HAD YET TO APPEAR BEFORE THE MILITARY TRIBUNAL.

BESIDES THE PERMANENT CONTACT ESTABLISHED BY THE DELEGATION IN BUENOS AIRES WITH THE AUTHORITIES, ALL THESE VISITS WERE RECORDED BY THE ICRC AND THE REPORTS WERE HANDED TO THE ARGENTINE GOVERNMENT.


IN NOVEMBER A MEMORANDUM WAS HANDED TO THE MINISTER OF THE INTERIOR SUMMARIZING THE STATEMENTS, OBSERVATIONS AND SUGGESTIONS OF THE DELEGATES AS A RESULT OF THEIR VISITS. THE ARGENTINE AUTHORITIES INFORMED THE ICRC THAT, TAKING INTO ACCOUNT THESE OBSERVATIONS, STEPS HAD BEEN TAKEN TO REMEDY SHORTCOMINGS REPORTED BY THE DELEGATES.

AT THE SUGGESTION OF THE ICRC, THE ARGENTINE AUTHORITIES RELEASED SEVERAL DETAINED FOR HEALTH REASONS.

4. RIGHT OF OPTION

IN RELATION TO THE RIGHT OF OPTION, THE ICRC IS CALLED UPON AT REGULAR INTERVALS TO CONTACT THE FAMILIES OF DETAINED AND EMBASSIES ABLE TO PROVIDE VISA AND TO TAKE STEPS WITH THE RELEVANT AUTHORITIES.

THOSE HAVE GIVEN THEIR FORMAL AGREEMENT TO THE ICRC'S HANDLING THE CASES OF DETAINES WHO HAVE NO CLOSE

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FRANCS A YEAR. BY THE END OF 1978 THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF CONTRIBUTIONS RECEIVED BY THE ICRC CAME TO 1,061,705 SWISS FRANCS AND BY THE END OF APRIL 1976, 1,090,506 SWISS FRANCS AND BY THE END OF APRIL 1975, 1,150,506 SWISS FRANCS.

EXPENDITURE TO DATE AMOUNTS TO 1,210,556 SWISS FRANCS; THE AVAILABLE BALANCE BEING 650,950 SWISS FRANCS.

TO COVER THE ESTIMATED EXPENSES FROM MAY 1979 UNTIL THE END OF THE YEAR, TAKING ACCOUNT OF THE AVAILABLE BALANCE AND OF THE CURRENT MONTHLY BUDGET OF 150,000 SWISS FRANCS FOR OPERATIONAL COSTS AND PROGRAMS OF ASSISTANCE FOR DETAINEES AND THEIR FAMILIES, AN ADDITIONAL SUM OF APPROXIMATELY 550,000 SWISS FRANCS IS REQUIRED.

9. GOVERNMENT CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE PROGRAM AS OF APRIL 30, 1979 WERE:

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IN ADDITION, 175,415 SWISS FRANCS WERE GIVEN BY NATIONAL SOCIETIES FROM AUSTRALIA, CANADA, FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF GERMANY, GREAT BRITAIN, JAPAN, SPAIN, SWEDEN AND 35,218.25 SWISS FRANCS FROM OXFAM AND MISCELLANEOUS IN SWITZERLAND. VANDER MEDELS.
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E.O. 12065: GDS 6/14/85 (PALMER, STEPHEN) OR-0

TAGS: SHUM, SREF, ICRC, AR

SUBJECT: USG FINANCIAL SUPPORT FOR ICRC PRISONER PROGRAM

IN ARGENTINA

REF: (A) GENEVA 10075 (B) GENEVA 8877

ICRC SUMMARY OF ITS ARGENTINA PRISONER PROGRAM forwarded

REF A. IN DISCUSSION WITH MISSION OFFICERS, CONVERS AND

CORTHESY OF ICRC OFFERED CONVINCING ARGUMENTS THAT THIS

PROGRAM AFFORDED A SIGNIFICANT DEGREE OF PROTECTION TO THE

ARGENTINIAN PRISONERS, MAINLY IN INHIBITING DISAPPEARANCES,

AND WAS INSTRUMENTAL IN AMELIORATING PRISON CONDITIONS.

THE PROGRAM IS CONTINUING AND WILL REQUIRE AN ADDITIONAL

550,000 SWISS FRANCS FOR THE BALANCE OF CY 1979. A NEW

APPEAL WILL BE REQUIRED FOR THE 1980 PROGRAM, BUT ICRC

DOES NOT WISH TO LAUNCH A NEW APPEAL NOW, PREFERING TO

GIVE THE US AND OTHERS AN OPPORTUNITY TO MAKE QUIET CON-

TRIBUTIONS TO AN ON-GOING PROGRAM. THEY HOPED THE US

COULD NOW CONTRIBUTE. PLEASE ADVISE. VANDEN HEUVEL

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HAD WORKED VERY CLOSE WITH ISRAELI AMBASSADOR FOR LAST FEW YEARS, BUT NOW HE LOST FAITH IN HIM. I EXPLAINED TO MR. TIMMERMAN OF HIGHER REGARD HELD FOR ISRAELI AMBASSADOR NIRDAD IN DIPCORPS. I ALSO TOLD HIM THE ISRAELI AMBASSADOR NIRDAD TO BE A REAL PROFESSIONAL AND NOT OF HIS DEVOTED AND HIGH INTEREST IN HIS HUSBAND'S CASE. I CONCLUDED BY STATING AMBASSADOR NIRDAD AND I WORKED VERY CLOSELY IN OUR EFFORTS TO OBTAIN HER HUSBAND'S FREEDOM. IT BECAME APPARENT THAT SHE WAS PLEASED TO HEAR MY COMMENTS ON NIRDAD. SEE BUENOS AIRES 4/72, PARAGRAPH FIVE.

7. TIMMERMAN THE BRAGGADOCIO: HRS. TIMMERMAN TOLD ME RABBI MYER, HER HUSBAND'S SPIRITUAL COUNSELOR, HAD SUGGESTED TO HER HUSBAND TO BE CAREFUL IN WHAT HE TOLD HIS VISITORS, AS ROOM WAS PROBABLY "BUCKET." HRS. TIMMERMAN DESCRIBED HER HUSBAND AS NOT NORMALLY A BRAGGART, BUT WHEN HE FELT OPRESSED OR MANIFESTATION OF EXAGGERATION APPEARED TO SUM IT UP, HRS. TIMMERMAN STATED HER HUSBAND'S MAIN OBJECTIVE WAS TO LEAVE AND FORGET ARGENTINA EVER EXISTED. SHE SAID HER HUSBAND HAD NO DESIRE TO WRITE, SPEAK OR LECTURE ABOUT HIS EXPERIENCES WHILE INCARCERATED. SHE FELT HER HUSBAND IS NOT MENTALLY CAPABLE AT THIS POINT TO DO ANY OF THESE THINGS. IT WAS MADE CLEAR TO HRS. TIMMERMAN IT WAS NOT INTENTION OF USG TO SILENCE HER HUSBAND HOW HER IN THE FUTURE. THIS WAS SOLELY THEIR DECISION. HRS. TIMMERMAN REPLIED THEIR PRIORITY WAS TO GET HIM OUT OF ARGENTINA AND WORRY ABOUT PHASE TWO AFTER HER HUSBAND'S FREEDOM HAD BEEN OBTAINED.

8. TIMMERMAN SONS TO NEW YORK: PLEASE AS CAN BE, HRS. TIMMERMAN STATED HER YOUNGEST SON WOULD BE REPRESENTING HER HUSBAND IN ONE OF THE NEW YORK UNIVERSITIES TO RECEIVE AN AWARD. SHE ALSO ADDED THIS SAME SON WOULD PROBABLY REMAIN IN NEW YORK CITY AS HE WAS ENGAGED TO A YOUNG LADY FROM THAT CITY. SHE ALSO STATED HER SON MIGHT OBTAIN EMPLOYMENT WITH THE STAFF OF SENATOR KENNEDY.

9. HRS. TIMMERMAN LEFT AS RADIANT AND SPARKLING AS WHEN SHE HAD ARRIVED. SHE REPEATED HER PROMISE TO SEND ME A COPY OF SECOND DRAFT AND ALSO TO COORDINATE ACTIVITIES WITH ISRAELI AMBASSADOR.

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FOR HA (AILEEN ROBINSON), INS/CORAP (MR POTTER)
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E.O. 12065 N/A
TAGS AREF, SHUM, CVIS, AR
SUBJECT HEMISPHERICA PAROLE PROGRAM: TRAVEL PLANS OF MARIA
BEATRIZ COTTANI, A-21 607 717

REF: BUENOS AIRES 4447

1. THE INTERVIEWING CONSULAR OFFICER AND REVIEWING IMMIGRATION
OFFICER HAVE APPROVED THE PAROLE APPLICATION OF MARIA BEATRIZ
COTTANI, 97/78. THE FOLLOWING FILE NUMBER WAS ASSIGNED BY
INS/CO/CORAP: A 21 607 717.

2. MISS COTTANI AND HER PARENTS, WHO ARE ACCOMPANYING HER FOR
A SHORT FAMILY REUNION, SCHEDULED ARRIVED LOS ANGELES JUNE 11
AT 2300 HOURS ABOARD AEROLINEAS ARGENTINAS 378.

3. THE FILE FOR THIS CASE WILL BE POUCHED TO INS/CO AS PER
INSTRUCTIONS. HOWEVER, THE FILE DOES NOT INCLUDE A MEDICAL
EXAMINATION REPORT OR PHOTOGRApHS.

4. HA: PLEASE NOTIFY SPONSORING VOLAG, LIRP, CHILEAN REFUGEE
RESETTLEMENT PROGRAM, 309 - 4TH AVE SEATTLE WASH. 98104,
C/CO MR PATRICK TANAN (206-624-0383) THAT THE ESTIMATED
ARRIVAL TIME IN SEATTLE, WASHINGTON IS JULY 1. THE
COTTANI FAMILY WILL PHONE THE SPONSOR DIRECTLY WITH
EXACT ITINERARY FROM CALIFORNIA.

5. DECONTROL UPON RECEIPT.
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