ATTACK AGAINST THE RESIDENCE
OF ECONOMIC PLANNING SECRETARY VALTER I. S. I. N. I. IS ONLY THE
BEGINNING OF A SERIES OF EXPECTED ATTACKS AGAINST OTHER GOVERN-
MENT OFFICIALS AND INSTALLATIONS.

THE MOST INTELLIGENCE BRIEFING WAS EXPECTING AN
ATTACK AGAINST MINISTER OF THE ECONOMY JOSE M. A. T. I. E. Z.
I. S. I. N. I. BUT INCREASED SECURITY MEASURES CAUSED THE MONTHEROS
TO SHIFT TARGETS AND ATTACK KLEIN INSTEAD.

2. THE INDIVIDUALS RESPONSIBLE FOR THE ATTACK ON KLEIN'S
RESIDENCE ARE MEMBERS OF THE MONTHERO "SPECIAL INFANTRY TROOPS"
(TROPAS ESPECIALES DE INFANTERIA - T.I.), WHO HAVE BEEN TRAINED
THE T.I.'S WERE HEADED BY HORACIO
MENDIZABAL, WHO WAS KILLED BY SECURITY FORCES ON 19
SEPTEMBER 1979.

MENDIZABAL WAS SO BADLY WOUNDED IN THE CONFRONTATION THAT HE
WAS IN A COMA FOR SEVERAL HOURS AND COULD NOT BE INTERROGATED
BEFORE HE DIED. AS A RESULT, THERE WAS VERY LITTLE
INFORMATION ON THE WHEREABOUTS, IDENTITIES AND PLANS OF THE T.I.'S.
THE OTHER MONTHERO'S ARE ACTIVE AND ABOUT WHICH MORE
INFORMATION IS AVAILABLE ARE THE "SPECIAL ACTIVIST TROOPS"
(TROPAS ESPECIALES DE ACTIVISTAS - T.A.), WHO ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR
POLITICAL ACTION AND PROPAGANDA. THE CHIEF OF THE T.A.'S WITHIN
ARGENTINA WAS ARMANDO DANIEL C. S. O. A. T. D. WHO ALLEGEDLY
KILLED HIMSELF DURING A CONFRONTATION WITH SECURITY FORCES ON
18 SEPTEMBER 1979. WITHIN THE PAST MONTH AT LEAST TWENTY T.A.'S
THE TEN MEMBERS OF THE PERONIST ARMED FORCES (FAP) WHO WERE CAPTURED IN AUGUST 1979 ARE CURRENTLY BEING HELD AT THE DISPOSITION OF THE FIRST MILITARY INVESTIGATING JUDGE (JUEZ DE INSTRUCCION MILITAR NUMERO 1) WHOSE HEADQUARTERS IS AT THE CAMPO DE MAYO MILITARY BASE. A MILITARY COURT WILL TRY THESE INDIVIDUALS. THE CASE IS IN THE PRETRIAL INVESTIGATION STAGE. WHEN THE INVESTIGATION IS FINISHED THE INDIVIDUALS WILL BE TURNED OVER TO THE WAR COUNCIL. IT IS EXPECTED THAT THE PROCESS WILL TAKE ABOUT SIX MONTHS.

THE TEN PERSONS WHO HAD BEEN REPORTED AS HAVING DISAPPEARED IN AUGUST 1979 WERE IN FACT MEMBERS OF THE FAP WHO HAD BEEN LEGALLY ARRESTED.

REGINO ADOLFO GONZALEZ AND HIS WIFE, MARIA CONSUELO CASTANO BLANCO DE GONZALEZ HAVE BEEN ACCUSED OF OPERATING A MOBILE RADIO EQUIPPED TO INTERRUPT EITHER RADIO OR TELEVISION BROADCASTS AND BROADCAST MONTOYERO PROPAGANDA. THE GONZALEZ COUPLE IS CURRENTLY BEING HELD AT THE HEADQUARTERS OF THE ARMY FIRST CORPS.

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COUNTRY: MOZAMBIQUE/ARGENTINA/COSTA RICA/TANZANIA
SUBJECT: SOME DETAILS OF MONTEHEROS OPERATIONS IN AFRICA


3. ACCORDING TO VENDRELL, THE MONTEHEROS ARE PREPARING TO ACTIVATE A NEW RADIO STATION WHICH IS LOCATED IN COSTA RICA. THE STATION WILL BE CALLED "RADIO NOTICIAS," WILL BROADCAST AT 9515.