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3. (U) INSURGENCY - TERRORISTS JUDGED IN MILITARY/CIVILIAN COURTS

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7. 770615-19, BUENOS AIRES, ARGENTINA

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COURT JUDGMENTS AGAINST TERRORISTS.

22. DETAILS: (U) ON 25 JUN 77, THE POPULAR NEWSPAPER "LA RAZON", REPORTED THAT THE GOVERNMENT HAD BROUGHT A TOTAL OF 9 TERRORISTS TO JUSTICE AND EXONERATED FOUR OTHERS WHO WERE SUSPECTED OF ILLEGAL ACTIVITIES. IN CORDOBA, A MILITARY WAR COUNCIL OF THE 888 ARMY CORPS SENTENCED 5 TERRORISTS TO JAIL TERMS RANGING FROM THREE AND ONE HALF YEARS TO 25 YEARS. THE SAME CORDOBA WAR COUNCIL ABSOLVED FOUR PERSONS WHO HAD BEEN TRIED FOR A VARIETY OF OTHER OFFENSES. CONCURRENTLY, A FEDERAL JUDGE IN THE PROVINCIAL CAPITAL OF SAN LUIS SENTENCED FOUR SUBVERSIVES TO LENGTHY PRISON TERMS. JUDGE EDUARDO ALLENDE SENTENCED ONE WOMAN TO A SIX YEAR TERM, AND A DOCTOR TO 7 YEARS AND TWO OTHER INDIVIDUALS TO EIGHT YEARS OF PRISON FOR INVOLVEMENT WITH THE MONTONERO TERRORIST GROUP. FURTHER, ON 29 JUNE 77 IT HAS ANNOUNCED THAT A I ARMY CORPS WAR TRIBUNAL IN BUENOS AIRES HAD SIGNIFICANTLY REDUCED THE SENTENCES OF THREE TERRORISTS WHO HAD VOLUNTARILY SURRENDERED TO GOVERNMENT AUTHORITIES. ACCORDING TO THE PRESS RELEASE THE MILITARY COURT REDUCED THE PRISON TERMS FOR TWO WOMEN FROM NINE TO THREE YEARS AND LOWERED ANOTHER TERRORISTS SENTENCE FROM FIFTEEN TO FIVE YEARS. COMMENT: ~~(C)~~ IT APPEARS THAT THE GOVERNMENT IS BEGINNING TO MOVE FORWARD WITH ITS EFFORTS TO BRING ACCUSED TERRORISTS TO JUSTICE. THE PERFORMANCE OF THE WAR COUNCIL IN CORDOBA SUGGESTS THAT IT IS NOT A KANGAROO COURT BUT ONE THAT CONSIDERS EVIDENCE PRESENTED IN THAT 4 SUSPECTS WERE RELEASED. THESE ACTIONS, ALONG WITH THE JUDGMENTS IN SAN LUIS AND BUENOS AIRES, ARE ENCOURAGING SIGNS THAT THE MILITARY MAY HAVE REACHED THE POINT IN THEIR STRUGGLE AGAINST THE TERRORISTS WHERE THEY CAN RESORT TO DUE PROCESS OF LAW, ALBEIT THROUGH MILITARY COURTS, THEREBY DEMONSTRATING INCREASED RESPECT FOR HUMAN RIGHTS OF THE ACCUSED. THIS MSG HAS BEEN COORD W/EMBASSY.

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