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 RUCIFBA/MACOS INTEL CENTER SCOTT AFB IL//INW/INZ//  
 RUCJAAA/USCINCRD MACDILL AFB FL//RCJ2//  
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 RUEHBU/AMEMBASSY BUENOS AIRES PRIORITY 1688  
 RUEHMN/AMEMBASSY MONTEVIDEO 815  
 RUESAS/AMEMBASSY ASUNCION 737  
 RUESNA/AMEMBASSY SANTIAGO 542

INFO RUESUA/AMCONSUL RIO DE JANEIRO 5447

ZEN/AMCONSUL PORTO ALEGRE POUCH  
 ZEN/AMCONSUL SALVADOR DA BAHIA POUCH  
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**BODY**

TAGS PGOV, PINS, SHUM, BR, IT, AR, UY, PA, CI,  
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 SUBJECT BRAZILIAN CARDINAL RELEASES LIST OF 7,791 MISSING PERSONS  
 (DESAPARECIDOS) IN ARGENTINA

1. (C-ENTIRE TEXT).
2. SUMMARY SAO PAULO' CARDINAL ARNS AND THE COMMITTEE FOR THE  
 DEFENS

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 OF HUMAN RIGHTS IN THE SOUTHERN CONE RELEASED ON JANUARY 13 A LIST  
 OF  
 7,791 PERSONS MISSING IN ARGENTINA OVER THE PAST FIVE YEARS. THE  
 LIST

,  
 ALONG WITH A CALENDAR COMMEMORATING MISSING CHILDREN, WILL BE  
 DELIVERED TO THE POPE BY CARDINAL ARNS. THE LIST HAS BEEN HAILED AS  
 THE MOST COMPREHENSIVE TO DATE. END SUMMARY.

3. CARDINAL DOM PAULO EVARISTO ARNS, ARCHBISHOP OF SAO PAULO,  
 REVEALE

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 AT A JANUARY 13 PRESS CONFERENCE A LIST OF 7,791 "DESAPARECIDOS" IN  
 ARGENTINA BETWEEN DECEMBER 1977 AND DECEMBER 1982, THE LIST  
 INCLUDES

CITIZENS OF TWENTY-SEVEN COUNTRIES, AMONG WHICH ARE THIRTEEN  
 BRAZILIANS. THIS LIST, ACCORDING TO THE CARDINAL AND AUGUSTO CONTE,  
 VICE-PRESIDENT OF THE PERMANENT ASSEMBLY FOR HUMAN RIGHTS IN  
 ARGENTINA, IS MORE COMPLETE THAN ANY TO DATE, INCLUDING THOSE OF  
 AMNESTY INTERNATIONAL. ARNS STATED THAT ALL NAMES WERE CHECKED WITH  
 AT LEAST TWO INDEPENDENT SOURCES BEFORE PUBLICATION.

4. THE LIST WAS COMPILED AFTER TWO AND A HALF YEARS OF WORK BY THE  
 COMMITTEE FOR THE DEFENSE OF HUMAN RIGHTS IN THE SOUTHERN CONE  
 (CLAMOR). CLAMOR IS A HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION UNDER THE DIRECTION  
 OF

THE ARCHDIOCESE OF SAO PAULO. EIGHT ARGENTINE HUMAN RIGHTS  
 COMMISSION

S  
 ALSO COLLABORATED, ALONG WITH SOME GROUPS FROM URUGUAY, AND AMNESTY  
 INTERNATIONAL.

5. THE DIRECTOR OF CLAMOR, JAIME WRIGHT, TOLD THE PRESS THAT THE  
 NUMBERS OF DESAPARECIDOS COULD REACH 15 THOUSAND. (NOTE WRIGHT IS

A  
 PRESBYTERIAN MINISTER, BORN IN BRAZIL OF AMERICAN MISSIONARY  
 PARENTS.

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HIS BROTHER IS A "DESAPARECIDO" IN BRAZIL SINCE 1973.) WRIGHT STATED

IN TELCON WITH POLOFF THAT THE INFORMATION USED TO COMPILE THE LIST CAME MAINLY FROM MIDDLE AND UPPER-CLASS (READ "POLITICALLY AWARE") ARGENTINIANS. ACCORDING TO WRIGHT, IT IS ONLY RECENTLY THAT INFORMATION

ON FROM NORTHERN ARGENTINA HAS BEGUN TO TRICKLE IN, AND INFORMATION FROM THE LOWER CLASSES IS STILL VERY RARE.

6. ON MONDAY, JANUARY 17TH, CARDINAL ARNS WILL PERSONALLY DELIVER A COPY OF THE LIST TO THE POPE. A COPY HAS ALREADY BEEN SENT TO THE PAPAL NUNCIO IN ARGENTINAN, MONSIGNOR UBALDO CALABRESI. ANOTHER COPY WAS SENT INDIRECTLY TO THE ARGENTINE GOVERNMENT VIA ITS EMBASSY IN DENMARK.

7. AT ARNS' PRESS CONFERENCE POLOFF ALSO RECEIVED A MIMEOGRAPHED LIST

OF DESAPARECIDOS IN THE FOLLOWING CATEGORIES 128 BRAZILIANS IN BRAZIL

L SINCE 1964; 3 BRAZILIANS IN CHILE SINCE 1973; 13 BRAZILIANS IN ARGENTINA SINCE 1973; AND 2 ARGENTINAIANS IN BRAZIL SINCE 1982. IT IS NOT CLEAR WHO AUTHORED THIS LIST, BUT PRESUMABLY IT ALSO WAS COMPILED BY ONE OF THE ARCHDIOCESE'S HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSIONS.

8. AMCONGEN SAO PAULO IS POUCHING COPY OF LIST (415 PAGES) AND CALENDAR TO AMEMBASSY BUENOS AIRES FOR ITS PERUSAL AND TO PASS TO WASHINGTON IF IT SO DESIRES.

9. COMMENT THE BRAZILIAN CHURCH, UNDER THE ACTIVIST LEADERSHIP OF CARDINAL ARNS, HAS TAKEN THE LATIN AMERICAN RELIGIOUS LEADERSHIP IN THE CAMPAIGN AGAINST THE DISAPPEARANCE OF PERSONS FOR POLITICAL REASONS. ACCORDING TO WRIGHT THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN THE VATICAN AND

THE GOA MAKES IT DIFFICULT FOR THE ARGENTINE CHURCH TO CONDUCT FAR REACHING INVESTIGATIONS, AND THEREFORE THE BRAZILIAN CHURCH HAS TAKEN

OVER THE ROLE. PUSHING THE INVESTIGATION OF THE DESAPARECIDOS HAS BEEN A WAY OF KEEPING THE QUESTION BEFORE THE PUBLIC AND THUS DISCOURAGING THIS TYPE OF ACTION BY GOVERNMENTS. OF THE SOUTHERN CONE OF LATIN AMERICA. ARNS' PRESS CONFERENCE WAS HELD ON THE SAME DAY THAT THE PRESIDENTS OF BRAZIL AND ARGENTINA WERE MEETING WITH ONE ANOTHER ON THEIR COUNTRIES' BORDERS. ARNS PROBABLY SCHEDULED THE PRESS CONFERENCE FOR THAT DAY SINCE IT HAD BEEN ANNOUNCED IN ADVANCE THAT BRAZILIAN PRESIDENT FIGUEIREDO WOULD NOT RAISE THE QUESTION OF THE DESAPARECIDOS WITH ARGENTINIAN PRESIDENT BIGNONE. THE TIMING WAS TOO PERFECT TO BE MERELY COINCIDENTAL. END COMMENT. LEARY

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