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SUBJECT: INCREASED ACTIVITY BY MONTONEROS AND PEOPLE'S REVOLUTIONARY ARMY (ERP) [Redacted]

SUMMARY: IN MARCH 1978 BOTH THE MONTONEROS AND THE PEOPLE'S REVOLUTIONARY ARMY (ERP) INCREASED THEIR MILITARY ACTIVITY. THE MONTONEROS PLAN TO WAGE A PROPAGANDA CAMPAIGN DURING THE WORLD CUP SOCCER MATCHES ACCUSING THE GOVERNMENT OF RULING BY TERROR. [Redacted]

[Redacted] AT PRESENT THERE ARE ABOUT 600 MONTONEROS ACTIVISTS INSIDE AND OUTSIDE ARGENTINA. BOTH THE MONTONEROS AND THE ERP HAVE SUPPORT BASES IN BRAZIL, AND THE ERP HAS PLANS TO ESTABLISH A BASE IN BOLIVIA. END SUMMARY.

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2. SINCE EARLY MARCH 1978, THE MONTONEROS HAVE INCREASED THEIR MILITARY ACTIVITY THROUGH SMALL-SCALE OPERATIONS, INCLUDING SHOOTINGS AND THE PLACEMENT OF PIPE BOMBS. THE ACTS ARE INTENDED TO APPEAR AS SPONTANEOUS POPULAR REACTIONS AGAINST THE GOVERNMENT RATHER THAN AS

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ACTS CARRIED OUT BY THE MONTONEROS.

3. THE MONTONEROS PLAN TO INITIATE A PROPAGANDA CAMPAIGN DURING THE WORLD CUP SOCCER MATCHES IN ARGENTINA ACCUSING THE MILITARY JUNTA OF RULING BY TERROR. THE PROPAGANDA METHODS TO BE EMPLOYED WILL INCLUDE THE DISTRIBUTION OF POSTERS DEPICTING THE RIVER PLATE STADIUM (WHERE THE MATCHES ARE TO BE HELD) SURROUNDED BY BARBED WIRE AND THE CIRCULATION OF RUMORS ON THE APPEARANCE OF CORPSES AND THE EXISTENCE OF CONCENTRATION CAMPS HOLDING THOUSANDS OF PEOPLE. IN ORDER TO DISSEMINATE THE PROPAGANDA, THE MONTONEROS PLAN TO INITIATE CLANDESTINE RADIO TRANSMISSIONS.

4. THE PEOPLE'S REVOLUTIONARY ARMY (ERP) ALSO RENEWED MILITARY ACTIVITIES IN MARCH 1978. SINCE 11 MARCH 1978, THE ERP HAS BEEN RESPONSIBLE FOR NINE TERRORIST ACTS IN THE GENERAL CAPITAL AND GREATER BUENOS AIRES AREA. THE LOW-LEVEL OF ERP ACTIVITY PRIOR TO MARCH HAD LED SECURITY FORCES TO CONCLUDE THAT THE ERP WAS NEARLY DESTROYED. THE SECURITY FORCES NOW BELIEVE THAT THE ERP HAS SUCCESSFULLY REORGANIZED (AT LEAST IN THE BUENOS AIRES AREA) TO AN EXTENT PERMITTING THEM TO BOTH CARRY OUT ARMED ACTS AND ELUDE THE SECURITY FORCES.

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5. THE ERP HAS ESTABLISHED A BASE IN BRAZIL WHERE MEMBERS RECEIVE INSTRUCTIONS AND DOCUMENTATION. THE ERP IS ATTEMPTING TO ESTABLISH ANOTHER BASE IN BOLIVIA, BUT NOT UNTIL ERP MEMBERS OUTSIDE OF ARGENTINA BEGIN RETURNING TO ARGENTINA VIA BOLIVIA WILL THE SECURITY

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FORCES KNOW WHETHER THE ERP HAS BEEN SUCCESSFUL. ERP MEMBERS LIVING IN ARGENTINA HAVE RE-ESTABLISHED CONTACT AMONG THEMSELVES AND MEET ONCE A MONTH TO RECEIVE INSTRUCTIONS AND THE ERP'S NEWSPAPER.

A LIMITED NUMBER OF NEWSPAPERS ARE PRINTED WITH ONE COPY DISTRIBUTED TO EACH ACTIVIST FOR PERSONAL USE

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THERE ARE CURRENTLY ABOUT 600

MONTONEROS BOTH WITHIN AND OUTSIDE ARGENTINA. THIS NUMBER INCLUDES THOSE WHO HAVE SERVED IN A SUPPORT CAPACITY. IN ADDITION THERE ARE SEVERAL HUNDRED SYMPATHIZERS WHO ARE CONSIDERED INCLINED TO BE ACTIVISTS BUT WHO HAVE NOT PARTICIPATED IN VIOLENT MONTONERO ACTIVITIES.

DO NOT BELIEVE THAT THE MONTONEROS WILL ENGAGE IN ACTIVITIES, SUCH AS THE PLACEMENT OF BOMBS AT THE STADIUM, DURING THE WORLD CUP SOCCER MATCHES WHICH WOULD PHYSICALLY HARM THE ARGENTINE PEOPLE. INSTEAD, THE MONTONEROS PLAN TO CONCENTRATE ON THE PROPAGANDA CAMPAIGN AND TO DRAW ON THE SERVICES OF SYMPATHETIC FOREIGN JOURNALISTS. THEY PLAN TO DIRECT

JOURNALISTS TO SITES DEPICTING MISERY AND REPRESSION. THE MONTONEROS WILL SET OFF BOMBS THROUGHOUT THE CITY BUT ONLY AFTER FIRST ALERTING JOURNALISTS TO THE TIME AND PLACE.

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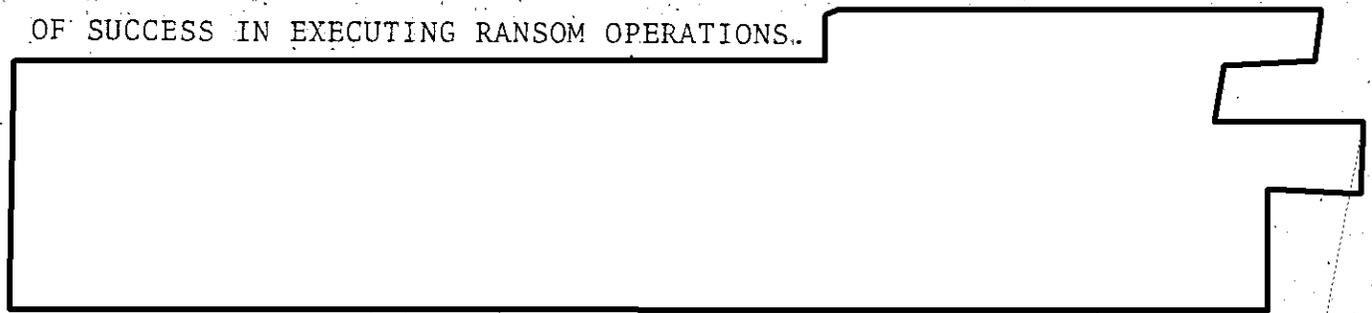


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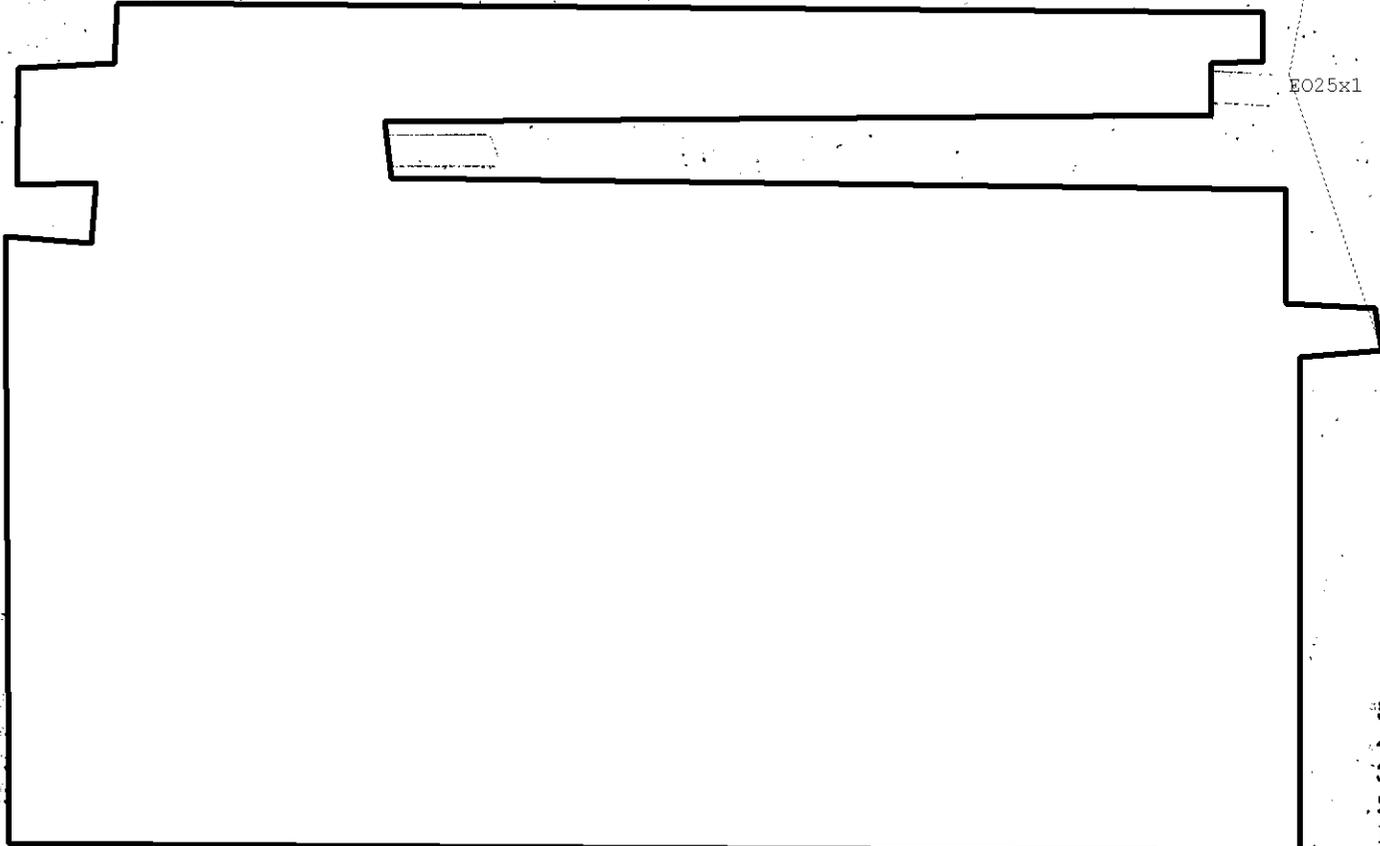
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8. MONTONERO FINANCES HAVE BEEN DAMAGED BY THE RECENT LACK
OF SUCCESS IN EXECUTING RANSOM OPERATIONS.



9. ALTHOUGH THE ERP HAS BEEN ALMOST COMPLETELY DESTROYED, IT
STILL RETAINS THE BASIC STRUCTURE TO BECOME POTENTIALLY DANGEROUS.



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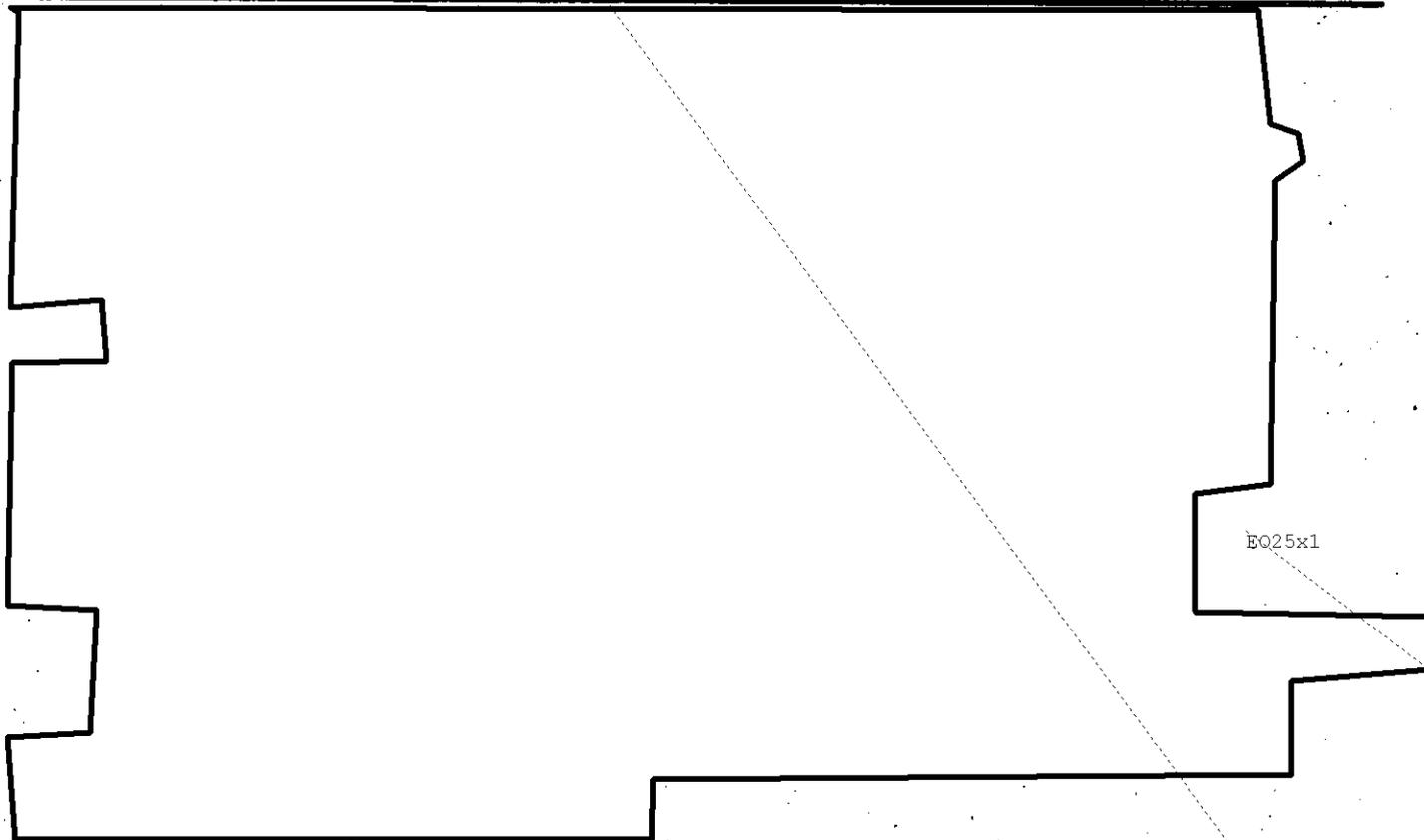


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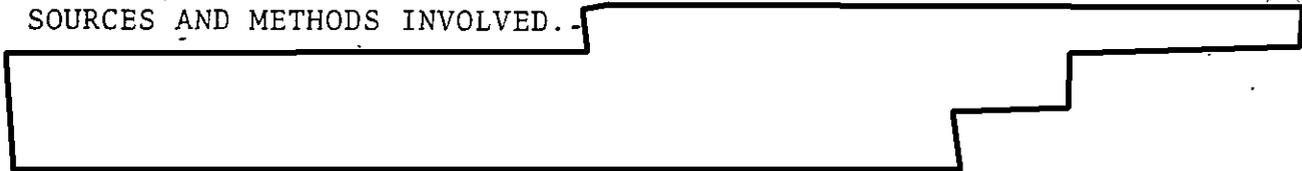
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SUMMARY

Since 1976 the terrorist threat in all areas of Argentina has diminished substantially. The two major terrorist groups in Argentina, the People's Revolutionary Army (ERP) and the Montoneros, have suffered severe losses. Most of their top leaders have been killed, captured, or forced to flee the country. Several small terrorist groups have been completely eliminated. Terrorist membership rolls have been depleted by perhaps as much as 85 percent. Kidnapping as a terrorist tactic has almost completely disappeared due to the lack of personnel and the inability of cells or platoons to coordinate activities. The majority of recent terrorist activities has been directed against soft targets, especially government officials without guards, and business executives. (S/GDS declas 12/31/84)

Argentine security officials believe that the terrorists will not disrupt the World Cup through violence but will use the games as an opportunity to gain publicity. There is no intelligence to indicate that international terrorists have attempted to enter Argentina although the Argentine government fears they may try. (S/GDS declas 12/31/84)

Although the view that the games will not be disrupted by violence is based on several intelligence reports and Montonero public statements to this effect, there are also intelligence reports that indicate certain elements of the Montoneros may be planning spectacular acts of violence for the games. Argentine authorities have expressed their apprehension about this group, and have added additional security forces for protection at the World Cup. (S/GDS declas 12/31/84)

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BACKGROUND

The decline of terrorism in Argentina has been attributed to the successes of the military and police security services, functioning in both combined and individual operations. Before the military took over the government on March 24, 1976, in a bloodless coup, Argentina was on the edge of anarchy with daily kidnappings, murders and public bombings. From 1970 to 1976, approximately 3,000 persons died during political violence in Argentina. The inability of President Isabel Peron to control the terrorists, and the rapidly deteriorating economy led to the military takeover. Since the military took power, it is estimated that about 4,000 guerrillas have been killed. (UNCLAS)

At their peak effectiveness from 1973 to 1976, the ERP and the Montoneros ranked among the most effectively trained, financed and most deadly proficient of their kind in the world. Argentine terrorist successes provided an example for other terrorists all over the world. The recent kidnappings in Western Europe appear patterned after successful Montonero and ERP operations. (UNCLAS)

Besides the political violence that the terrorists brought to Argentina, the two major extremist groups cost the nation scores of millions of dollars and contributed to the economic crisis. Ransoms extracted exceeded more than US \$100 million. Foreign heads of businesses with branches in Buenos Aires abandoned Argentina by the hundreds out of fear. For three years there was no new major foreign investment in Argentina. (S/GDS declass 12/31/83)

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THE ERP

The ERP, a Marxist-Trotskyite organization, was founded in 1970 by Mario Roberto Santucho. It was considered the best organized, most intelligent and highly motivated of the Argentine terrorist groups, and for several years, Argentine security forces were unable to stop the ERP's wave of urban terrorism. The demise of the ERP began in 1975 when the ERP, deciding the time had come for a shift from urban terrorism to classical rural guerrilla movement, launched an operation in Tucuman. It was a disaster, and the ERP suffered great losses. The organization was further crippled in July 1976 when Santucho was killed by the security forces. What was left of ERP leadership moved abroad. (S/NOFORN/NOCONTRACT/XGDS-1,2)

The ERP has suffered great losses and until March of this year, their low level of activities had led Argentine security forces to conclude that the ERP was nearly destroyed. In March the ERP renewed military operations and was responsible for nine terrorist acts in and around Buenos Aires leading the Argentine security forces to believe that the ERP has successfully reorganized (at least in Buenos Aires) to an extent permitting them to both carry out armed attacks and elude the security forces. Argentine authorities estimate ERP membership to be approximately 200-275 members, of whom only 20 are considered to be the combat cadre. (S/NOFORN/NOCONTRACT/XGDS-2)

In 1973, the ERP founded the Revolutionary Coordinating Junta (JCR), composed of Latin American extremist organizations from several Latin American countries with headquarters eventually established in Western Europe. However, wide contacts have since been established with revolutionary groups throughout Latin America. The JCR was never able to become a viable international terrorist group, partly due to the high degree of nationalism of its members. The JCR has suffered as a result of the decline of the ERP, which initially provided most of the funds and logistical support. (S/NOFORN/NOCONTRACT/XGDS-1,2)

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THE MONTONEROS

The Montoneros, named after a mounted band of "patriotic irregulars" that roamed Argentina's plains in the mid-nineteenth century, is the largest terrorist organization in Argentina. Its roots can be traced back to 1955 to the Peronist Revolutionary Movement which formed shortly after the fall of Peron in 1955. By the early 1970's, the Montoneros were dedicated to the return of Peronism to power and the establishment of a "socialist fatherland." However, the Peronist movement that took power in 1973 was a changed movement. During Peron's absence, major polarization had developed between the more moderate and labor-centered old-line Peronists and the younger Peronists who considered themselves "revolutionary." The Montoneros who assumed the position of the military arm of the "revolutionary" young Peronists were soon in conflict with the more numerous moderate elements of the movement. They began to become disenchanted with Juan Peron's conservative policies. A few months after Peron's death in July 1974, the Montoneros went underground, declaring war on the "fascists" who had taken control of the movement. They were declared illegal by Isabel Peron's government in December 1975. (✓NOFORN/NOCONTRACT/XGDS-1,2)

By the time of their open break with the Isabel Peron's government, the Montoneros had become an extremely powerful military and political force. Some security elements estimated their strength to be between 7,000 and 10,000 with several thousand sympathizers in the Argentine population. Since March 1976, Argentine police and military have had considerable success against the Montoneros. (✓GDS declas 12/31/83)

The Montoneros are no longer able to carry out intricate kidnappings or assassinations. They have suffered numerous casualties and what is left of their leadership has fled to Europe, Mexico or Brazil. Argentine security forces believe that Montonero explosive technicians

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were sent abroad, presumably to the Middle East. They have a weak logistics and intelligence system, and it is difficult for them to recruit personnel. Their resources are depleted, and they have suffered many major defections, in some cases of high ranking personnel. Many of these defectors are collaborating with Argentine security officials. It is currently estimated that there are 450 to 500 Montonero combatants, of which 150 are outside of Argentina.
(S/GDS declas 12/31/84)

Due to their heavy losses, the Montoneros have been forced to change their tactics. For the last year and one half they have concentrated on "soft" targets. Their acts are sponsored by small groups of three to four people and are directed against business executives, management officials and security officials, when they can. Because of their present military weakness, the Montoneros have increased their efforts in the political/labor sector, and are trying to forge an identification with dissatisfied workers and capitalize on the harsh economic situation.
(S/NOFORN/NOCONTRACT/XGDS-2)

The most serious threat from the Montoneros today is their use of remote controlled explosives which can be planted in a car beside a road. These devices can be detonated when the targetted person or vehicle is next to the car. The radio controlled devices have coded sending and receiving units which prevent the scanners from detecting the frequency that the detonated device is operating on. The Montoneros have also begun to use an improved plastique explosive.
(S/GDS declas 12/31/83)

Unlike the ERP which was composed of a hard core of professional, organized terrorists with a minimum of popular support, the Montoneros are a more loosely organized group with wider support. The ERP was the more doctrinairely Marxist and often criticized the Montoneros as being opportunists without

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a definable ideology. Nevertheless, it is the Montoneros who survive as the main viable terrorist group in Argentina, due chiefly to its size and support from Peronist sympathizers. The Montoneros have recently renewed their identification with Peronist left-wing politicians in exile and have increasingly used the name the "Montonero-Peronist Movement." Because of the continued support the Montoneros receive from many Argentines, the movement will not be easy to defeat. (S/NOFORN/NOCONTRACT/XGDS-1,2)

SECURITY OF AMERICANS IN ARGENTINA

The Embassy evaluation of the security problem is that the situation has been greatly improved. Restrictions have been eased for travel of official USG personnel outside of Buenos Aires, and U.S. businessmen are being told that, provided they practice good security precautions, they can return to Buenos Aires. (S/GDS declas 12/31/84)

The Montoneros may choose not to target U.S. officials because they feel that the U.S. human rights position favors the terrorists as opposed to the Argentine government, and consequently any terrorist act against U.S. personnel would tarnish their image and be counterproductive. Argentine officials note that the records obtained from raids on terrorist intelligence centers reflect no updating of lists concerning USG personnel since 1975 and cite this as reflective of a lack of interest in attacking U.S. or other diplomatic personnel. It should be noted, however, that even in 1975, when the ERP and Montoneros were at their peak strength and there were numerous opportunities to attack USG personnel in Buenos Aires, no such attempts were made, although the Embassy was aware of some surveillance of USG persons. At that time, the U.S. had not espoused its position on human rights which apparently at the present time terrorists feel is favorable to their movement. (S/GDS declas 12/31/83)

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Although the prevalent opinion is that U.S. personnel are not targets of terrorist activists, there is no guarantee that if this is true it will remain true indefinitely. With freer targetting by the cells and the lack of central leadership, a group may choose any easy target for attack without weighing whether or not this activity would be politically counter-productive. Also, they may come to feel that the U.S. human rights policy, which heretofore may have been in their favor, is in reality not helping their cause. Their instinctive distrust and animosity toward the United States as "capitalist exploiter" may outweigh other considerations. (S/GDS declass 12/31/84)

WORLD CUP SECURITY

At this time, based on all available information, another Munich type terrorist incident is not expected; however, given the security environment in Argentina of the last five years, neither Argentine security services [redacted] can guarantee that an attempt will not be made during the games. Argentine security officials have stated [redacted] believe the terrorists will not initiate any action that would be harmful to the spectators or disrupt the games, such as placing bombs in a stadium, but will use the games as an opportunity to spread their propaganda to the world. On the other hand, [redacted] they fear that an independent military unit not under control of the main Montonero political unit may be planning an attack. (S [redacted])

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[redacted] the Montoneros have now agreed upon their policy for activity during the World Cup. Their policy would be based on passive demonstrations aimed at provoking Argentine security forces into violent countermeasures. The Montoneros will endeavor to infiltrate numbers of their supporters

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back into Argentina in the guise of fans and tourists. Because of the large number of visitors to Argentina, the Montoneros believe that Argentine authorities will not be able to screen as effectively, and they believe that a good number will slip through.

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The Montoneros expect that sympathetic foreign journalists will facilitate their propaganda efforts. Their propaganda strategy will be to accuse the government of ruling by terror. They plan to circulate rumors on the appearance of corpses and the existence of concentration camps containing thousands of people. They plan to initiate clandestine radio transmissions and interrupt the color television broadcasting system. Argentine security forces believe that the terrorists may set off bombs in Buenos Aires during the games but only after first alerting journalists as to time and place. (S) [REDACTED]

As the World Cup approaches, [REDACTED] noted a definite change in Montonero tactics. Since early March the Montoneros have increased their military operations, including shootings and the placement of pipe bombs. They are making an effort to make these acts appear spontaneous, thus appearing not as acts carried out by the Montoneros, but as actions perpetuated against the government by a genuinely disenchanted public. (S) [REDACTED]

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Despite public statements by Montonero leaders that they will not disrupt the games through violence and the belief [REDACTED] that the terrorists will not harm spectators or players, [REDACTED]

concern that the terrorists could be planning a spectacle that may be violent. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] the Montoneros are concentrating on the assassination of principal government figures and plan to kill at least four before the World Cup.

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Argentine officials are concerned that violence may come from a Montonero military action unit which is not under the control of the main political unit. According to Argentine officials, the Montoneros have two special combat troop units in the country of 4-5 members each: trained abroad, considered to be high calibre, extremely dangerous, and the best cadre the Montoneros have in Argentina. They are not directly connected with the national organization and take their orders from abroad. Argentine security services are reportedly extremely anxious to apprehend this group prior to the World Cup. (S/GDS declass 12/31/86)

Also a source of concern [redacted] are possible plans of Argentine terrorists in Uruguay and Brazil for terrorist acts during the Cup. In December 1977, the Uruguyan government captured eight Montoneros who they claimed were involved with plans to launch terrorist operations during the Cup. [redacted]

[redacted] Montoneros [redacted] was planning to mount at least two spectacular operations in each of the cities where the games were to be held; the objective would be to attract world attention to their organization and to demonstrate to the world that the Montonero movement is not defunct. (S [redacted])

[redacted] international terrorist groups including the Black September Organization and the Red Sun (sic), are planning a wave of terrorist activity during the Cup; however, the prospects of the Black September Organization being active in Latin America, especially linking up with the Montoneros, is highly unlikely. Red Sun is not a known terrorist group. (S [redacted])

The West German Embassy was reported to be concerned that German terrorists would travel to Argentina to commit a terrorist act. They have no specific information but it is a source of considerable concern on

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their part. West German security officials recently travelled to Argentina checking the stadium and residence sites. Although there have been recent reports that members of the German Red Army Faction were in Central and South America, these rumors appear so far to be completely unfounded. There is little likelihood of cooperation between the Montoneros and the Red Army Faction. (S/GDS declas 12/31/84)

The Argentines have created a special unit within the army command, headed by General Juan Alberto Pita, to provide increased protection during the World Cup. Five thousand soldiers have reportedly been detailed to this assignment. There will be increased controls on foreigners entering Argentina. It is likely that security will be tight where the players are residing. They have set up a special communications unit to prevent interruptions of the television broadcasting facility. (S/NOFORN/GDS declas 12/31/84)

The main indicators that another Munich incident will probably not occur in Argentina are the increased security measures instituted by the Argentine security forces for the games, the limited capabilities of the Argentine terrorists, lack of any intelligence that international terrorists have entered Argentina, and intelligence indicating they do not plan to commit violent terrorist acts. (S/GDS declas 12/31/84)

It is conceivable, but unlikely, that a Montonero cell, especially the Montonero military foreign directed branch, would attempt to target a prominent American whose presence is widely publicized. It is also possible that an American visitor could be unintentionally involved as a result of a terrorist attack on an Argentine target. It would seem more likely that the presence of a foreign dignitary of the stature of Dr. Kissinger would provoke an incident designed to discredit the Argentine government and emphasize the alleged abuse of human rights in Argentina. Argentine security officials can be expected to be especially concerned for the safety of distinguished foreign visitors, and this should provide an extra measure of security. (FOU)

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REPRESENTATIVES OF WEST GERMAN, FRENCH AND BRITISH INTELLIGENCE SERVICES HAD VISITED THE CONDOR ORGANIZATION SECRETARIAT IN BUENOS AIRES DURING THE MONTH OF SEPTEMBER 1977 IN ORDER TO DISCUSS METHODS FOR ESTABLISHMENT OF AN ANTI-SUBVERSIVE ORGANIZATION SIMILAR TO CONDOR. THEY WERE ALSO INTERESTED IN ALL THE MANAGEMENT, ADMINISTRATIVE AND TECHNICAL ASPECTS RELATED TO CONDOR.

REPRESENTATIVES HAD EXPLAINED

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SUBVERSIVE THREAT HAD REACHED SUCH DANGEROUS LEVELS IN EUROPE THAT THEY BELIEVED IT BEST IF THEY POOLED THEIR INTELLIGENCE RESOURCES IN A COOPERATIVE ORGANIZATION SUCH AS CONDOR. THEY EMPHASIZED, HOWEVER, THAT IF SUCH AN ORGANIZATION WERE ESTABLISHED, ALL THEIR OPERATIONS AGAINST SUBVERSIVES WOULD BE CLOSELY COORDINATED SO THAT THE SERVICE OF ONE COUNTRY WOULD NOT OPERATE UNILATERALLY IN ANOTHER COUNTRY.

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COMMENT:

[REDACTED] THERE IS NO INFORMATION AVAILABLE TO CONFIRM THE REPORTED VISIT OF THE REPRESENTATIVE OF THE FRENCH INTELLIGENCE SERVICE TO ARGENTINA, AND THERE IS NO KNOWLEDGE OF ANY FRENCH INTENTION TO FORM A CONDOR-TYPE ORGANIZATION WITH THE BRITISH OR WEST GERMANS. IT IS POSSIBLE, HOWEVER, INASMUCH AS THIS TYPE OF ORGANIZATION WOULD BE OF INTEREST TO THE FRENCH EXTERNAL INTELLIGENCE SERVICE (SDECE.)

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6. The plan, which is signed "Carlos", was sent under a covering letter to "Companero Secretario General de Grifa, Gavona, Italia" and is said to be one of 20 copies.

[REDACTED] Comment: "Grifa" probably is identical with an Italian leftist group, CRIFA (Commissione di Relazione Internazionale delle Federazione Anarchiche - Commission for International Relations of Anarchist Federations), which has its headquarters in Savona, near Genoa.)



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4830, DATED 23 JUNE 1978, REPORTED THE USE OF ROCKET PROPELLED GRENADES IN ATTACKS ON THE GOVERNMENT HOUSE, AND

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THE HEADQUARTERS OF THE 601ST INTELLIGENCE BATTALION ON 18 AND 18 JUNE RESPECTIVELY. [Redacted]
[Redacted] DATED 22 JUNE 1978 REPORTED THAT A SOVIET RPG-7 GRENADE LAUNCHER HAD BEEN USED IN THE ATTACK AGAINST THE GOVERNMENT HOUSE.)

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COUNTRY: ARGENTINA.

SUBJECT: CONFIRMATION OF USE OF SOVIET DESIGN RPG-7 PROJECTILES BY TERRORIST ELEMENTS DURING JUNE 1978 ATTACKS ON ARGENTINE GOVERNMENT INSTALLATIONS

[Redacted]

1. [Redacted] THE EXPLOSIVE PROJECTILES USED BY UNKNOWN TERRORIST ELEMENTS IN THE JUNE ATTACKS AGAINST ARGENTINE GOVERNMENT INSTALLATIONS WERE SOVIET DESIGN "PG-7" ANTI-TANK, ARMOR PIERCING GRENADES FIRED FROM EITHER A "RPG-7" OR A "RPG-7V" ROCKET LAUNCHER. THERE

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WERE FIVE ATTACKS IN WHICH THIS WEAPON WAS USED. HOWEVER, ONE OF THE ROCKETS, FIRED AGAINST THE GOVERNMENT HOUSE (CASA ROSADA) FAILED TO DETONATE UPON IMPACT AND WAS RECOVERED BY GOVERNMENT FORCES. UPON EXAMINATION BY POLICE BALLISTIC EXPERTS THE PROJECTILE PROVED TO BE A "PG-7".

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2. [Redacted]

3. COMMENT: BUENOS AIRES EMBASSY TELEGRAM

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Use of Soviet Weapons by Argentine Terrorists

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[redacted] the explosive projectiles used by unknown terrorist elements in attacks during the week of 17 to 24 June were Soviet-designed "RPG-7" antitank armor-piercing grenades fired from either an "RPG-7" or an "RPG-7V" rocket launcher. Authorities believe there were five attacks in which this weapon was used, including three attacks in June against government installations. In each instance, the terrorists fired a missile from the sunroof of a Peugeot parked about 200 to 300 meters from the target.

The first attack was against the headquarters of the military factories. The grenade exploded against a pole in front of the factories and caused little damage. In the second attack, directed against the Government House (Casa Rosada), the rocket-powered grenade failed to detonate on impact.

[redacted] to be a Soviet-made weapon. The third attack reportedly took place at the Argentine Naval Mechanics School.

Not only is this the first known instance of the use of this weapon by terrorist groups in Argentina, it is also the first reported use of any Soviet-manufactured weapons by Argentine terrorists, aside from a few AK-47 rifles occasionally recovered by the authorities.

[redacted] believe the Montoneros were responsible for the attacks. They feel that the weapons may have been obtained from elements of the Palestine Liberation Organization (PLO) as a result of discussions in 1977 between Mario Firmenich, a Montonero leader, and PLO leader Yassir Arafat. (SECRET [redacted])

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1. COUNTRY: ARGENTINA (AR)
2. REPORT NUMBER: [REDACTED]
3. TITLE: (U) SECURITY-EXPLOSION KILLS DAUGHTER OF NAVY CHIEF OF STAFF (U)
4. PROJECT NUMBER: N/A
5. DATE OF INFORMATION: 780801, 780802
6. DATE OF REPORT: 780802
7. DATE AND PLACE OF ACQUISITION: 780801, 780802, BUENOS AIRES
8. REFERENCES: [REDACTED]
9. ASSESSMENT: [REDACTED]
10. ORIGINATOR: [REDACTED]
11. REQUEST EVALUATION: OMIT
12. PREPARING OFFICER: [REDACTED]
13. APPROVING AUTHORITY: [REDACTED]
14. SOURCE: A. MEDIA-"LA NACION" 780801 B. [REDACTED] ASUNCION, PARAGUAY, 780801 C. MEDIA-"BUENOS AIRES HERALD" 780802
15. SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS: DIRC-ND
16. (U) SUMMARY: A BOMB EXPLOSION IN A RESIDENTIAL AREA OF BUENOS AIRES HAS RESULTED IN THE DEATH OF THE DAUGHTER OF NAVY CHIEF OF STAFF, VADM ARMANDO LAMBRUSCHINI, MEDIA REPORTS.
22. (U) DETAILS: LOCAL RADIO BROADCASTS CONFIRM PRESS REPORTS AND [REDACTED] REPORT THAT AN EXPLOSION IN AN APARTMENT BUILDING IN THE NORTHERN SECTION OF BUENOS AIRES HAS RESULTED IN NUMEROUS INJURIES AND FATALITIES. INCLUDING THE DAUGHTER OF ARGENTINE NAVY CHIEF OF STAFF, VADM LAMBRUSCHINI, WHOSE FAMILY RESIDED IN THE BUILDING. ACCORDING TO PRESS REPORTS, THE EXPLOSION OCCURRED AT 0440Z, ON 780801. THE FEDERAL POLICE CHIEF, GEN. RENE OJEDA, AND NAVY CINC ADMIRAL EMILIO MASSERA, INSPECTED THE SITE SHORTLY AFTER THE EARLY A.M. EXPLOSION. SECURITY IN THE AREA IS EXTREMELY TIGHT, REPORTS SAY, BECAUSE THE EXPLOSION RENDERED THE STRUCTURE PRECARIOUSLY

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UNSTABLE.

2. (U) SOURCE C, THE BUENOS AIRES HERALD, IN FRONT-PAGE HEADLINES, REPORTED THE DAY AFTER THE EXPLOSION THAT TWO OTHER PEOPLE BESIDES VADM LAMBRUSCHINI'S DAUGHTER HAD BEEN KILLED, WITH AT LEAST TEN OTHERS WOUNDED IN ONE OF THE WORST TERRORIST BOMB ATTACKS EVER MADE IN BUENOS AIRES.

3. (U) ACCORDING TO THE HERALD, THE EXPLOSIVE DEVICE WENT OFF IN A VACANT BEDROOM OF THE BUILDING TO THE RIGHT OF AND ONE FLOOR BELOW THAT OF THE LAMBRUSCHINI APARTMENT. THE BOMB WAS ALLEGEDLY PLACED ON THE CEILING OF THE EMPTY SECOND FLOOR APARTMENT NUMBERED PACHECO DE MELO 1957 LOCATED IN THE BARRIO NORTE SECTION OF BUENOS AIRES.

4. (U) THE BOMB WHEN IT EXPLODED TORE INTO THE BEDROOM OF PAULA LAMBRUSCHINI IN HER PARENTS' THIRD FLOOR APARTMENT IN THE ADJACENT BUILDING. CONTINUING NEWSPAPER COMMENTS REPORTED THAT THE BOMB WAS PROBABLY PLACED BY TWO YOUNG MEN WHO GAINED ENTRANCE TO THE VACANT APARTMENT ON MONDAY EVENING BY CLAIMING TO BE POLICEMEN LOOKING FOR EVIDENCE OF DRUGS USED BY THE FORMER OCCUPANTS.

5. (U) THE HERALD WENT FURTHER STATING THAT AN ARMY COMMUNIQUE ISSUED ON THE EVENING OF 1 AUGUST 1978 AND SIGNED BY CORP COMMANDER GEN. GUILLERMO SUAREZ-MASON CHARGED THAT "ORGANIZATIONS AND COUNTRIES WHICH CALL THEMSELVES DEFENDERS OF HUMAN RIGHTS HAVE ONCE MORE FAILED TO RAISE THEIR VOICES FOR THESE INNOCENT VICTIMS SINCE THEY DO NOT BELONG TO THE SECTOR THEY (THESE ORGANIZATIONS AND COUNTRIES) ARE DEFENDING". COMMENTS. [REDACTED] AS YET, NO TERRORIST ORGANIZATION HAS TAKEN CREDIT FOR THE BOMBING. THERE IS A GOOD POSSIBILITY THAT NONE WILL, SINCE NO RALLYING CRY OR POPULARITY CAN BE GAINED IN ARGENTINA BY KILLING AN INNOCENT CHILD, AND AN OLD WOMAN.

TERRORIST ACTS SUCH AS THIS SERVE TO PLAY INTO THE HANDS OF THE HARD-LINERS AMONG THE SECURITY FORCES WHO CAN EXPECT TO USE IT AS AN EXAMPLE OF WHY STRINGENT SECURITY MEASURES MUST BE MAINTAINED, AS EXEMPLIFIED BY THE PREVIOUS COMMENTS MADE BY GEN. SUAREZ-MASON (A NOTED HARD-LINER) SUCH TERRORIST ACTS CAN NOT HELP BUT BE USED BY ARGENTINE OFFICIALS AS AN EXAMPLE OF THE LACK OF UNDERSTANDING U.S. HUMAN RIGHTS

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ACTIVISTS HAVE OF THE ACTUAL SECURITY SITUATION IN ARGENTINA. IT CAN REASONABLY BE EXPECTED THAT EMBASSY PERSONNEL WILL BE ASKED WHO WAS WORRIED ABOUT PROTECTING THE HUMAN RIGHTS OF VICE ADMIRAL LAMBRUSCHINI'S DAUGHTER.

THERE HAS BEEN SOME SPECULATION AS TO THE ACTUAL CAUSE OF THE EXPLOSION. THERE WERE INITIAL RUMORS BEING PASSED [REDACTED] E025x1

[REDACTED] WHILE ATTENDING VADM LAMBRUSCHINI'S DAUGHTER'S WAKE, THAT THE BLAST MAY HAVE BEEN CAUSED BY A GAS EXPLOSION. THIS INFORMATION HAS NOT BEEN CONFIRMED BY ANYTHING BUT RUMOR. AN EXAMINATION OF THE PHOTOS, ALONG WITH INFORMATION MADE AVAILABLE THROUGH OFFICIAL CHANNELS WOULD INDICATE THAT THE BLAST WAS CAUSED BY THE INTRODUCTION OF AN EXPLOSIVE DEVICE INTO THE VACANT APARTMENT IMMEDIATELY ADJACENT TO LAMBRUSCHINI'S. THE LOCATION OF THE PRINCIPLE BLAST WOULD INDICATE THAT THE ACCIDENTAL GAS EXPLOSION THEORY IS IMPROBABLE, AND THAT THE EXPLOSION WAS INTENDED TO KILL LAMBRUSCHINI.

ON 2 AUGUST 1978, AMEMBASSY BUENOS AIRES SENT AN IMMEDIATE MESSAGE TO SECSTATE WASH, DC REQUESTING THAT A STATE DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN MAKE A STATEMENT CONCERNING THE BOMBING IN ORDER FOR THE USG TO GO ON RECORD AS OPPOSING TERRORIST AS WELL AS GOVERNMENT ACTIONS WHICH OFFEND OUR HUMAN RIGHTS POSITION. THIS MSG COORD W AMEMBASSY. GDS 84

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1. COUNTRY: ARGENTINA (AR)
2. REPORT NUMBER: [REDACTED]
3. TITLE: (U) HOSTILITIES AND INSURGENCIES - MONTONERO G-70 GRENADE USED IN ATTACK AGAINST ARGENTINE ARMY TECHNICAL SCHOOL

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4. PROJECT NUMBER: N/A
5. DATE OF INFORMATION: 780801
6. DATE OF REPORT: 780809
7. DATE AND PLACE OF ACQUISITION: 780801, BUENOS AIRES ARGENTINA
8. REFERENCES: [REDACTED]
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14. SOURCE: [REDACTED]
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15. SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS: [REDACTED]
16. SUMMARY: THIS REPORT PROVIDES INFORMATION WHICH UPDATES PREVIOUS IR [REDACTED] AND INDICATES THAT A MONTONERO G-70 RIFLE LAUNCHED GRENADE WAS THE WEAPON USED BY TERRORISTS IN AN ATTACK AGAINST THE ARGENTINE ARMY

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SUPERIOR TECHNICAL SCHOOL ON 19 JULY 1978 AND NOT A RPG-7 ROCKET/GRENADE AS PREVIOUSLY REPORTED.

22. DETAILS: ON 780801, [REDACTED] TO DISCUSS TYPE OF GRENADE LAUNCHERS BEING USED BY TERRORIST GROUPS. [REDACTED]

2. (C) WHOLE VISITING SOURCE AT ARMY HEADQUARTERS, [REDACTED]

WAS TOLD THAT MONTONEROS HAD USED A MONTONERO G-70 GRENADE WHEN ATTACKING THE SUPERIOR TECHNICAL SCHOOL ON 19 JULY 1978. IT HAD BEEN PREVIOUSLY REPORTED THAT AN RPG-7 ROCKET GRENADE HAD BEEN USED IN THE ATTACK. SOURCE INDICATED THAT IT WAS UNUSUAL THAT TERRORISTS USED A G-70 GRENADE SINCE IT WAS AN OLD MODEL AND HAD NOT BEEN USED BY THE TERRORISTS FOR A LONG TIME.
3. (C) [REDACTED] A G-70 WARHEAD AND AN LG-22-MP LAUNCHER WHICH SOURCE B HAD FOR IDENTIFICATION PURPOSES. THE G-70 SYSTEM HAS A WARHEAD WHICH RESEMBLES

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AN 81MM MORTAR SHELL IN SIZE, SHAPE AND CONFIGURATION. IT IS FIN-STABILIZED IN FLIGHT. THE LAUNCHER IS IDENTIFIED AS AN LG-22 MP. BOTH WARHEAD AND LAUNCHER ARE FABRICATED ILLEGALLY BY GUERRILLA GROUPS IN ARGENTINA. THE LG-22-MP LAUNCHER IS APPROXIMATELY THREE FEET LONG AND CONSTRUCTED OF LIGHT METAL. A PISTOL GRIP/TRIGGER UNIT IS LOCATED ABOUT MIDWAY DOWN THE LAUNCHER TUBE. LAUNCHER IS CHARGED USING THE SAME TYPE

BOLT APPARATUS AS FOUND IN A TYPICAL 9MM SUB-MACHINEGUN. A 16-GAUGE SHOTGUN SHELL IS USED AS THE WEAPONS IGNITION DEVICE.

4. (U) ACCORDING TO SOURCE B, THE G-70 HAS A RANGE OF APPROXIMATELY 280 METERS UNDER FAVORABLE CONDITIONS. SOURCE STATED FURTHER THAT THE ATTACK ON THE TECHNICAL SCHOOL WAS MADE FROM A DISTANCE OF APPROXIMATELY 250 METERS. [REDACTED] PHOTOS OF THE DAMAGE INFLICTED ON THE TECHNICAL SCHOOL. THE GRENADE STRUCK AND EXPLODED BETWEEN THE WINDOWS OF WHAT APPEARED TO BE THE THIRD

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AND FOURTH FLOOR. A SMALL HOLE WAS EVIDENT AT THE POINT OF IMPACT BUT THE GRENADE DID NOT PENETRATE THE SIDE OF THE BUILDING. WINDOWS WERE BROKEN AND SLIGHT DAMAGE WAS CAUSED INSIDE THE BUILDING BY CONCUSSION. NO ONE WAS WOUNDED.

5. (U) SOURCE B STATED THAT THE G-70 HAD BEEN REPLACED BY THE G-40 GRENADE WHICH HE DESCRIBED AS MORE MODERN WITH A RANGE OF APPROXIMATELY 400 METERS. THE EXPLOSIVE IN THE WARHEAD OF THE G-40 WAS DESCRIBED AS A MIXTURE OF EXOGENO (EXOGENE) AND COMPOSITION C2. A NEW LAUNCHER HAS ALSO BEEN FABRICATED FOR USE WITH THE NEW G-40. SOURCE ESTIMATED THAT AS MANY AS 15 TO 20

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NEW TYPE LAUNCHERS HAVE BEEN MADE THUS FAR. WHEN ASKED HOW MANY GRENADES HAD BEEN MADE HE SAID MANY (MUCHO) EXACT AMOUNT UNKNOWN.

COMMENTS: 1. THE FACT THAT A G-70 GRENADE WAS USED AGAINST THE TECHNICAL SCHOOL WOULD INDICATE THAT THE REASON FOR THE ATTACK WAS PROBABLY FOR HARRASSMENT AS INDICATED IN REFERENCED IR. THE G-40 AND RPG-7'S WERE PROBABLY HELD BACK TO USE ON MORE IMPORTANT TARGETS.

2. THE FACT THAT THE TERRORIST GROUPS HAVE AN ESTIMATED 15/20 NEW MODEL GRENADE LAUNCHERS AND AN UNDETERMINED NUMBER OF GRENADES AS WELL AS THE POSSIBLE 13 MORE RPG-7'S LOCATED IN-COUNTRY AS REPORTED IN REFERENCED IR WOULD INDICATE THAT THE TERRORISTS STILL HAVE THE MEANS AT THEIR DISPOSAL TO HARRASS, DAMAGE AND EVEN DESTROY GOVERNMENT BUILDINGS, VEHICLES AND PERSONNEL.

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SUBJ: THIS IS IR NO. [REDACTED] (U)

1. (U) COUNTRY: ARGENTINA (AR)
2. (U) REPORT NUMBER: [REDACTED]
3. (U) TITLE: TERRORISM - THE ARGENTINE EXPERIENCE AND TRAINING CAMP FOR INTERNATIONAL TERRORISM IN ANGOLA
4. (U) PROJECT NUMBER: N/A
5. (U) DATE OF INFORMATION: 781205
6. (U) DATE OF REPORT: 781228
7. (U) DATE AND PLACE OF ACQUISITION: 781205, BUENOS AIRES, ARGENTINA
8. (U) REFERENCE: [REDACTED]
9. (U) ASSESSMENT: [REDACTED]
10. (U) ORIGINATOR: [REDACTED]
11. (U) REQUEST EVALUATION: [REDACTED]
12. (U) PREPARING OFFICER: [REDACTED]
13. (U) APPROVING AUTHORITY: [REDACTED]
14. (U) SOURCE: [REDACTED]
15. (U) SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS: [REDACTED] NOFORN TO PROTECT SOURCE AND METHODS INVOLVED.
16. ~~(S//NF)~~ SUMMARY: THE FOLLOWING REPORT FORWARDS INFORMATION ON PREVAILING VIEWS OF THE ARGENTINE MILITARY SEGMENT OF THE POPULATION CONCERNING ARGENTINA'S EXPERIENCE WITH AND RESPONSE TO TERRORISM. OF MORE IMPACT IS REPORT OF AN INTERNATIONAL TERRORIST TRAINING CAMP IN ANGOLA. IT COULD BE THE FIRST OF ITS KIND.
22. ~~(S//NF)~~ [REDACTED]

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SUCH A THING OCCURRED SOME TWO YEARS AGO IN TUCUMAN PROVINCE. GOVERNMENT TROOPS PRETENDED TO BE TERRORISTS; THEY DRESSED AND ACTED AS SUCH. THEN, WHEN PROPERLY UNIFORMED AND IDENTIFIED TROOPS OF THE GOVERNMENT QUESTIONED THE PEOPLE IN TOWNS AND VILLAGES ON TERRORISTS AND THEIR SUPPORT BASE, THE GOVERNMENT TROOPS WERE IN A POSITION TO KNOW WHO WAS COOPERATING WITH GOA OR SUPPORTING THE TERRORISTS. UNMASKING OF THOSE GIVING AID TO ENEMIES OF AUTHORITIES PAID WELL IN GAINING SUPPORT FROM LARGE SEMENT OF POPULATION WHICH FROM THEN ON REALIZED THE ELEMENT OF TRUTH IS ESSENTIAL WHEN DEALING WITH THE GOVERNMENT. OF COURSE, IN SUCH SITUATIONS MANY ERRORS IN JUDGEMENT ARE COMMITTED WHICH CANNOT LATER BE REVERSED OR CORRECTED. THE GOA REALIZED IT IS ESSENTIAL AT ALL TIMES TO RESTRICT THOSE WHO TEND TO EXTRALIMIT THEMSELVES OR ACT IRRESPONSIBLY. ARGENTINA'S VIGILANCE FROM THEN ON HAS PAID OFF EXTREMELY WELL - LOOK AT THE MUNDIAL (WORLD'S SOCCER CHAMPIONSHIP THAT ARGENTINA WON IN JUNE 1978 AND WHICH, AS SOURCE OF NATIONAL PRIDE, HAD EFFECT OF UNITING ARGENTINES THIS YEAR). EXTENSIVE CLOSE COOPERATION TOOK PLACE BETWEEN GOA AND OTHER NATIONS FOR AND DURING THE MUNDIAL. [REDACTED] FOR EXAMPLE, KEPT GOA ADVISED OF TRAVEL BY MEMBERS OF TERRORIST GROUPS TO AND FROM EUROPE. ARGENTINA'S SECURITY MEASURES WERE SUCCESSFUL WHEN, FOR EXAMPLE, TWO WEEKS PRIOR TO THE CHAMPIONSHIP SOME FIFTEEN TERRORISTS WERE TRACKED TO AN AREA OF BUENOS AIRES CALLED BOULOGNE, WHERE, IN A SHOOTING WITH POLICE, FIVE DIED AND THE REST APPREHENDED. ONCE TERRORIST ACTIVITY IN ARGENTINA WAS BROKEN BY THE GOVERNMENT, THE OUTLAWS SEEKED ASYLUM IN EUROPE, CUBA, AND ELSEWHERE. SOURCE CONTINUED SAYING ANGOLA HAS BECOME A SIGNIFICANT TERRORIST TRAINING CENTER OF THE WORLD. AL FATAH, RED BRIGADE, BADER MEINHOF, AND OTHER SIMILAR ORGANIZATIONS' MEMBERS ARE RECEIVING THERE TRAINING FROM CUBAN CADRES WHO ARE AIDED BY ARGENTINES. [REDACTED] THEN QUERIED SOURCE ON CONTINGENT OF ARGENTINES AIDING CUBANS IN TERRORIST TRAINING CAMP. SOURCE RESPONDED THAT ALTHOUGH HE DOES NOT KNOW HOW MANY ARE INVOLVED, THE G-2 (INTELLIGENCE SECTION) OF THE ARGAF HAS EXACT NUMBER.

~~(S//NF)~~ COMMENT: [REDACTED] WAS STATING THE PREVAILING VIEWS OF THE MILITARY IN ARGENTINA CONCERNING TERRORISM AND GOA MEASURES TO CONTAIN IT. TO MAKE UP FOR WHAT IN HIS NARRATION SEEMED TO BE EXTREME MEASURES BY GOVERNMENT IN DEALING WITH TERRORISTS SOURCE STATED, "WE HAD TO DO IT AND CONTAIN IT SOMEHOW, SINCE IT WAS GANGSTERISM 'A LA ELLIOT NESS' AND IT WAS GETTING OUT OF HAND." OF MORE INTEREST TO [REDACTED] WAS THE INFORMATION GIVEN BY SOURCE OF A TERRORIST TRAINING CAMP IN ANGOLA. [REDACTED] THIS IS FIRST INSTANCE OF SUCH INFORMATION BEING REPORTED. MOREOVER, IT IS PARTICULARLY SIGNIFICANT TO NOTE SOME ARGENTINES, ACCORDING TO SOURCE, ARE AIDING IN THE TRAINING GIVEN THERE. [REDACTED] WILL ATTEMPT TO GAIN FURTHER INFORMATION ON THE SUBJECT IN FUTURE MEETINGS

THIS MSG COORD W/AMEMBASSY.
DECL/REVW ON 28 DEC 84.

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REFERRING TO ARGENTINE'S PAST EXPERIENCE WITH TERRORISM, SOURCE STATED THAT IT HAD BEEN AN UNFORTUNATE CHAPTER IN THE COUNTRY'S HISTORY BUT ONE WHICH WOULD NOT REPEAT ITSELF. PRESENT GOA LEADERS HAVE ASSURED THAT CONDITIONS SUCH AS THOSE WHICH PREVAILED THREE TO FOUR YEARS AGO, AND WHICH MADE THE COUNTRY RIPE FOR INSTABILITY AND SOCIAL UNREST WOULD NOT RECUR. ONE CAN NOW SEE THE SAME THINKING TAKING PLACE IN BRAZIL, PARAGUAY AND URUGUAY WHERE THOSE COUNTRIES' LEADERSHIP, AS IN ARGENTINA, MAINTAIN VIGILANCE OF SOCIAL VALUES AND TAKE EFFORTS AT PRESERVING LAW AND ORDER. IF TERRORISM IS TO BE CURBED, IT WILL REQUIRE FIRM AND POSITIVE ACTIONS BY GOVERNMENTS. THE TERRORISTS' BASE CAN ONLY BE ERODED BY THE AUTHORITIES THRU COUNTERACTING TACTICS AND GAINING LOCAL POPULATION SUPPORT.

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SUBJECT: KIDNAPPING AT ARGENTINE EMBASSY

1. DOMINICAN AIR FORCE PRIVATE, IDENTIFIED AS ALFREDO GONZALEZ MATEO, SEIZED FEMALE SECRETARY AT ARGENTINE EMBASSY AT NOON NOV. 17. ORIGINALLY, KIDNAPPER DEMANDED RD 100,000 RANSOM, SAFE CONDUCT TO MEXICO OR URUGUAY FOR RELEASE OF VICTIM, 25-YEAR OLD DOMINICAN NATIONAL CAROLINA CURIEL, AND MEDIATING INTERVENTIOOF PARTIDO REVOLUCIONARIO DOMINICANO (PRD) LEADERS AND LISTIN DIARIO EDITOR RAFAEL HERRERA.

2. LATTER REFUSED TO INVOLVE THEMSELVES AND AT MID-AFTERNOON KIDNAPPER TOLD PRD DEPUTY HATUEY DE CAMPS, WHO WAS AT SCENE, THAT HE WAS WITHDRAWING ALL ORIGINAL DEMANDS AND WANTED ONLY SAFE CONDUCT TO VENEZUELA. AT 1700 HOURS, AUTHORITIES REPORTED THAT THEY HAD DISARMED KIDNAPPER WHO IS NOW IN MILITARY CUSTODY. SECRETARY WAS RELEASED UNHARMED.

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November 17

WJ
(1978)

TO: Ambassador Quainton
FROM: John E. Karkashian *JK*
SUBJECT: Non-Munitions List Exports to Argentina

You called my attention to the preparation of a Department response to E-Systems, Inc., the manufacturers of the communications equipment which was denied to Argentina last year on human rights reasons. M/CT supported the sale at the time on anti-terrorist grounds. We discovered in the present case that EB already had sent to Christopher an action memo dated October 19, 1978 (attached) covering a series of proposed sales to Argentina, of which the subject E-Systems equipment was one item. The EB action officer said M/CT clearance was not sought because he was unaware of our interest. I registered our interest and he was appropriately chagrined especially when I pointed out that EB could have profited from M/CT's support on this issue.

I subsequently called John Spiegel to register M/CT's position on the subject which still had not been decided by Christopher (although many of the other sale items had been decided). At Spiegel's suggestion I drafted the attached memorandum.

Also, there is another action memo in preparation by EB (also attached) which includes another E-Systems sale *to Argentina*. I have registered our interest in and support *for* that sale. EB will incorporate our views and clear with us.

Attachments:
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November 16, 1978

TO: D - Mr. Christopher
FROM: M/CT - John E. Karkashian (Acting) *JEK*
SUBJECT: Addendum to Action Memorandum of October 19,
1978 "Non-Munitions List Exports to Argentina"

I would like to submit M/CT's recommendation that you approve the item listed on page 2: "a new computerized vehicular dispatch and control system for the police in Rosario." Whatever its shortcomings, the Argentine government does face a serious terrorist problem and the subject system represents a reasonable means of facilitating the ability of the local authorities to deal inter alia with that threat.

Clearance: EB/ITP/EWT: D. Fried *FD* Info: ARA/ECA: J. Bumpas
M/CT:JEKarkashian:nwh S/P: J. Walker
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