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TO DIRECTOR (109-2-201) NR 173-06
FROM LEGAT BUENOS AIRES (109-2) (109-103)

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FOREIGN POLITICAL MATTERS; IS - ARGENTINA; ARGENTINE
TERRORIST ACTIVITIES: FPM - ARGENTINA.

ON OCTOBER 6, 1975, A CONFIDENTIAL SOURCE ABROAD WHO IS A RANKING OFFICIAL OF THE FEDERAL POLICE OF ARGENTINA (FPA), PROVIDED THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION: (S)

THE FPA RESIDENT AGENCY IN FORMOSA PROVINCE IN NORTHERN ARGENTINA REPORTED THAT IN CULMINATION OF TERRORIST ACTIVITIES DIRECTED AGAINST POLICE AND MILITARY INSTALLATIONS IN ARGENTINA DURING THE PAST THREE DAYS, THE MONTONERO QUERRILLA ORGANIZATION IN A COORDINATED THREE-PRONGED ATTACK, HIJACKED AN AEROLINEAS ARGENTINAS BOEING 737 JET WHICH WAS COMPLETING FLIGHT 706 TO CORRIENTES, ARGENTINA DURING THE AFTERNOON OF OCTOBER 5, 1975. EIGHTEEN GUERRILLAS FORCED THE PILOT TO LAND AT THE FORMOSA AIRPORT WHERE THE GUERRILLAS ANTICIPATED PICKING UP SEVERAL OF THEIR IMPRISONED COMPATRIOTS WHO WERE BEING HELD IN ARGENTINE STATE PENITENTIARY NUMBER 10 IN FORMOSA. (S)

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AN EARLIER MONTONERO ATTACK ON ~~11/5/75~~ AGAINST THIS PENITENTIARY FAILED AND WAS REFUSED BY PRISON GUARDS, THEREBY FRUSTRATING THE MONTONERO PLAN TO LIBERATE THEIR COMPANIONS FROM THE PENITENTIARY AND FLY THEM OUT TO SAFETY ON THE HIJACKED AEROLINEAS ARGENTINAS AIRCRAFT. DURING THE AFTERNOON OF OCTOBER 5, 1975, THE MONTONEROS ALSO CARRIED OUT A DIVERSIONARY ATTACK AGAINST THE ARGENTINE ARMY 29TH MOUNTAIN INFANTRY REGIMENT BASED IN FORMOSA IN ORDER TO DRAW ATTENTION AWAY FROM ~~THE~~ ^{THE} ATTACK AGAINST THE STATE PENITENTIARY NUMBER 10 IN FORMOSA. MONTONERO GUERRILLAS, REALIZING THAT THEIR COMPANIONS HAD FAILED IN THEIR ATTEMPT TO LIBERATE THEIR IMPRISONED COMPANIONS FROM STATE PENITENTIARY NUMBER 10, FORCED THE AEROLINEAS ARGENTINAS PILOT TO TAKE OFF FROM THE FORMOSA AIRPORT AND LAND ON A DIRT LANDING STRIP OF A SUBURBAN RANCH IN RAFAELA, SANTA FE PROVINCE. (S)

AS OF THE EARLY MORNING OF OCTOBER 6, 1975, SIXTEEN TERRORISTS HAD BEEN KILLED IN FORMOSA WITH TEN MILITARY CASUALTIES. ALL PASSENGERS ABOARD AEROLINEAS FLIGHT 706 WERE RELEASED UNHARMED AFTER THE LANDING IN RAFAELA. THE LANDING CARRIAGE OF THE (S)

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HIJACKED AEROLINEAS AIRCRAFT WAS SEVERELY DAMAGED AS A RESULT OF LANDING ON THE DIRT STRIP. (S)

THE MONTONERO COORDINATED ATTACK OF OCTOBER 5, 1975, IS THE FIRST INSTANCE THAT THIS GUERRILLA ORGANIZATION HAS RESORTED TO A LARGE SCALE FIELD OPERATION, IT BEING NOTED THAT HERETOFORE THE MONTONEROS HAD CARRIED OUT ONLY URBAN GUERRILLA ACTIVITIES. (S)

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~~GROVETTO, DIRECTOR OF FEDERAL SECURITY, FEDERAL POLICE OF~~

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