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[redacted] no information to date concerning possible terrorist plans to undertake hostile acts against Secretary of State Henry Kissinger during his forthcoming visit to Buenos Aires, Argentina. The date of this visit has not yet been announced.

[redacted] massive security mobilization by the Argentine services will probably act as a deterrent to any attempt at direct action against Secretary Kissinger. The possibility exists that plans will be made to carry out other acts of terrorism in order to embarrass him, and to detract from the success of his visit. Harrassment operations, such as bombing attacks against U. S. firms in Buenos Aires, and street demonstrations are expected.

You will be advised of any pertinent developments in this matter.

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COUNTRY : ARGENTINA

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SUBJECT : ~~SECURITY SITUATION REPORT. ASSESSMENT OF THE  
POTENTIAL TERRORIST AND EXTREMIST THREAT TO  
SECRETARY KISSINGER AS~~ [REDACTED] MARCH 1975

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ON THE CAPABILITY OF THE POLICE TO PROTECT SECRETARY KISSINGER.  
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THE ONLY LEGITIMATE MEANS TO ACHIEVE POWER, THEY HAVE DEVELOPED A NUMBER OF LEGAL OR SEMI-LEGAL ORGANIZATIONS WHICH PARTICIPATE TO SOME DEGREE IN THE POLITICAL LIFE OF THE COUNTRY; E.G., THEIR INVOLVEMENT THROUGH THE AUTHENTIC PARTY IN THE MISIONES PROVINCIAL ELECTIONS. THE MONTONEROS ARE ESTIMATED TO HAVE 2,000 ARMED AND TRAINED COMBATANTS, WITH AN ADDITIONAL 5,000 TO 10,000 ACTIVE SYMPATHIZERS AND SUPPORT PERSONNEL. THROUGH THEIR PAST ASSOCIATION WITH PERONISM AND THEIR CURRENT SYMPATHIZERS WITHIN THE GOVERNMENT, THE MONTONEROS ARE JUDGED TO HAVE A HIGH CAPABILITY TO ACQUIRE INFORMATION ON THE PLANS OF THE GOVERNMENT, INCLUDING THOSE OF THE SECURITY SERVICES.)

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THE POSSIBLE CONSEQUENCES OF THIS ACTION COULD BE SEVERE, SINCE THE DANGER EXISTS THAT THE PRESIDENT COULD RESIGN OR THREATEN TO RESIGN IF GIVEN AN ULTIMATUM ON THIS ISSUE. THE POTENTIAL CONFRONTATION COULD COME ABOUT IN EARLY APRIL, ALTHOUGH THE LEADERS OF THE ANTI-LOPEZ REGA MOVEMENT ORIGINALLY WISHED TO AVOID A POLITICAL SHOWDOWN UNTIL AFTER THE 13 APRIL ELECTIONS IN MISIONES PROVINCE. IF LOPEZ REGA AND HIS SUPPORTERS ARE OUSTED, WITH OR WITHOUT THE RESIGNATION OF THE PRESIDENT, THERE WOULD PROBABLY BE A MODERATE CHANGE IN THE POLITICAL DIRECTION OF THE GOVERNMENT; I.E., FROM RIGHT OF CENTER TO THE CENTER, OR EVEN TO THE LEFT OF CENTER. IN THIS SITUATION, THE GOVERNMENT WOULD PROBABLY BE MORE DISPOSED TO INITIATE A DIALOGUE WITH THE MONTONEROS AND ATTEMPT TO ESTABLISH SOME FORM OF MODUS VIVENDI. THE MONTONEROS ARE ALMOST CERTAINLY AWARE OF THE POLITICAL INFIGHTING AND ITS POSSIBLE SIGNIFICANCE. INDEED, [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] INTERIOR MINISTER ALBERTO ~~R O C A M O R A~~ MAY HAVE ALREADY MET WITH LEADERS OF THE MONTONEROS' POLITICAL APPARATUS. <sup>AR9.</sup> THUS, THE TERRORISTS, AND PARTICULARLY THE MONTONEROS, ARE PROBABLY CONSIDERING ACTIONS DESIGNED TO WEAKEN THE GOVERNMENT AND

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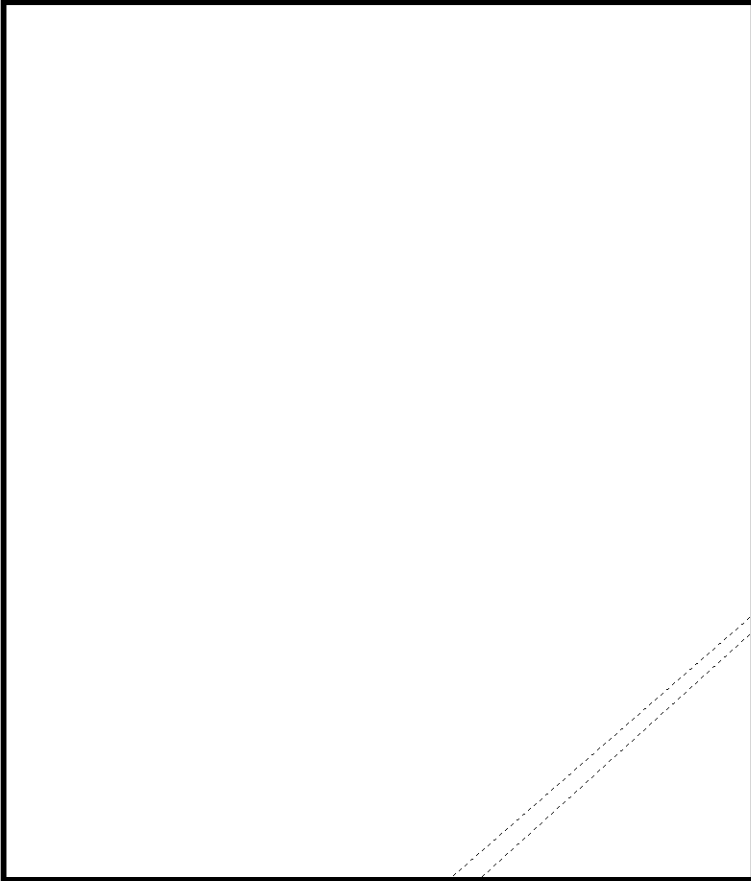
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CONTRIBUTE TO THE ANTI-LOPEZ REGA EFFORTS. IF THEY SHOULD BELIEVE  
THAT THE VISIT OF SECRETARY KISSINGER COULD SERVE TO STRENGTHEN

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THE GOVERNMENT AND LOPEZ REGA, THEY MIGHT WELL BE CONTEMPLATING SOME ACTION DURING HIS VISIT TO DETRACT FROM ITS SUCCESS.)

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4. [REDACTED] HAVE RECEIVED NO INFORMATION RELATING TO POSSIBLE PLANS OF EXTREMIST GROUPS TO ATTEMPT TO TAKE DIRECT TERRORIST ACTION AGAINST U.S. SECRETARY OF STATE HENRY KISSINGER DURING HIS PROJECTED VISIT TO BUENOS AIRES.

[REDACTED] THE MONTONEROS HAVE THE BEST CAPABILITY OF THE ARGENTINE TERRORIST GROUPS TO UNDERTAKE SUCH ACTION BECAUSE OF THEIR NUMERICAL STRENGTH AND THEIR PENETRATIONS AT ALL LEVELS OF THE GOVERNMENT, BUT THEIR INTENTIONS IN THIS REGARD WILL PROBABLY NOT BE KNOWN BEFOREHAND. [REDACTED] COMMENT: [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] THE ERP HAD PROPOSED A JOINT OPERATION TO THE MONTONEROS TO KIDNAP A U.S. OFFICIAL OR THE HEAD OF A U.S. COMPANY IN ARGENTINA, DURING OR PRECEDING THE THEN SCHEDULED MARCH MEETING OF FOREIGN MINISTERS, AS A MEANS TO EMBARRASS SECRETARY KISSINGER AND DISRUPT THE PLANNED MEETING. THE MONTONEROS [REDACTED] REJECTED THE ERP PROPOSAL AS BEING COUNTERPRODUCTIVE POLITICALLY, BUT IT IS NOTED THAT ON 26 FEBRUARY 1975 THE MONTONEROS ABDUCTED AND SUBSEQUENTLY MURDERED U.S. CONSULAR AGENT JOHN PATRICK EGAN IN CORDOBA.)

5. [REDACTED] THE ERP, ACTING ALONE, IS NOT CAPABLE OF CARRYING OUT A HIGH-RISK, SPECTACULAR ACT OF TERRORISM IN BUENOS AIRES AT THIS TIME. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] THE RECENT FEDERAL POLICE RAID ON THE REGIONAL HEADQUARTERS OF THE ERP IN BUENOS AIRES IS JUDGED TO HAVE EFFECTIVELY DISRUPTED ERP OPERATIONS FOR THE PROVINCE. THE POLICE NOT ONLY CONFISCATED LISTS OF ERP MEMBERS AND SAFE SITE ADDRESSES FOR THE PROVINCE, BUT SINCE THE HEADQUARTERS SERVED AS THE PRINCIPAL COMMUNICATIONS FACILITY FOR THE ERP IN THE PROVINCE, CONTACT BETWEEN ERP CELLS AND GROUPS HAS BECOME EXCEEDINGLY DIFFICULT. THE CONTINUING

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POLICE RAIDS HAVE PLACED THE ERP ON THE DEFENSIVE IN THE PROVINCE. THE FEDERAL POLICE DO NOT DISCARD THE POSSIBILITY OF SOME ERP TERRORIST ACT DURING THE SECRETARY'S VISIT, BUT POLICE OFFICIALS BELIEVE THAT DIRECT ACTION BY THE ERP ALONE IS IMPROBLE.

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[REDACTED] FOR THE PROJECTED VISIT BY SECRETARY KISSINGER, THE FEDERAL POLICE ARE CONFIDENT THAT THEY CAN GUARANTEE HIS SAFETY, IF HIS STAY IN BUENOS AIRES IS ONLY FOR A FEW DAYS. IN SUCH A SHORT SPACE OF TIME, THE FEDERAL POLICE WOULD BE ABLE TO CONTROL THE ENVIRONMENT AND PREVENT ANY PLANNED DEMONSTRATIONS AGAINST HIM. THE POLICE WOULD USE AS MANY OFFICIALS AS DEEMED NECESSARY TO ACCOMPLISH THIS--UP TO 10,000 UNIFORMED POLICE AND INCLUDING AS MANY AS 500 OFFICERS OF FEDERAL POLICE INTELLIGENCE. THE UNIFORMED POLICE WOULD CLEAR THE STREETS OVER WHICH THE SECRETARY WOULD TRAVEL AND THE AREAS WHICH HE VISITS. THE POLICE INTELLIGENCE OFFICERS WOULD WORK IN PLAIN CLOTHES TO MONITOR THE CROWDS DURING ANY POSSIBLE PUBLIC APPEARANCE BY THE SECRETARY. [REDACTED] COMMENT: JUDGING FROM PAST EXPERIENCE, THE POLICE WOULD ALSO PLACE AGENTS AND OFFICIALS AT THE TRADITIONAL TROUBLE SPOTS IN THE CITY IN ORDER

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TO MONITOR ACTIVITIES AND DISRUPT ANY EFFORTS TO ORGANIZE  
DEMONSTRATIONS.)

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8. THE PCA WAS OPPOSED TO SECRETARY UISSINGER'S SCHEDULED  
VISIT IN MARCH 1975 AND WILL ALMOST CERTAINLY BE OPPOSED TO  
ANOTHER SCHEDULED VISIT. IT IS ASSUMED THAT THE SUBJECT OF THE  
VISIT WAS TO BE DISCUSSED AT A CENTRAL COMMITTEE MEETING OF THE  
PCA [REDACTED] AND THAT APPROPRIATE DIRECTIVES WILL BE ISSUED  
[REDACTED] THE PCA IS EXPECTED TO MOUNT A PROPAGANDA  
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AGITATION IN FACTORIES, ETC. IF HIS VISIT IS PROLONGED, THE PARTY  
MAY ATTEMPT TO ORGANIZE PROTEST DEMONSTRATIONS. [REDACTED] COMMENT:

PROTEST DEMONSTRATIONS WOULD BE THE MAXIMUM ACTION AGAINST  
SECRETARY KISSINGER THAT THE PCA WOULD ATTEMPT. SUCH DEMONSTRATIONS  
WOULD PROBABLY BE COORDINATED WITH OTHER LEFTIST GROUPS,  
WHICH WILL ALMOST CERTAINLY ATTEMPT TO PROTEST HIS PRESENCE IN  
THE COUNTRY WITH STREET DEMONSTRATIONS AND PROPAGANDA.) [REDACTED]

COMMENT: DEMONSTRATIONS OF THIS NATURE NORMALLY DO NOT PRESENT  
THE POLICE WITH MUCH OF A PROBLEM TO CONTROL. [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] EFFORTS BY THE

PRT TO MOBILIZE ARGENTINE TROTSKYIST GROUPS FOR A WIDESPREAD  
BOMBING CAMPAIGN AND LIGHTNING STREET DEMONSTRATIONS TO PROTEST  
THE VISIT OF SECRETARY KISSINGER. THE DEMONSTRATIONS AND BOMBING  
ATTACKS WERE REPORTEDLY TO TAKE PLACE WHILE THE SECRETARY WAS IN  
THE COUNTRY.)

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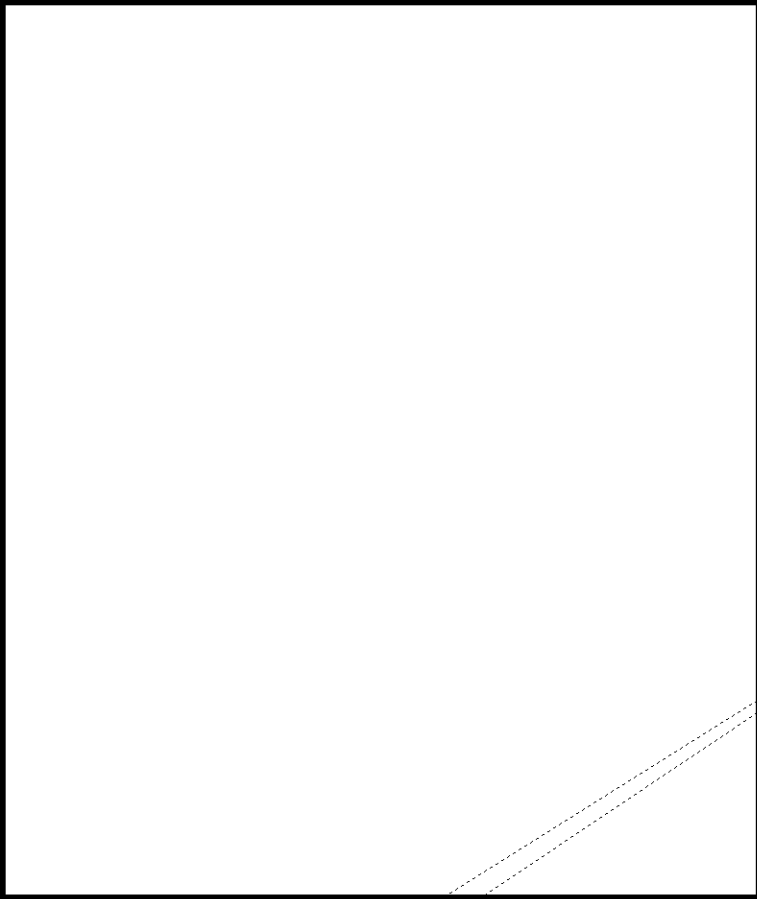
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[REDACTED] POLICE CHIEF LUIS ~~M A R G A R I D E~~ RESIGNED EFFECTIVE 21 MARCH 1975. IF TRUE, THIS SIGNIFIES A NUMBER OF CHANGES AMONG HIGH-LEVEL POLICE POSITIONS, AS THE NEW CHIEF WILL PROBABLY APPOINT MEN OF HIS CONFIDENCE TO THE SENIOR POSTS. ALSO, COMMISSIONER MAJOR EDUARDO PEDRO ~~R A M I R E Z~~, WHO FOR ALL PRACTICAL PURPOSES HAS BEEN THE OPERATIONS CHIEF OF FEDERAL POLICE INTELLIGENCE, WAS TRANSFERRED ON 21 MARCH TO AN ADMINISTRATIVE POSITION AS CHIEF OF SUPPLY. RAMIREZ RESIGNED IN PROTEST. [REDACTED] COMMENT: THE POSSIBLE CHANGES OF HIGH-LEVEL POLICE OFFICIALS ARE NOT EXPECTED TO HAVE MUCH OF AN IMPACT ON THE CAPABILITY OF THE POLICE TO PROVIDE PROTECTIN TO VISITING DIGNITARIES. THE ACTUAL RESPONSIBILITY FOR PLANNING AND MOUNTING PROTECTION SERVICES WILL BE IN THE HANDS OF SENIOR POLICE EXPERTS IN THIS FIELD, WHO WILL REMAIN IN THEIR POSITIONS DESPITE POSSIBLE CHANGES AT THE TOP ELVEL IN THE INSTITUTION.)

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POTENTIAL TERRORIST AND EXTREMIST THREAT TO  
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SUMMARY. ACCORDING TO AN EXPERIENCED POLICE INTELLIGENCE OFFICER, ARGENTINE GOVERNMENT SECURITY FORCES HAVE NOT RECEIVED

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AVOID A POLITICAL SHOWDOWN UNTIL AFTER THE 13 APRIL ELECTIONS  
IN MISIONES PROVINCE. IF LOPEZ REGA AND HIS SUPPORTERS ARE  
OUSTED, WITH OR WITHOUT THE RESIGNATION OF THE PRESIDENT, THERE  
WOULD PROBABLY BE A MODERATE CHANGE IN THE POLITICAL DIRECTION OF  
THE GOVERNMENT; I.E., FROM RIGHT OF CENTER TO THE CENTER, OR EVEN  
TO THE LEFT OF CENTER. IN THIS SITUATION, THE GOVERNMENT WOULD  
PROBABLY BE MORE DISPOSED TO INITIATE A DIALOGUE WITH THE  
MONTONEROS AND ATTEMPT TO ESTABLISH SOME FORM OF MODUS VIVENDI.  
THE MONTONEROS ARE ALMOST CERTAINLY AWARE OF THE POLITICAL IN-  
FIGHTING AND ITS POSSIBLE SIGNIFICANCE. INDEED, [Redacted]

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[Redacted] INTERIOR MINISTER ALBERTO R O C A M O R A MAY HAVE ALREADY  
MET WITH LEADERS OF THE MONTONEROS' POLITICAL APPARATUS. THUS,  
THE TERRORISTS, AND PARTICULARLY THE MONTONEROS, ARE PROBABLY  
CONSIDERING ACTIONS DESIGNED TO WEAKEN THE GOVERNMENT AND  
CONTRIBUTE TO THE ANTI-LOPEZ REGA EFFORTS. IF THEY SHOULD BELIEVE  
THAT THE VISIT OF SECRETARY KISSINGER COULD SERVE TO STRENGTHEN  
THE GOVERNMENT AND LOPEZ REGA, THEY MIGHT WELL BE CONTEMPLATING  
SOME ACTION DURING HIS VISIT TO DETRACT FROM ITS SUCCESS.)

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RELATING TO POSSIBLE PLANS OF EXTREMIST GROUPS TO ATTEMPT TO  
TAKE DIRECT TERRORIST ACTION AGAINST U.S. SECRETARY OF STATE  
HENRY KISSINGER DURING HIS PROJECTED VISIT TO BUENOS AIRES.

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THE

MONTONEROS HAVE THE BEST CAPABILITY OF THE ARGENTINE TERRORIST  
GROUPS TO UNDERTAKE SUCH ACTION BECAUSE OF THEIR NUMERICAL  
STRENGTH AND THEIR PENETRATIONS AT ALL LEVELS OF THE GOVERNMENT,  
BUT THEIR INTENTIONS IN THIS REGARD WILL PROBABLY NOT BE KNOWN

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THE ERP, ACTING

ALONE, IS NOT CAPABLE OF CARRYING OUT A HIGH-RISK, SPECTACULAR  
ACT OF TERRORISM IN BUENOS AIRES AT THIS TIME.

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[Redacted] THE RECENT FEDERAL POLICE RAID ON THE REGIONAL HEADQUARTERS  
OF THE ERP IN BUENOS AIRES IS JUDGED TO HAVE EFFECTIVELY DISRUPTED  
ERP OPERATIONS FOR THE PROVINCE. THE POLICE NOT ONLY CONFISCATED  
LISTS OF ERP MEMBERS AND SAFE SITE ADDRESSES FOR THE PROVINCE, BUT  
SINCE THE HEADQUARTERS SERVED AS THE PRINCIPAL COMMUNICATIONS  
FACILITY FOR THE ERP IN THE PROVINCE, CONTACT BETWEEN ERP CELLS

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AND GROUPS HAS BECOME EXCEEDINGLY DIFFICULT. THE CONTINUING POLICE RAIDS HAVE PLACED THE ERP ON THE DEFENSIVE IN THE PROVINCE. THE FEDERAL POLICE DO NOT DISCARD THE POSSIBILITY OF SOME ERP TERRORIST ACT DURING THE SECRETARY'S VISIT, BUT POLICE OFFICIALS BELIEVE THAT DIRECT ACTION BY THE ERP ALONE IS IMPROBLE. <sup>EO25x1</sup>

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FOR

THE PROJECTED VISIT BY SECRETARY KISSINGER, THE FEDERAL POLICE ARE CONFIDENT THAT THEY CAN GUARANTEE HIS SAFETY, IF HIS STAY IN BUENOS AIRES IS ONLY FOR A FEW DAYS. IN SUCH A SHORT SPACE OF TIME, THE FEDERAL POLICE WOULD BE ABLE TO CONTROL THE ENVIRONMENT AND PREVENT ANY PLANNED DEMONSTRATIONS AGAINST HIM. THE POLICE WOULD USE AS MANY OFFICIALS AS DEEMED NECESSARY TO ACCOMPLISH THIS--UP TO 10,000 UNIFORMED POLICE AND INCLUDING AS MANY AS 500 OFFICERS OF FEDERAL POLICE INTELLIGENCE. THE UNIFORMED POLICE WOULD CLEAR THE STREETS OVER WHICH THE SECRETARY WOULD TRAVEL AND THE AREAS WHICH HE VISITS. THE POLICE INTELLIGENCE OFFICERS WOULD WORK IN PLAIN CLOTHES TO MONITOR THE CROWDS DURING ANY POSSIBLE PUBLIC APPEARANCE BY THE SECRETARY. <sup>EO25x1</sup> [Redacted] COMMENT: JUDGING FROM PAST EXPERIENCE, THE POLICE WOULD ALSO PLACE AGENTS AND OFFICIALS AT THE TRADITIONAL TROUBLE SPOTS IN THE CITY IN ORDER

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TO MONITOR ACTIVITIES AND DISRUPT ANY EFFORTS TO ORGANIZE  
DEMONSTRATIONS.)

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8. THE PCA WAS OPPOSED TO SECRETARY KISSINGER'S SCHEDULED  
VISIT IN MARCH 1975 AND WILL ALMOST CERTAINLY BE OPPOSED TO  
ANOTHER SCHEDULED VISIT. IT IS ASSUMED THAT THE SUBJECT OF THE  
VISIT WAS TO BE DISCUSSED AT A CENTRAL COMMITTEE MEETING OF THE  
PCA [Redacted] AND THAT APPROPRIATE DIRECTIVES WILL BE ISSUED  
[Redacted] THE PCA IS EXPECTED TO MOUNT A PROPAGANDA  
CAMPAIGN, I.E., THE PUBLICATION OF LEAFLETS, WALL PAINTINGS,  
AGITATION IN FACTORIES, ETC. IF HIS VISIT IS PROLONGED, THE PARTY  
MAY ATTEMPT TO ORGANIZE PROTEST DEMONSTRATIONS. [Redacted] COMMENT:

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PROTEST DEMONSTRATIONS WOULD BE THE MAXIMUM ACTION AGAINST  
SECRETARY KISSINGER THAT THE PCA WOULD ATTEMPT. SUCH DEMONSTRATIONS  
WOULD PROBABLY BE COORDINATED WITH OTHER LEFTIST GROUPS,  
WHICH WILL ALMOST CERTAINLY ATTEMPT TO PROTEST HIS PRESENCE IN  
THE COUNTRY WITH STREET DEMONSTRATIONS AND PROPAGANDA.) [Redacted]

COMMENT: DEMONSTRATIONS OF THIS NATURE NORMALLY DO NOT PRESENT  
THE POLICE WITH MUCH OF A PROBLEM TO CONTROL. [Redacted]

[Redacted]

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BY THE

PRT TO MOBILIZE ARGENTINE TROTSKYIST GROUPS FOR A WIDESPREAD  
BOMBING CAMPAIGN AND LIGHTNING STREET DEMONSTRATIONS TO PROTEST  
THE VISIT OF SECRETARY KISSINGER. THE DEMONSTRATIONS AND BOMBING  
ATTACKS WERE REPORTEDLY TO TAKE PLACE WHILE THE SECRETARY WAS IN  
THE COUNTRY.)

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[Redacted] POLICE CHIEF ~~LUIS MARGARIDE~~ RESIGNED *ARG*

EFFECTIVE 21 MARCH 1975. IF TRUE, THIS SIGNIFIES A NUMBER OF CHANGES AMONG HIGH-LEVEL POLICE POSITIONS, AS THE NEW CHIEF WILL PROBABLY APPOINT MEN OF HIS CONFIDENCE TO THE SENIOR POSTS. ALSO, COMMISSIONER MAJOR EDUARDO PEDRO RAMIREZ, WHO FOR ALL PRACTICAL PURPOSES HAS BEEN THE OPERATIONS CHIEF OF FEDERAL POLICE INTELLIGENCE, WAS TRANSFERRED ON 21 MARCH TO AN ADMINISTRATIVE POSITION AS CHIEF OF SUPPLY. RAMIREZ RESIGNED

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IN PROTEST. [Redacted] COMMENT: THE POSSIBLE CHANGES OF HIGH-LEVEL POLICE OFFICIALS ARE NOT EXPECTED TO HAVE MUCH OF AN IMPACT ON THE CAPABILITY OF THE POLICE TO PROVIDE PROTECTIN TO VISITING DIGNITARIES. THE ACTUAL RESPONSIBILITY FOR PLANNING AND MOUNTING PROTECTION SERVICES WILL BE IN THE HANDS OF SENIOR POLICE EXPERTS IN THIS FIELD, WHO WILL REMAIN IN THEIR POSITIONS DESPITE POSSIBLE CHANGES AT THE TOP ELVEL IN THE INSTITUTION.)

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