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SUBJECT: (S) SOME AUGUST 1979 DISAPPEARANCES REAPPEAR

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2. THE PARENTS OF FERNANDO RUBEN BRODSKY, WHO DISAPPEARED  
LAST AUGUST, CONFIRMED TO US JANUARY 7 THAT THEY HAVE BEEN  
IN WEEKLY PHONE CONTACT WITH HIM SINCE DECEMBER  
31. THE BRODSKYS ALSO STATE THAT FOUR OTHER PEOPLE WHO  
DISAPPEARED IN AUGUST HAVE ALSO BEEN IN CONTACT BY PHONE  
WITH THEIR FAMILIES FROM THEIR PLACE OF DETENTION: PABLO  
LEPISCOPO; JOSE HASSAN; JOSEFINA VILLAFLORE THE HASSAN  
(JOSE'S WIFE); AND ELSA MARTINEZ DE VILLAFLORE (JOSEFINA'S  
SISTER-IN-LAW.) IN ADDITION TO THE TWO WOMEN HAVE BEEN ALLOWED  
TO VISIT THEIR CHILDREN AT THEIR GRANDPARENTS' HOME.. ACCORDING  
TO THE BRODSKYS, THEY HAVE BEEN TOLD BY THEIR SON AND BY  
HIS CAPTORS THAT HE IS UNDERGOING "REHABILITATION TO REJOIN  
SOCIETY" AND WILL, PERHAPS, BE ALLOWED TO VISIT HIS  
PARENTS, ALLEGEDLY IN THE NOT TOO DISTANT FUTURE. THE  
BRODSKYS SAY THAT THE FAMILIES OF THE OTHERFOUR HAVE  
BEEN GIVEN A SIMILAR MESSAGE (THE TWO WOMEN REPORTEDLY  
HAVE A FULL TIME SOCIAL WORKER LIVING WITH THEM TO  
ASSIST IN THEIR REHABILITATION.) THE FAMILIES HAVE ALSO  
BEEN ADVISED BY THE PEOPLE HOLDING THEM THAT THEY

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SHOULD SUSPEND ALL LEGAL EFFORTS TO HAVE THEIR RELATIVES  
FREED AND CONTACT NO ONE ABOUT THE "REAPPEARANCE".

3. FOLLOWING THE 11 DISAPPEARANCES IN AUGUST WE RECEIVED  
CONFLICTING REPORTS ABOUT THEIR FATE. SOME SOURCES  
SUGGESTED THEY HAD ALL BEEN KILLED.  
OTHERS SAID THAT SOME OF THEM MIGHT REMAIN ALIVE. THEN  
GENERAL VIOLA, SHORTLY BEFORE HIS RETIREMENT TOLD THE  
AMBASSADOR THAT SOME OF THE AUGUST DISAPPEARED MIGHT  
REAPPEAR. HE ALSO MADE IT CLEAR THAT THE HARD CORE  
CASES IN AUGUST WOULD NOT BE AMONG THESE.

4. THE FIVE PEOPLE WHO HAVE REAPPEARED IN THIS FASHION  
WERE, WE BELIEVE, PICKED UP AS THE RESULT OF A SECURITY  
FORCE OPERATION AGAINST A CELL OF THE FAP, A SMALL  
TERRORIST GROUP. SOME ACCOUNTS SUGGEST THAT THIS  
FAP CELL HAD GONE UNDERGROUND. OTHERS STATE THAT IT  
HAD BEEN DISBANDED. TWO OTHER PEOPLE WHO WERE  
ARRESTED AS PART OF THIS ANTI-FAP OPERATION:  
RAIMUNDO  
VILLAFLORE AND JUAN CHIARVALLE ARE STILL MISSING AND  
WE PRESUME DEAD.

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5. JUST LAST WEEK WE WERE TOLD BY A USUALLY RELIABLE SOURCE OF THE EXISTENCE OF A "REHABILITATION CENTER" FOR FORMER TERRORISTS IN THE BUENOS AIRES AREA. ACCORDING TO RELIABLE HUMAN RIGHTS SOURCE SOME THIRTY TO FORTY CAPTURED AND "TURNED" TERRORISTS ARE HELD IN THIS CENTER. THE INMATES REGULARLY VISIT THEIR FAMILIES, AND SOME OF THEM MAY EVEN WORK ON THE OUTSIDE. ACCORDING TO OUR SOURCE MEMBERS OF THE IAIRC WERE TAKEN BY THE GOA TO VISIT THIS CENTER IN SEPTEMBER ON THE UNDERSTANDING THAT THE IAIRC WOULD

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KEEP THE VISIT CONFIDENTIAL.

6. THE BRODSKYS WANT NO PUBLICITY OF THEIR CASE. THEY, AND EVEN MORE, THE FAMILIES OF THE OTHER DETAINEES, ARE TERRIBLY SCARED THAT A WRONG STEP MIGHT HAVE DISASTEROUS CONSEQUENCES. AT THE SAME TIME, THE BRODSKYS TOLD US THAT IF WE THOUGHT THERE WAS SOME PRODUCTIVE WAY WE COULD INVOLVE OURSELVES IN THIS CASE THEY WOULD WELCOME IT. THIS LATTER ISSUE IS ONE WHICH WE ARE NOW EXAMINING. OBVIOUSLY, THE REPORTED EXISTENCE OF THE REHABILITATION CENTER, THE FACT THAT FIVE OF THE AUGUST DISAPPEARERS ARE ALIVE--AND MOST ESPECIALLY--THE USG'S KNOWLEDGE OF THESE ELEMENTS ARE PARTICULARLY SENSITIVE SUBJECTS. WE ALSO UNDERLINE THAT THUS FAR ONLY THE BRODSKYS FROM AMONG THE FIVE AUGUST REAPPEARANCES AND NO ONE FROM AMONG THE FAMILIES WHO HAVE RELATIVES AT THE REPORTED REHABILITATION CENTER HAVE APPROACHED THIS EMBASSY FOR ASSISTANCE, PREFERING A PRUDENT SILENCE.

7. FINALLY, REGARDING "VISITING DISAPPEARED", WE HEARD INDIRECTLY BUT RELIABLY OF AN INTERESTING DEVELOPMENT CONCERNING A YOUNG WOMAN WHO WAS HELD FOR OVER A YEAR BY THE SECURITY FORCES BUT ALLOWED TO VISIT HER FAMILY REGULARLY. SHE WAS RELEASED EARLY LAST YEAR AND RETURNED TO HER UNIVERSITY STUDIES IN BUENOS AIRES. RECENTLY SHE RECEIVED A CALL FROM THE MILITARY OFFICER WHO ESCORTED DURING THOSE VISITS AND WAS IN CHARGE OF HER DETENTION. THE OFFICER STATED THAT "DUE TO THINGS THAT WERE GOING TO BE PUBLISHED ABROAD SOON I WILL HAVE TO LEAVE THE COUNTRY. I WILL NO LONGER BE ABLE TO PROTECT YOU. YOU SHOULD LEAVE THE COUNTRY TOO." WE CANNOT CLARIFY WHAT PRECIPITATED THIS PHONE CALL FROM THE OFFICER. HOWEVER, HIS JUDGMENT THAT THE YOUNG GIRL HAD TO RELY ON HIS PERSONAL PROTECTION IS A MEASURE OF HOW FRAGILE IS THE PROGRESS MADE HERE ON HUMAN RIGHTS IN THE FACE OF THE CONTINUED EXISTENCE OF HARDLINE,

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