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- 2. Security officials believe the Montoneros are planning a spectacular during the period of the World Cup. Their activities will be directed at attracting world-wide publicity, possibly by destroying the color TV broadcasting system, interfering with the satellite communication system, or any other tactic that will attract worldwide attention. They do not believe the terrorists will initiate any action that would be harmful to the Argentine soccer public or overtly interfere with the matches themselves.
- 3. During the early part of 1977, there were bomb attacks against public places such as the Sheraton Hotel, La Cabaña, a well-known restaurant, the polo grounds and occasionally a movie theatre. However, there have been no recent reports of such activities, with the exception of bombs planted on railroad tracks during March 1978. These latter incidents can be attributed to a threatened RR strike. Overall, we perceive no general security threat that would affect the average soccer affixing aficionado from the U.S., although there is always the possibility that one could be peripherally involved in a terrorist incident.
- 4. Over the past two years there has been no indication of terrorist targeting of USG personnel and we do not

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> anticipate any immediate change in terrorist policy in this regard. However, as the terrorist cells are working within a concept of free targeting, with great independence and limited guidance, it is conceivable that a cell could attempt to target a prominent American whose presence might be highlighted by the Argentine media. To a great extent it would depend on the person, the amount of publicity and his accessibility. REXINA ZMZNZXZNZXZEZNZNZYZNZXZNZXZDNZKZ KONZNZKZ NZNZNZKZ.

- This analysis is primarily based upon GOA's reading 5. of the World Cup terrorist situation, and it takes into several : consideration/%2%2%2% mnnpuncements made by Montonero leadership at press conferences in Madrid, Paris and Mexico City. Of greatest interest to us was the declaration made in Madrid April 8 by a xrzxrkizogx Montonero group that included Bidegain, Gelman, Damaso Lopez and Vacanaroa. The group denied the intention even of disrupting the games but stated at the same time it could not be held responsible for "actions of (the Montoneros) military branch."
- RSO will provide A/SY/CC/TAGS with additional information concerning World Cup security as it becomes available.

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