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THE NATIONAL REORGANIZATION HAS ENTERED A NEW PHASE IN WHICH A BROADER DEFINITION OF SUBVERSION MUST BE APPLIED. IN HIS DEFINITION TAX DODGERS AND CORRUPT BUSINESSMEN AND GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS ALSO ARE CONSIDERED "SUBVERSIVE."

22. DETAILS: ~~(S)~~ IN A BRIEF CONVERSATION (b)(3):10 USC 42 MAJOR GENERAL SUAREZ MASON, COMMANDER OF THE I ARMY CORPS IN BUENOS AIRES, STRESSED THAT THE COUNTERSUBVERSIVE CAMPAIGN OF THE GOA HAS ENTERED A NEW PHASE. THE SUBVERSIVES NO LONGER HAVE ACCESS TO UNLIMITED FUNDS, ARMS FACTORIES, AND THEIR OWN ELABORATE PRINTING PLANTS. WHILE THEY CONTINUE TO HAVE THE CAPABILITY TO PERFORM INDIVIDUAL TERRORIST ACTS, SUCH AS THE ATTEMPTED ASSASSINATION OF FOREIGN MINISTER (ADM) GUZZETTI, THEY ARE BEING FORCED TO GO UNDERGROUND AND SOME LEADERS HAVE ACTUALLY FLED THE COUNTRY.

2. ~~(S)~~ THE GENERAL WENT ON TO SAY THAT NOT ONLY THE CAMPAIGN AGAINST SUBVERSION, BUT THE NATIONAL REORGANIZATION ITSELF IS ENTERING A NEW PHASE. HE POINTED OUT THAT THE URUGUAYANS HAVE DEFINED THEIR OWN PROBLEM QUITE WELL BY DISTINGUISHING BETWEEN "SEDITIONISTS" AND "SUBVERSIVES," AND MOVING TO ELIMINATE BOTH. HE ADDED THAT ARGENTINA WAS FINALLY GETTING AROUND TO DEFINING ITS PROBLEM IN SIMILAR TERMS. IF THE NATIONAL REORGANIZATION IS TO BE SUCCESSFUL, HE CONCLUDED, NOT ONLY MUST THE TERRORISTS BE ELIMINATED; THE STATE MUST ALSO PROSECUTE THOSE WHO ARE GUILTY OF SUBVERSION BY SAPPING THE STRENGTH OF THE COUNTRY BY NOT PAYING THEIR SHARE OF TAXES, BY ENGAGING IN ILLEGAL OPERATIONS SUCH AS DRUG DEALING AND SMUGGLING, AND BY ABUSING RESPONSIBILITY AND GAINING GREAT PERSONAL WEALTH WHILE SERVING IN PUBLIC OFFICE.

COMMENT: ~~(S)~~ GENERAL SUAREZ MASON WAS OBVIOUSLY REFERRING TO THE ON-GOING GRAIVER AND ALUAR CASES IN DEFINING THE "OTHER" ENEMY OF THE STATE. HE DID NOT APPEAR TO IMPLY THAT THE SAME METHODS SHOULD BE USED TO EXTERMINATE THOSE GUILTY OF "FINANCIAL SUBVERSION" AS USED AGAINST THE TERRORISTS. HE DID APPEAR CONVINCED, HOWEVER, THAT TOUGH MEASURES WOULD HAVE TO BE APPLIED AGAINST UNSCRUPULOUS BUSINESSMEN AND OTHERS IF THE COUNTRY EVER HOPED TO MOVE AHEAD, AND THERE IS LITTLE DOUBT THAT HE IS ONE OF THE MOST POWERFUL FIGURES APPLYING PRESSURE ON THE PRESIDENT TO FOLLOW THAT COURSE OF ACTION. AS AN ASIDE,

(b)(3):10 USC 424

CONVERSATION ONLY LASTED ABOUT THREE MINUTES, BUT THAT ALONE WARRANTS REPORTING SINCE TO DATE IT IS

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