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FOR ASSISTANT SECRETARY VAKY FROM AMBASSADOR

E. O. 11652 XGDS-4  
TAGS SHUM, AR  
SUBJECT WASHINGTON POST STORY MAY ENDANGER LIFE OF ARGENTINE  
HUMAN RIGHTS LEADER

1. WE WERE DISMAYED AT THE ARTICLE BY CHARLES KRAUSE ON TORTURE IN ARGENTINA PRINTED IN THE WASHINGTON POST ON OCTOBER 29. WHOLE PASSAGES WERE LIFTED FROM AN EMBASSY MEMORANDUM OF CONVERSATION DATED JULY 10, 1978, IN WHICH WE DESCRIBED AN INTERVIEW WITH ALFREDO BRAVO.
2. KRAUSE TELLS US HIS STORY WAS BASED ON A DOCUMENT BROUGHT TO BUENOS AIRES FROM WASHINGTON ABOUT FIVE WEEKS AGO BY A US CITIZEN WELL KNOWN TO HIM--HE DID NOT ELABORATE. HE SAID THAT HE HAD MADE EFFORTS TO DISGUISE THE IDENTITY OF THE PERSON UNDER TORTURE IN FILING HIS STORY, AND THAT HE HAD DISCUSSED ITS APPROPRIATENESS WITH THE PERMANENT ASSEMBLY'S EMILIO MIGNONE BEFORE FILING. WHEN THE DOCUMENT WAS GIVEN TO KRAUSE IT WAS WITH THE COMMENT THAT IT WAS BEING WIDELY CIRCULATED AMONG HUMAN RIGHTS ORGANIZATIONS IN WASHINGTON.
3. WE FEAR THAT DESPITE KRAUSE'S EFFORTS TO DISGUISE THE PERSON DESCRIBED HE CAN BE TRACED BY SPECIFIC TIME AND PLACE REFERENCES IN THE STORY, SHOULD A SECURITY SERVICE SET OUT TO DO THIS. THERE IS A REAL DANGER TO BRAVO FROM THE STORY'S PUBLICATION.
4. AT MY DIRECTION, RSO INVESTIGATED THE POSSIBILITY OF A LEAK FROM THIS EMBASSY. HIS REPORT INDICATES THAT THIS MEMCON WAS HANDLED WITH PARTICULAR CARE AND CIRCULATION OF THE EMBASSY'S TWO COPIES WAS LIMITED TO DRAFTING OFFICER, ACTING CHIEF OF POLITICAL SECTION, AN AMERICAN SECRETARY AND THE AMBASSADOR AND DCM. HE CONCLUDES THAT A LEAK HERE WAS HIGHLY IMPROBABLE. COPIES OF THE CONFIDENTIAL/LIMDIS XGDS-4 MEMORANDUM WERE SENT IN AUGUST 1978 TO P - UNDER SECRETARY NEWSOM, HA - MS. DERIAN, ARA - MR. MCNEIL, AND ARA/ECA - MR. BUMPUS. I CAN ONLY CONCLUDE THE LEAK OCCURED IN WASHINGTON.
5. SINCE THIS EVENT MAY WELL HAVE MANY ASPECTS OF WHICH I AM UNAWARE, I AM BRINGING IT TO YOUR ATTENTION ALONE. IF YOU BELIEVE WE SHOULD PROCEED TO RAISE THE ISSUE OF THE LEAK VIA REGULAR SY CHANNELS, PLEASE LET ME KNOW.  
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