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13. 1. ~~(S//NFINTTEL//NOFORN)~~ SOURCES STATED THAT GOVT SECURITY FORCES HAVE UNCOVERED MORE MONTONERO 70MM ANTI TANK GRENADES. IN ADDITION THEY CLAIM THAT AT LEAST TWO OF THESE WEAPONS HAVE BEEN USED IN ATTACKS BY THE TERRORISTS IN THE BUENOS AIRES AREA. 2. ~~(S//NFINTTEL//NOFORN)~~ FABRICACIONES MILITARES HAS COMPLETED ITS TECHNICAL INVESTIGATION OF THE GRENADE AND LAUNCHERS. THEIR TWENTY PLUS PAGE STUDY INCLUDED A DETAILED BREAKDOWN AND ANALYSIS OF THE WEAPON AND ITS LAUNCHER. FABRICACIONES HAS CONCLUDED THAT THE WEAPON IS NOT SOPHISTICATED, EASY TO MAINTAIN, AND WAS PROBABLY MADE IN ARGENTINA WITH LOCAL MATERIALS. THEY ATTACH LITTLE SIGNIFICANCE TO THE POSSIBILITY THAT THE WEAPON WAS FOREIGN MADE OR SURREPTITIOUSLY INTRODUCED INTO THE COUNTRY.

COMMENT: ~~(S//NFINTTEL//NOFORN)~~ Sec. 3.3(b)(1) A COPY OF THE FABRICACIONES MILITARES STUDY WHICH INCLUDED A MONTONERO TRAINING MANUAL FOR THE USE OF THE GRENADE LAUNCHER. IN SPITE OF FABRICACIONES CONCLUSIONS, THERE ARE STILL SOME DOUBTS WHY THE MONTONEROS WOULD INVEST SUCH TIME, ENERGY AND RESOURCES INTO LOCALLY PRODUCING SUCH A WEAPON. SOURCES HAVE AGREED TO OBTAIN A GRENADE (W/O EXPLOSIVE CHARGE), PACKING MATERIAL AND A LAUNCHER, (IF AVAILABLE) FOR U.S. ANALYSIS. THEY INDICATED THAT THEY SAW NO PROBLEM IN LOANING THIS WEAPON TO THE U.S. TO STUDY FOR SIXTY DAYS. THEY WERE INTERESTED IN THE RESULTS AND ANY OTHER INFORMATION THAT THEY MIGHT OBTAIN ON TERRORIST MANUFACTURED WEAPONS.

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