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E.O. 11652: N/A  
TAGS: PINS, AR  
SUBJECT: ERP COMMANDEERS TV STATION, BROADCASTS STATEMENT

1. NATIONAL TELEVISION CHANNEL 2 WAS INTERRUPTED (NOV 3) AT 10 PM FOR ALMOST AN HOUR WHEN ERP MEMBERS TOOK OVER THE STATION, CUT OFF TPP VISUAL TRANSMISSION AND BROADCAST A 10-MINUTE VOICE TAPE. THE TAPE, WHICH COULD BE CLEARLY HEARD BY VIEWERS, EULOGIZED SLAIN ERP RSADER MARIO SANTUCHO AND CALLED ON THE WORKERS TO STRIKE AND MOBILIZE OPPOSITION AGAINST THE GOVERNMENT. IT ALSO DECLARED THAT HIGH-RANKING ERP MILITANT DOMINGO MENA, WHO WAS RUMORED KILLED BY THE MILITARY IN A RAID IN LATE JULY, WAS NOT DEAD BUT WAS BEING HELD IN CAMPO DE MAYO MILITARY GARRISON (WHICH SUPPORTS OUR OWN INFORMATION. SEE HAB 8387 OF JULY 29, 1976). FOLLOWING THE STATEMENT, PROTEST SONGS AND MARTIAL MUSIC WERE PLAYED AND THEN THE SOUND WAS CUT OFF. ARMY AND POLICE WERE QUICKLY DISPATCHED TO THE TRANSMITTING FACILITY, LOCATED NEAR LA PLATA, AND REGULAR PROGRAMMING WAS RESUMED AT 11 P.M.

2. AT MIDNIGHT, THE ARMY BROADCAST A COMMUNIQUE OVER CHANNEL 2, ATTRIBUTING THE INCIDENT TO SUBVERSIVE DELINQUENTS AND STATING THAT THE SITUATION HAD BEEN BROUGHT UNDER CONTROL WITHOUT VICTIMS. TODAY'S PRESS

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(NOV 4) REPORTED THE INCIDENT BUT DID NOT PRINT WHAT HAD BEEN BROADCAST IN THE ERP DECLARATION.

3. COMMENT: ERP'S ACTION WAS DESIGNED TO REACH A LARGE AUDIENCE, 10 PM BEING PRIME TIME FOR ARGENTINE TELEVISION VIEWERS. THE TACTIC, NOT UNKNOWN, BUT ONE RARELY USED RECENTLY, SUGGESTS THE TERRORIST GROUP INTENDED TO DEMONSTRATE THA THE ERP IS NOT DEAD AND STILL CAPABLE OF DARING ACTS, DESPITE THE RECENT SUCCESSES OF THE GOA'S ANTI-GUERRILLA CAMPAIGN.  
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E.O. 11652: GDS  
TAGS: ASEC, AR  
SUBJECT: CONTINUING MONTONERO ACTIONS AGAINST CHRYSLER ARGENTINA

REF: BUENOS AIRES 7179

1. ON NOVEMBER 3, 1976, LEGATT WAS AGAIN CONTACTED BY HERR LESHINSKY, CHRYSLER SOUTH AMERICA MANAGING DIRECTOR AND SOURCE OF INFORMATION PROVIDED TO LEGATT IN REFTEL. LESHINSKY RELATED THE FOLLOWING. DURING THE LATE AFTERNOON AND EVENING OF NOV. 2, TELEPHONE CALLS WERE RECEIVED AT HOMES OF THE 16 CHRYSLER EXECUTIVES AND MANAGERS WHO HAD PREVIOUSLY RECEIVED THE LETTERS DESCRIBED IN REFTEL. THE CALLERS SAID THEY WERE MONTONEROS AND THE PURPOSE OF THEIR CALL WAS TO CONFIRM RECEIPT OF THE THREAT LETTERS.

2. DURING THE EVENING OF NOV. 2, TWELVE OF THE SAME 16 CHRYSLER EXECUTIVES AND MANAGERS RECEIVED PACKAGES AT THEIR RESIDENCES THROUGH THE ARGENTINE POSTAL SERVICE. THE SON OF ONE OF THE CHRYSLER EXECUTIVE'S OPENED ONE OF THE PACKAGES AND DISCOVERED IT CONTAINED A SMALL COFFIN.

3. ON NOV. 3, CARLOS ROBERTO SOUTO, CHRYSLER LABORATORY MANAGER, WAS ASSASSINATED BY MONTONEROS AS HE LEFT HIS

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RESIDENCE EN ROUTE TO THE CHRYSLER PLANT IN SAN JUSTO. SOUTO WAS 41 YEARS OLD, AN ARGENTINE CITIZEN, WITH A WIFE AND THREE CHILDREN. MRS. SOUTO SAID THAT AS HER HUSBAND WAS RACKING OUT OF THE FAMILY RESIDENCE IN CASTELLAR, PROVINCE OF BUENOS AIRES, TWO MALES WITH STOCKING MASKS, ARMED WITH WHAT WERE BELIEVED TO BE AN ITHACA RIOT GUN AND A SUB-MACHINE GUN, RIDDLED THE CAR. MRS. SOUTO RAN OUT OF THE HOUSE TO PLEAD WITH THE ATTACKERS TO LEAVE HER HUSBAND ALONE, BUT HAD TO RETREAT INTO THE HOUSE WHEN THE ATTACKERS POINTED THE WEAPONS AT HER. MEANWHILE, AFTER HER HUSBAND'S CAR CRASHED INTO A NEIGHBOR'S FENCE AND CAME TO A STOP, THE TWO MEN OPENED THE DRIVER'S DOOR AND FIRED AT SOUTO AT POINT BLANK RANGE. MRS. SOUTO OBSERVED A THIRD TERRORIST IN POSITION DOWN THE STREET FROM THEIR RESIDENCE. TERRORIST WAS A FEMALE AND HER FACE WAS ALSO COVERED BY A STOCKING MASK. AFTER HER HUSBAND HAD BEEN ASSASSINATED, A DODGE 1500 RED SEDAN ENTERED THE BLOCK AT HIGH SPEED AND PICKED UP THE THREE TERRORISTS.

4. RSO COMMENT: ALTHOUGH VARIOUS U.S. COMPANIES HAVE BEEN THE TARGETS OF TERRORIST ACTIONS, CHRYSLER NOW SEEMS TO BE BEARING THE BRUNT OF THE TERRORIST PRESSURE -- THREAT MAIL AND ASSASSINATIONS. HOW LONG CHRYSLER'S MANAGEMENT CAN WITHSTAND THE PRESSURE OF BEING SUBJECT TO MORE TERRORIST ACTIONS IS UNKNOWN AT THIS TIME. ANY FURTHER INFORMATION DEVELOPED ON CHRYSLER'S RESPONSE TO THESE ACTIONS OR FURTHER TERRORIST ACTS AGAINST THEM WILL BE REPORTED ASAP.

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TAGS: PFOR, SHUM, AR, UY  
SUBJECT: GOA SILENT ON URUGUAY REVELATION OF TERRORIST PLOT

REF: (A) STATE 267364; (B) MONTEVIDEO 4161; (C) BUENOS AIRES 6884

1. THE URUGUAYAN GOVERNMENT'S REVELATION OF A TERRORIST ORGANIZATION WHOSE MEMBERS ALLEGEDLY INFILTRATED BACK INTO THE COUNTRY AFTER FEIGNING KIDNAPPINGS IN ARGENTINA HAS RECEIVED NO OFFICIAL COMMENT AND LITTLE PRESS COVERAGE IN ARGENTINA. LA OPINION SATURDAY (OCTOBER 30) AND LA NACION SUNDAY (OCTOBER 31) SUMMARILY REPORTED THE GOU COMMUNIQUE WITHOUT COMMENT, INCLUDING THE ACCUSATION THAT SEVERAL OF THOSE ARRESTED HAD SIMULATED THEIR KIDNAPPING IN ARGENTINA TO DISCREDIT THE TWO GOVERNMENTS. THE PRESS DID NOT RUN THE NAMES OF THE 14 ACCUSED.

2. EMBASSY SOURCES DISPUTE GOU'S VERSION OF THE DISAPPEARANCES. A UNHCR OFFICIAL TOLD EMBOFF TODAY (NOVEMBER 2) THAT 12 OF THE 14 NAMES WERE ON ITS LIST OF URUGUAYAN REFUGEES KIDNAPPED IN JULY AND SEPTEMBER AND THAT WRITS OF HABEAS CORPUS HAD BEEN FILED IN ARGENTINA BY THE FAMILIES OF NINE OF THEM. HE ALSO SAID THAT AT LEAST 24 URUGUAYANS DISAPPEARED IN JULY AND ANOTHER 26 IN SEPTEMBER, WHICH INDICATES THAT NOT ALL OF THEM HAVE BEEN ACCOUNTED FOR (REFTEL B). THE OFFICIAL CLAIMED THAT

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THERE WERE ARGENTINE EYE WITNESSES TO THE KIDNAPPINGS, BUT SAID THAT NO LEGAL TESTIMONY HAD BEEN SWORN IN AT THE TIME AND IT MIGHT BE DIFFICULT TO FIND ARGENTINES WILLING TO TESTIFY AGAINST THE GOA VERSION NOW.

3. COMMENT. OUR EVALUATION OF THE EVIDENCE AND REPORTS WE HAVE CONVINCED US THAT THE KIDNAPPINGS OF URUGUAYAN REFUGEES IN JULY AND SEPTEMBER WERE CARRIED OUT BY ARGENTINE AND URUGUAYAN SECURITY FORCES, ACTING CLANDESTINELY AND IN COOPERATION. AND WHILE IT IS APPARENT THAT URUGUAYAN AUTHORITIES HAVE PREPARED EVIDENCE TO SUPPORT THEIR VERSION, IT IS NOT LIKELY THAT IT WILL BE FULLY BELIEVED, EITHER IN ARGENTINE OR ABROAD. ALONG WITH LAST MONTH'S RUMORS THAT THE DISAPPEARED REFUGEES WERE ALIVE AND IN URUGUAY (REFTEL C), THERE WAS SOME INDICATION THAT ARGENTINE SECURITY FORCES WERE CONCERNED THAT THEIR COOPERATION WITH URUGUAYAN AGENTS IN FORCING THE REPATRIATION OF REFUGEES WOULD BE REVEALED AND SO DESTROY THEIR CLAIMS THAT NO REFUGEE WOULD BE RETURNED TO HIS COUNTRY AGAINST HIS WILL. NEVERTHELESS, SINCE THE GOA ANNOUNCEMENTS WERE PROBABLY COORDINATED WITH GOA BEFOREHAND, IT MAY HAVE BEEN DECIDED THAT THE PUBLIC RELATIONS BENEFIT OF EXPOSING A TERRORIST PLOT AND ADVERTISING GOA'S FAIR AND DECENT TREATMENT OF PRISONERS WOULD OUTWEIGHT ANY ADVERSE SPECULATION. THE POINTED SILENCE FROM GOA AND THE PRESS CAUTION IN REPORTING ON SUBJECT SO FAR SUGGEST THAT GOA CONSIDERS IT URUGUAY'S BABY AND PREFERS TO DIMINISH ITS ROLE AS MUCH AS POSSIBLE.  
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SUBJECT: TERRORISTS BOMB PROVINCIAL POLICE HEADQUARTERS INJURING ELEVEN

1. ELEVEN POLICE OFFICIALS WERE INJURED--THREE SERIOUSLY-- IN A TERRORIST BOMBING OF THE LA PLATA POLICE HEADQUARTERS LAST NIGHT (NOVEMBER 9). THE BOMB APPARENTLY EXPLODED IN THE OFFICE OF ASSISTANT POLICE CHIEF COL. ERNESTO TROTZ DURING A CONFERENCE OF TOP PROVINCIAL POLICE CHIEFS. ANOTHER BOMB PLACED IN THE HEADQUARTERS AMMUNITION DUMP WAS DEACTIVATED BY POLICE. HAD IT GONE OFF, A SPOKESMAN SAID, IT WOULD HAVE BLOWN UP THE ENTIRE BUILDING. NO GROUP CLAIMED RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE BOMBING, ALTHOUGH THE PRESS SPECULATES IT WAS THE MONTONEROS, WHO HAVE BEEN PARTICULARLY ACTIVE IN LA PLATA RECENTLY. SOURCES ALSO SPECULATE THAT IT MUST HAVE BEEN AN "INSIDE JOB" SINCE WHOEVER SET THE BOMB MUST HAVE KNOWN OF THE SCHEDULED MEETING AND HAD ACCESS TO COL. TROTZ'S OFFICE.

2. POLICE IMMEDIATELY CORDONED OFF THE AREA AND BEGAN INTENSIVE SEARCH. FEDERAL POLICE CHIEF EDMUNDO OJEDA, PROVINCIAL GOVERNOR SAINT JEAN, AND OTHER TOP MILITARY OFFICIALS VISITED THE SCENE, REPORTEDLY AUTHORITIES, INCLUDING OJEDA AND FIRST CORPS COMMANDER SUAREZ MASON, MET LATER TO DISCUSS THE ATTACK.

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3. BUENOS AIRES "HERALD" TODAY (NOVEMBER 10) DESCRIBED THE BOMBING AND RECENT MURDERS OF COMPANY EXECUTIVES--EIGHT HAVE BEEN KILLED OUTSIDE THEIR HOMES IN THE LAST THREE MONTHS--AS TERRORIST "TACTICS OF DESPERATION", WHICH IT SAID SUGGESTS TERRORISM IS IN ITS LAST STAGES. IT ALSO POINTED OUT CONTINUING VULNERABILITY OF SECURITY FORCES AND CHIDED POLICE SECURITY.

4. COMMENT. YESTERDAY'S BOMBING ONCE AGAIN SHOWS THE CONTINUING CAPABILITY OF TERRORIST GROUPS TO STAGE SPECTACULAR ATTACKS, AS WELL AS THEIR SUCCESS IN INFILTRATING DEEP INTO THE SECURITY FORCES THEMSELVES. IN LESS THAN FOUR MONTHS, TERRORISTS HAVE MANAGED TO PLACE BOMBS IN THE FEDERAL POLICE SECURITY HEADQUARTERS DINING ROOM, THE REVIEWING STAND IN CAMPO DE MAYO MILITARY GARRISON WHERE PRESIDENT VIDELA GAVE A SPEECH, THE CIRCULO MILITAR AND NOW IN THE PRIVATE OFFICE OF PROVINCIAL POLICE HEADQUARTERS. WHILE ONLY THE FIRST INCIDENT RESULTED IN DEATHS, INJURIES TO POLICE OFFICIALS AND THEIR FAMILIES HAVE BEEN HEAVY. THE TERRORISTS' AIM IS CLEARLY TO SOW SUSPICION WITHIN THE SECURITY FORCES AND PROBABLY TO FORCE THEM INTO EVEN GREATER REPRESSION WHICH COULD BUILD PUBLIC RESISTANCE AND OPPOSITION TO THE GOVERNMENT. HOW SUCCESSFUL THEY HAVE BEEN IS NOT EASY TO JUDGE, ALTHOUGH THERE IS NO DOUBT THE ATTACKS SERVE TO WHIP UP INCREASED FURY AMONG MILITARY AND POLICE OFFICERS AND LIKELY MAKE IT MORE DIFFICULT FOR THE MORE MODERATE AND IMAGE-CONSCIOUS MILITARY LEADERS TO KEEP THEIR PEOPLE IN LINE. (RSO REPORTS THAT TWO POLICE OFFICERS--RECRUITED BY THE MONTONEROS FIVE YEARS EARLIER BEFORE GOING INTO THE POLICE ACADEMY--WERE FOUND RESPONSIBLE FOR THE SECURITY HEADQUARTERS BOMBING. SUBSEQUENTLY, ANOTHER EIGHT POLICE OFFICERS WERE DISCOVERED TO BE OR HAVE CONNECTIONS WITH THE MONTONEROS, RSO SOURCES REPORT.)  
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SUBJECT: W/W: U.S. CITIZEN KILLED: CHRIS ANNA OLSON OLIVA

REF: BUENOS AIRES 6913

1. OLIVA FAMILY IN CORDOBA IS PAYING ALL COSTS SHIPMENT SUBJECT'S REMAINS TO UNITED STATES. REMAINS SCHEDULED FOR SHIPMENT PANAMA FLIGHT 516, DEPARTING BUENOS AIRES 0043 HOURS OCTOBER 22, ARRIVING PANAMA 0545 HOURS OCTOBER 22. CHANGING PLANES PANAMA (SAME FLIGHT NUMBER) DEPARTING PANAMA 0745 HOURS OCTOBER 22 ARRIVING SAN FRANCISCO 1645 HOURS OCTOBER 22. OLSON FAMILY HAVE BEEN ADVISED OF FOREGOING VIA DIRECT RELAY CABLE.

2. ARGENTINE OFFICIALS IN CORDOBA CONFIRMED THAT SUBJECT WAS KILLED WHEN POLICE SURROUNDED HOUSE SUSPECTED OF BEING USED AS GUERRILLA HIDEOUT. UPON ATTEMPTING TO ENTER HOME POLICE WERE ATTACKED AND RETURNED FIRE. SUBJECT WAS FOUND DEAD OUTSIDE HOUSE

3. SUBJECT'S HUSBAND AND BROTHER-IN-LAW CONFIRMED POLICE ACCOUNT. THEY ALSO SAW BODY AT MORGUE WITH BULLET HOLES IN UPPER RIGHT ARM, UPPER LEFT SHOULDER, CHEST, AND LARGE APPARENT SHOTGUN WOUND IN UPPER TORSO.

4. EMBASSY HAS REQUESTED OFFICIAL REPORT CONCERNING DEATH  
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FROM OGA AND IS SEEKING TO RECOVER PERSONAL EFFECTS FOR RETURN TO FAMILY IN UNITED STATES.

5. LOCAL PRESS HAS LARGELY IGNORED U.S. CITIZENSHIP OF DECEASED AND FOREIGN PRESS HAS SHOWN ONLY MODERATE INTEREST. EMBASSY SPOKESMAN IS CONFIRMING DEATH AND US CITIZENSHIP BUT DECLINING TO COMMENT ON ANY OTHER ASPECT OF CASE.

6. EMBASSY HAS JUST RECEIVED INFORMATION THAT GUERRILLA GROUP MAY ATTEMPT TO KIDNAP BODY FOR PUBLICITY PURPOSES. EMBASSY HAS REQUESTED SECURITY BE PROVIDED IN CORDOBA AND BUENOS AIRES.

7. FOR PANAMA. REQUEST EMBASSY ENSURE BODY IS TRANSFERRED BETWEEN PLANES IN ACCORDANCE WITH PARA ONE, ABOVE.  
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1. AT APPROXIMATELY 2130 HOURS YESTERDAY EVENING, OCT 19, AMBASSADOR RECEIVED TELEPHONE CALL FROM MR. DONALD MILBACK SANVILLE, CALIFORNIA ON BEHALF OF MR. CARL OLSON WHO STATED THAT FAMILY HAD RECEIVED INFORMATION THAT DAUGHTER CHRIS ANNA OLSON OLIVA HAD BEEN SHOT AND KILLED BY MILITARY IN CORDOBA, ARGENTINA. HE ALSO REQUESTED THAT BODY BE RETURNED TO UNITED STATES FOR BURIAL.

2. AT 2300 HOURS, OCT 19, EMBASSY CONFIRMED THROUGH BROTHER-IN-LAW IN CORDOBA GUSTAVO OLIVA, THAT SUBJECT WAS PART OF GUERRILLA GROUP AND WAS KILLED IN SKIRMISH WITH MILITARY BETWEEN 0500 AND 0600 HOURS, OCT 19. BATTLE TOOK PLACE OUTSIDE FIAT FACTORY IN CORDOBA.

3. ACCORDING TO BROTHER-IN-LAW SUBJECT HAD BEEN ACTIVE MEMBER OF GUERRILLA GROUP AND HAD GONE INTO HIDING ABOUT 20 DAYS AGO AFTER SHE LEARNED SHE WAS BEING SOUGHT BY POLICE. SUBJECT WAS SEPARATED FROM HUSBAND, CARLOS EDUARDO OLIVA.

4. BODY IS NOW IN FUNERAL HOME DESPONTIN IN CORDOBA. EMBASSY IS ASSISTING FAMILY IN RETURNING BODY TO UNITED STATES FOR BURIAL. OLSON FAMILY IN UNITED STATES.

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STATES WAS INFORMED OF EMBASSY ACTION BY TELEPHONE  
2050 HOURS, OCT 28.

3. REQUEST DEPARTMENT CONSULT WITH FAMILY AND SUBSEQUENTLY  
PROVIDE EMBASSY WITH GUIDANCE FOR DISCUSSING CASE WITH PRESS.  
FATHER IS CARL OLSON TELEPHONE (415) 637-7963, DANVILLE,  
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SUBJECT: DEATH CASE; CHRIS ANNA OLSON OLIVA

REF: BUENOS AIRES 6689

1. FAMILY OF DECEASED REALIZED THAT DECEASED'S ACTIVITIES AND THE MANNER IN WHICH SHE DIED MAY GENERATE PUBLICITY. THEY WOULD PREFER, HOWEVER, THAT THE POST RELEASE LITTLE INFO AS POSSIBLE ON CASE TO NEWS MEDIA.

2. FAMILY REQUEST SHIPMENT REMAINS U.S. HOWEVER, THEY HAVE RECEIVED NO INFO RELATIVE TO ESTIMATED COSTS. POST REQUESTED ADVISE FAMILY OF COSTS VIA DIRECT RELAY CABLE. ADDITIONAL INFO RE CIRCUMSTANCES SURROUNDING DEATH OF OLIVA SHOULD BE REPORTED TO DEPARTMENT FOR RELAY TO FAMILY. ROBINSON

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SUBJECT: ATTACK ON SWEDISH DIPLOMAT'S WIFE

REF: BUENOS AIRES 6694

1. ON OCT. 15, 1976 SWEDISH DIPLOMAT ADVISED THE RSO OF THE FOLLOWING. INQUIRY HAD BEEN CONDUCTED BY THEIR EMBASSY TO DETERMINE WHAT HAD FOCUSED ATTENTION ON THE VICTIM AS DESCRIBED IN REFTEL. THE RESULTS OF THEIR INQUIRY HAD PRODUCED THE FACT THAT AN IMMIGRATION OFFICER WHO HAD BEEN TEMPORARILY ASSIGNED TO THEIR EMBASSY FOR THE PURPOSE OF IDENTIFYING AND PROCESSING REFUGEES WAS "LEFTIST" IN HIS THINKING. FOLLOWING HIS DAILY WORK, HE BECAME ENGAGED WITH INDIVIDUALS OF QUESTIONABLE POLITICAL LEARNINGS AS THEY WOULD RELATE TO THE INCUMBENT GOVT. THIS PARTICULAR OFFICER WAS RESIDING AT THE HOUSE OCCURIED BY THE VICTIM AND HER HUSBAND. APPARENTLY SOME ELEMENT OF THE GOA SECURITY FORCES FOLLOWED THE SWEDISH OFFICER IN QUESTION TO THE RESIDENCE OF THE VICTIM. THE VICTIM, PURSUING UNIVERSITY STUDIES, WAS A STUDENT AT LA PLATA UNIVERSITY IN BUENOS AIRES. THIS SCHOOL HAS THE REPUTATION FOR BEING A HOTBED OF POLITICAL INTRIGUE. IN ADDITION, THE VICTIM WAS AN ARGENTINE CITIZEN.

2. THE SOURCE STATED THAT HIS EMBASSY HAD ARRIVED AT THE

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OPINION THAT THE ACTIONS OF THE TEMPORARY IMMIGRATION OFFICER, COUPLED WITH THE FACT THAT THE VICTIM WAS ATTENDING LA PLATA UNIVERSITY, HAD APPARENTLY BROUGHT THE VICTIM TO THE ATTENTION OF SECURITY FORCES WHO ASSUMED THAT SHE WAS SOMEHOW INVOLVED IN SUBVERSIVE ACTIVITIES. SOURCE FURTHER STATED THAT SINCE VICTIM AND HER HUSBAND HAD RETURNED TO SWEDEN, THE SWEDISH FOREIGN OFFICE HAD BECOME EXTENSIVELY DISTURBED OVER THE SECURITY ENVIRONMENT OF THEIR EMBASSY IN BUENOS AIRES. SWEDISH EMBASSY IN B.A. IS BEING REQUIRED TO FURNISH TO THEIR HOME OFFICE EXTENSIVE INFORMATION CONCERNING RECOMMENDED SECURITY PROGRAM TO PROVIDE BODYGUARD PROTECTION, RESIDENTIAL PROTECTION, AND CHANCERY PROTECTION FOR MEMBERS OF THEIR MISSION. RSD HAS NO WAY OF EVALUATING INFORMATION SUPPLIED BY SOURCE. LA PLATA UNIVERSITY HAS A HISTORY OF POLITICAL ACTIVISM.

3. CONTENTS OF THIS REPORT SHOULD NOT BE DISCUSSED WITH FOREIGN NATIONALS, TO INCLUDE MEMBERS OF THE SWEDISH DIPLOMATIC CORPS.  
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SUBJECT: MILITARY CLUB BOMBING AND OTHER TERRORIST ACTS

REF: (A) BUENOS AIRES 6841; (B) BUENOS AIRES 6834

1. A POWERFUL BOMB EXPLODED IN THE ARMY'S CIRCULO MILITARY OFFICERS CLUB AT 0005 HOURS OCT 17, WOUNDING AT LEAST 50 PERSONS, MOSTLY WOMEN AND CHILDREN, IN THE CLUB CINEMA (SEE REF A). INTERIOR MINISTER HARGUINDEGUY, DEFENSE MINISTER JOSE MARIA KLIX AND FEDERAL POLICE CHIEF EDMUNDO OJEDA VISITED THE BUILDING LATER THE SAME DAY.

2. ACCORDING TO AN ARMY COMMUNIQUE ISSUED OCTOBER 17, THE BOMB CAUSED ONLY INJURIES MOSTLY TO MARRIED WOMEN AND CHILDREN, BUT COULD HAVE RESULTED IN MANY DEATHS. "THIS NEW ACT OF BARBARITY BY AGENTS OF SUBVERSION SHOWS THEIR TOTAL LACK OF RESPECT FOR HUMAN LIFE AND CAN ONLY CAUSE CONSTERNATION AMONG THOSE WHO HAVE A GENUINE RESPECT FOR HUMAN RIGHTS," SAID THE COMMUNIQUE.

3. (A LIST OF THE INJURED WAS NOT RELEASED AND AUTHORITIES WERE INSISTENT THAT THERE WERE NO FATALITIES IN THE EXPLOSION. IT IS BEING RUMORED AROUND TOWN, HOWEVER, THAT PERSONS WERE ACTUALLY KILLED IN THE BLAST AND MANY MORE PERSONS

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WOUNDED, BUT THAT THE MILITARY HAS DECIDED TO SUPPRESS THE MAGNITUDE OF THE CASUALTY LIST IN ORDER NOT TO GIVE SATISFACTION TO THE TERRORIST PERPETRATORS. WE HAVE NO EVIDENCE TO CONFIRM THESE RUMORS.)

4. ELSEWHERE DURING THE WEEKEND, PRIVATE CARS AND BUSES WERE HIT WITH EXPLOSIVES, AND ANONYMOUS THREATS OF BOMBS IN DOWNTOWN PUBLIC MOVIE THEATERS EMPTIED MANY THEATERS. (AN OFFICIAL U. S. EMBASSY CAR WAS ONE OF THOSE DAMAGED BY A BOMB -- SEE REF B. THE EMBASSY DRIVER WAS NOT HURT.) THE BOMBING ATTACKS WERE DOUBTLESS IN COMMEMORATION OF PERONIST LOYALTY DAY OCTOBER 17.

5. COMMENT. OCCURRING JUST DAYS AFTER HIGH-RANKING MILITARY OFFICIALS HARGUINDEGUY AND TUCUMAN GOVERNOR ANTONIO BUSSI BOLDLY ANNOUNCED IN SEPARATE SPEECHES THAT THE FIGHT AGAINST THE TERRORISTS WAS ALL BUT WON, SATURDAY'S AUDACIOUS BOMBING IN THE OFFICERS CLUB CAME AS A RUDE REMINDER THAT IT WASN'T OVER YET. THE ABILITY OF TERRORISTS TO PENETRATE A MILITARY ESTABLISHMENT AND THEIR READINESS TO ATTACK EVEN WOMEN AND CHILDREN ARE A PARTICULAR AFFRONT TO THE MILITARY, AS WAS LAST JULY'S SPECTACULAR BOMBING OF FEDERAL POLICE HEADQUARTERS, IN WHICH 32 PERSONS WERE KILLED. SUCH TERRORIST ATTACKS INCREASE THE SECURITY FORCES' BITTER RESENTMENT TOWARD OUTSIDE CRITICISMS OVER HUMAN RIGHTS, ESPECIALLY AS THEY BELIEVE THAT OUTSIDERS CHOOSE TO IGNORE THE BRUTAL VIOLENCE PERPETRATED BY TERRORIST GROUPS. AND, INDEED, IT WOULD BE HELPFUL TO THE HUMAN RIGHTS EFFORT IN ARGENTINA IF CONCERNED GROUPS IN THE U. S. WOULD CONDEMN SUCH UNCIVILIZED ACTS AS THE BOMBING OF THE CIRCULO MILITAR IN THE SAME WAY THEY CONDEMN BRUTAL ACTS ON THE PART OF THE GOVERNMENT. IN THE PAST, INCIDENTS OF SUCH MAGNITUDE HAVE LED TO RETALIATION AGAINST TERRORISTS AND SUSPECTED TERRORIST PRISONERS. ALTHOUGH THE MOST RECENT INCIDENT--THE BOMBING OF A POLICE BUS KILLING 16 IN ROSARIO IN SEPTEMBER--WAS APPARENTLY NOT FOLLOWED BY RETALIATORY VIOLENCE, IT REMAINS TO BE SEEN HOW THE MILITARY--ONCE AGAIN CHALLENGED CLOSE TO WHERE THEIR FAMILIES AND HONOR ARE AT STATE--WILL REACT THIS TIME.

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3. AN INDIVIDUAL TELEPHONED THE CIRCULO MILITAR AFTER THE BOMBING, CLAIMING CREDIT IN THE NAME OF THE MONTONEROS.

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4. RSO COMMENT: THE OCCASION OF THE GATHERING WAS THE SHOWING OF A MOTION PICTURE. THIS ACTIVITY, WHICH IS ATTENDED BY MILITARY MEMBERS, THEIR DEPENDENTS AND GUESTS, IS ROUTINE IN THIS FACILITY. THIS ATTACK DIFFERS SOMEWHAT FROM THOSE OF THE PAST IN THAT IT WAS DIRECTED MORE AT DEPENDENTS THAN MILITARY PERSONNEL THEMSELVES. THIS IS THE SECOND SUCH ATTACK IN RECENT DAYS, THE FIRST BEING AN ATTEMPT ON VIDELA'S LIFE AS REPORTED IN BUENOS AIRES 6618. CLEARLY, THE BOMB AT THE CIRCULO MILITAR WAS INTENDED TO MARK OCTOBER 17, PERONIST LOYALTY DAY.

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