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TAGS: SHUM, SREF, ICRC, AR  
SUBJECT: USG FINANCIAL SUPPORT FOR ICRC PRISONER  
PROGRAM IN ARGENTINA

REF: GENEVA 10085

1. (~~THE~~ ENTIRE TEXT) ICRC HAS AGAIN INQUIRED IF THERE  
IS A RESPONSE FROM THE USG ON ITS REQUEST FOR USG  
SUPPORT OF THE ARGENTINIAN PRISONER PROGRAM. REQUEST  
RESPONSE TO REFTEL AND PREVIOUS. VANDEN HEUVEL

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E.O. 12065: N/A  
TAGS: CVIS, SREF, SHUM, CI, UY, PA, BR  
SUBJECT: HEMISPHERIC REFUGEE/DETAINEE PAROLE PROGRAM IN ARGENTINA:  
STATUS REPORT NO. 106

REF: BUENOS AIRES 9025

(U) I. HEMISPHERIC "500" PAROLE PROGRAM/UNHCR MANDATED REFUGEES

- A. 84 CASES SUBMITTED TO EMBASSY:  
74 CHILEANS, 6 PARAGUAYANS, 1 PERUVIAN, 3 URUGUAYANS
- B. 1 ACTIVE CASE: 1 CHILEAN
- 1. INTERVIEWED AND AWAITING CLEARANCES: 3
- C. 83 CASES CLOSED: 71 CHILEANS, 5 PARAGUAYANS, 1 PERUVIAN  
3 URUGUAYANS
- 1. BY PAROLEES' ARRIVAL IN USA 6
- 6 CHILEANS (24 PERSONS), 2 PARAGUAYANS (2 PERSONS)
- 2. BY WITHDRAWAL (ACCEPTED BY OTHER COUNTRIES): 32  
26 CHILEANS, 3 URUGUAYANS, 3 PARAGUAYANS
- 3. BY REFUSAL ON GROUNDS OF INELIGIBILITY: 43  
1 PERUVIAN, 41 CHILEANS, 1 PARAGUAYAN

II. (U) HEMISPHERIC "500" PAROLE PROGRAM/ARGENTINE DETAINEES

- A. 629 TOTAL APPLICATIONS FOR CERTIFICATES OF ACCEPTABILITY RECEIVED:
- B. 343 ACTIVE CASES:
  - 1. NEW CASES: VISAS EAGLE SENT 24
  - 2. NEW CASES, PERMISSION TO INTERVIEW REQUESTED, AWAITING REPLY: 14
  - 3. PERMISSION TO INTERVIEW DENIED BY GOA: 118
    - A. OPTION REQUEST PENDING WITH VISA TO ANOTHER COUNTRY: 24
    - B. OPTION REQUEST DENIED WITH VISA OF ANOTHER COUNTRY, AWAITING LAPSE OF 6 MONTH BEFORE NEW REQUEST CAN BE INITIATED: 13
    - C. APPLICANTS WITH PENDING COURT PROCESS: 36
    - D. PRESENT STATUS OF APPLICANT REQUESTED FROM FAMILY: 40
  - 4. PERMISSION TO INTERVIEW RECEIVED: 187
    - A. INTERVIEW PENDING: 1
    - B. INTERVIEWS COMPLETED; UNDER STUDY BY CONSULAR OFFICER: 11
    - C. INTERVIEWS COMPLETED: CONSULAR OFFICER APPROVED, CERTIFICATE ISSUED, AWAITING REVIEW BY IHS OFFICER AND GOA DECISION: 14
    - D. INTERVIEWS COMPLETED, CONS/OFF AND IHS/OFF APPROVED, CERTIFICATE ISSUED: AWAITING GOA DECISION: 122
    - E. INTERVIEWS COMPLETED, CONS/OFF AND IHS/OFF

APPROVED, CERTIFICATE ISSUED; GOA DENIED RIGHT OF OPTION REQUEST; A NEW REQUEST WILL BE PRESENTED FOLLOWING GOA PRESCRIBED WAITING PERIOD: 35  
F. INTERVIEW COMPLETED, CONS/OFF AND IHS/OFF APPROVED, GOA GRANTED RIGHT OF OPTION, TRAVEL TO BE COMPLETED SHORTLY: 4

C. 90 INACTIVE CASES:

- 1. PERMISSION TO INTERVIEW DENIED BY GOA, FAMILY HAS NOT RESPONDED TO STATUS REQUEST: 35
- 2. PRESENTLY UNDER JUDICIAL SENTENCE: 51

D. 196 CASES CLOSED

- 1. APPLICANTS' ARRIVAL IN USA: 32
  - A. PAROLED: 27 CASES (FROM BUENOS AIRES) AND 2 CASES (FROM RIO DE JANEIRO)
  - B. IMMIGRANT VISAS: 3 CASES

2. APPLICATIONS WITHDRAWN: 164

- A. RELEASED FROM DETENTION AND ALLOWED TO REMAIN IN ARGENTINA: 100
- B. OBTAINED VISAS AND TRAVELLED TO OTHER COUNTRIES: 51
- C. BY REFUSAL ON GROUNDS OF INELIGIBILITY: 13

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DETAINEES ADMITTING SUBVERSIVE TIES DURING RECENT PRISON INTER-  
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III. (LOU) NOTES ON OPTION PROGRAM:

TOTAL INTERVIEWS COMPLETED BY CONS/OFFS IN PRISONS: 269  
TOTAL CERTIFICATES OF ACCEPTABILITY ISSUED BY EMBASSY: 235  
RIGHT OF OPTION REQUESTS TO THE USA APPROVED BY GOA: 34  
RIGHT OF OPTION REQUESTS TO OTHER COUNTRIES APPROVED  
BY GOA (ALSO HELD CERTIFICATE TO USA): 6  
RELEASED AND ALLOWED TO REMAIN IN ARGENTINA: 24  
(2 CASES LEFT FOR BRAZIL AND TRAVELED TO USA UNDER  
UNHCR MANDATE)  
RIGHT OF OPTION REQUESTS DENIED BY GOA: 35  
ARGENTINE FOREIGN OFFICE INFORMED THAT OPTION REQUEST HAS  
NOT BEEN INITIATED: 2  
PENDING DECISION ON OPTION REQUESTS BY GOA: 134  
(21 CERTIFICATES HAVE BEEN RE-ISSUED ON CASES IN WHICH  
GOA PRESCRIBED 6-MONTH WAITING PERIOD HAS LAPSED FOLLOWING  
DENIAL AND A NEW REQUEST CAN BE INITIATED.)  
DATES AND NUMBER OF GOA APPROVALS: JULY 1978, 1; SEPT 1978, 3;  
APRIL 1979, 1; JUNE 1979, 12; AUG 1979, 4; SEPT 1979, 7;  
OCT 1979, 3; NOV 1979; DEC 1979, 1.

IV. (LOU) SUMMARY: AS THE STATISTICAL REPORT INDICATES THE  
LEVEL OF INTEREST (APPLICATIONS IN THE HEMISPHERIC "500"  
PAROLE PROGRAM CONTINUES AT ITS PREVIOUS LEVELS.  
HOWEVER, A REVIEW OF THE OPTION APPROVAL FIGURES INDICATES  
THAT, ASIDE FROM THE JUNE-SEPT 1979 FIGURES, THE RATES OF  
GOA OPTION APPROVALS TO THE USA CONTINUES AT A VERY LOW LEVEL.  
THE HIGHER NUMBER OF OPTION APPROVALS FOR THE JUNE-SEPT  
PERIOD WAS PROBABLY DUE TO INCREASED INTEREST AND/OR EXTERNAL  
PRESSURE IN THE AREA OF HUMAN RIGHTS GENERATED BY THE PENDING  
OAS HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION VISIT OF SEPT 1979.

SINCE SEPT 1979, THE LEVEL OF GOA OPTION APPROVALS TO THE  
UNITED STATES HAS STEADILY DECLINED TO A POINT OF ONLY ONE  
OPTION APPROVAL FOR THE MONTH OF DECEMBER. OTHER EMBASSIES  
INVOLVED IN THE OPTION PROGRAM HAVE ALSO REPORTED A SIMILAR  
PATTERN OF DECLINE IN THEIR OPTION APPROVALS.

AT THIS TIME IT IS UNCERTAIN IF THE PRESENT DECLINE IN OPTION  
APPROVALS IS A RESULT OF A HARDENING ON THE PART OF THE GOA  
IN RESPECT TO OPTION APPROVALS DUE TO THE RECENT INCREASE IN  
TERRORIST ACTIVITY WITHIN ARGENTINA OR IF THE "EASY TO RESOLVE"  
PEN PRISONER CASES HAVE ALREADY BEEN DECIDED AND THAT THOSE  
PRISONERS WHO REMAIN IN PRISON ARE CONSIDERED BY THE GOA TO BE  
SUBVERSIVES AND MUST BE REFUSED OPTION FOR REASONS OF NATIONAL  
SECURITY. THE GOA ASSUMPTION THAT THE REMAINING PEN PRISONERS  
ARE SUBVERSIVES HAS BEEN SUPPORTED IN PART BY THE EMBASSY  
REFUGEE OFFICER WHO HAS REPORTED AN INCREASE IN THE NUMBER OF

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