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COMMENT:1 Conversations with Argentine Army Intelligence officers indicate in general that the level of terrorist incidents in July decreased. It appears that subversive groups are concentrating on the distribution of pamphlets, acts of intimidation against security forces and hit and run bombing attacks against government installations.

2. ~~(C)~~ The Montonero campaign to discredit the Argentine government during the World Soccer Championships did not according to Argentine security forces meet anticipated results. However, the theft of the 100 Motorola radio transmitters as reported by the Embassy RSO would seem to indicate that subversive elements in Argentina are still making plans for bigger and better things in the future, rather than just fighting for their very existence which would be an oversimplification of the problem. Subversive elements still maintain sufficient freedom of action to conduct sophisticated acts of terrorism at the time and place of their choosing.

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1. This report gives a summary of political violence and terrorist activities that have been reported to us by the security forces during the month of July 1978.

2. July 1 - At approximately 9:30 p.m. at Villa Insuperable Buenos Aires province, several individuals assaulted Principal Officer Norberto Vietma of the Buenos Aires provincial police. A Peugeot 504 was used in the assault.

The following items were stolen from the police officer: a green Ford Falcon, his pistol and his credential.

July 2-3: The parish priest and the mayor of the city of Esperanza, Santa Fe, received mail from Rosario containing copies of the pamphlet "Estrella Federal No. 1 and 2".

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The pamphlets had the date of issue crossed out but based on their content it was decided they must be dated back in the first months of 1977.

July 6 - At approximately midnight, ~~some~~ unknown number of individuals were ^{observed} climbing on rooftop residences near the home of ~~(R)~~ Genl ^(R) Vilas in Olivos, Buenos Aires prov. When their presence was discovered, they were ordered to surrender but they commenced shooting at police. Patrol cars from surrounding areas arrived at the location to seal off the area but the attackers escaped. No casualties reported.

July 8 - At 11:30 p.m. Cpl. Agustin E. Lacalle of the Palermo Military Police, while returning to his home, was intercepted by a person who called him by name and threatened him with a pistol. Subject was forced into a white Fiat 600, his face covered and he was questioned about security ~~xxx~~ measures which were to be taken during the July 9 military parade in Buenos Aires. Cpl. Lacalle replied he did not know anything about those matters because he was a non-commissioned officer with no seniority and as a result he was set free.

July 12 - At approximately 4:40 p.m., Lt. Col. Eduardo Braco of the municipal govt of Buenos Aires was attacked by three persons in a white Fiat 1500, ~~xxxxxx xxxx~~ supported by a similar car, red in color. The nature of

the attack is not described but subject was not hurt and the cars escaped in an unknown direction.

July 13 - At 6:45 p.m. an explosive device was detonated at the residence of Capt. Hamstroesn, (R Navy) Undersecy of Maritime Interests, at the corners of Celia 3400 and Rome, in La Lucila, Buenos Aires province. The explosive device was very powerful and wounded three persons - the Capt's 78 yr old mother, 8 yr old son and his wife. In addition, the explosive device caused considerable damage.

- On the same date, the Rio Negro provincial police received a copy of a poster from Pamplona, Spain, entitled " Argentina Argentina World Cup 78 - Torture, Crime, Genocide and Oppression" The poster also had a caricature of Prés. Videla, ridiculing him.

July 17 - Mr. Hugo Loray, representative of "Agroganadera" ~~XXXXX~~ reported that several individuals forced their way into his home in Buenos Aires province and stole a single side band radio transmitter and associated equipment.

- On the same date, Lt. (R) Bernardo T. Mones Ruiz received through the mail from abroad an envelope containing Montonero propaganda.

July 18 - At 6:45 a.m. a bomb exploded in a coffee shop called Daniela at Cochabamba 1432, Federal Capital. The explosive brigade verified that the bomb was made out of three sticks of trotyl. Explosion caused material damages

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but no casualties.

July 19 - At 4 a.m. in front of the home of Mr. Herminio Berutti in Zarate, Buenos Aires province, an explosive device containing pamphlets was detonated. Pamphlets belonged to the Peoples Revolutionary Army (ERP).

July 20 - An explosive device was detonated in a nightclub called "YO YO" at Avenida Belgrano 400. Explosion caused minor damages.

- On the same date, pamphlets were distributed to different residences in La Plata, Buenos Aires province. They contained war messages issued by the Montoneros.

July 21 - At 5:30 p.m., three minors were apprehended distributing Montonero Peronist Movement (MPM) pamphlets in the Federal Capital.

- On the same date, at 1 a.m., Mr. Oscar Palmieri reported that four individuals stole his Fiat 125 and left him blindfolded and tied on Avenida Mosconi and Monteverde.

zzThe July 24 - The chief of security of the La Plata YPF refinery received mail containing Montonero propaganda.

- On the same date, at 6:30 p.m., three explosive devices containing Montonero pamphlets were detonated in the Federal Capital.

July 26 - At 2:30 a.m. Mr. Dario J. Carnivella presented himself to the Roldan provincial police precinct, Santa Fe province, stating that while operating his truck

from the city of Santa Fe to Tucuman on Highway 9, he was intercepted by several unknown individuals carrying weapons who stole his truck. It was a Mercedes Benz, license plate 673286, and a tow truck, license plate 332500.. The load consisted of 100 Motorola radio transmitters. The perpetrators were using two Fiat vehicles, models 128 and 125 and a supporting Ford Falcon.

July 27 - Mrs. Nelida Castello de Chruvija reported that she had received through the mail a pamphlet of the feminine branch of the MPM. The pamphlet was entitled, "Our Homage to Evita: Resistance to Dictatorship".

- On the same date, the switchboard of the Telecommunications and Post Office in Santiago del Estero received an anonymous telephone call stating a bomb would go off in the building. Explosive experts checked the building with negative results. It is believed the call was made to create problems in the normal operations of the post office as well as create difficulties with the U.S.

Ambassador's visit to that city. RSO COMMENT: Ambassador Castro visited Santiago del Estero July 26-27. There were no security problems encountered. In general, security sources reported to the RSO there was a general decline in the ~~xxx~~ level of terrorist activity during July 1978.

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