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SUBJ: THIS IS IR NO. (b)(3):10 USC 424

1. COUNTRY: ARGENTINA (AR)
2. REPORT NUMBER: (b)(3):10 USC 424
3. TITLE: (U) HOSTILITIES AND INSURGENCIES - MONTONERO  
G-70 GRENADE USED IN ATTACK AGAINST ARGENTINE ARMY  
TECHNICAL SCHOOL
4. PROJECT NUMBER: N/A
5. DATE OF INFORMATION: 780801
6. DATE OF REPORT: 780809
7. DATE AND PLACE OF ACQUISITION: 780801, BUENOS AIRES

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8. REFERENCES:  
9. ASSESSMENT:

Sec. 3.3(b) (1);(b)(3):10 USC 424

10. ORIGINATOR:  
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12. PREPARING OFFICER:  
13. APPROVING AUTHORITY:

14. SOURCE:

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15. SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS: (b)(3):10 USC 424

16. SUMMARY: ~~(S)~~ THIS REPORT PROVIDES INFORMATION WHICH UPDATES PREVIOUS IR (b)(3):10 USC 424 AND INDICATES THAT A MONTONERO G-70 RIFLE LAUNCHED GRENADE WAS THE WEAPON USED BY TERRORISTS IN AN ATTACK AGAINST THE ARGENTINE ARMY SUPERIOR TECHNICAL SCHOOL ON 19 JULY 1978 AND NOT A RPG-7 ROCKET/GRENADE AS PREVIOUSLY REPORTED.

22. DETAILS: ~~(S)~~ ON 780801, (b)(3):10 USC 424;Sec. 3.3(b) (1)

TO  
DISCUSS TYPE OF GRENADE LAUNCHERS BEING USED BY TERRORIST GROUPS.

(b)(3):10 USC 424;Sec. 3.3(b) (1)

2. ~~(S)~~ WHOLE VISITING SOURCE AT ARMY HEADQUARTERS, (b)(3):10 USC 424 WAS TOLD THAT MONTONEROS HAD USED A MONTONERO G-70 GRENADE WHEN ATTACKING THE SUPERIOR TECHNICAL SCHOOL ON 19 JULY 1978. IT HAD BEEN PREVIOUSLY REPORTED THAT AN RPG-7 ROCKET GRENADE HAD BEEN USED IN THE ATTACK. SOURCE INDICATED THAT IT WAS UNUSUAL THAT TERRORISTS USED A G-70 GRENADE SINCE IT WAS AN OLD MODEL AND HAD NOT BEEN USED BY THE TERRORISTS FOR A LONG TIME.

3. ~~(S)~~ (b)(3):10 USC 424 A G-70 WARHEAD AND AN LG-22-MP LAUNCHER WHICH SOURCE B HAD FOR IDENTIFICATION PURPOSES. THE G-70 SYSTEM HAS A WARHEAD WHICH RESEMBLES AN 81MM MORTAR SHELL IN SIZE, SHAPE AND CONFIGURATION. IT IS FIN STABILIZED IN FLIGHT. THE LAUNCHER IS IDENTIFIED AS AN LG-22 MP. BOTH WARHEAD AND LAUNCHER ARE FABRICATED ILLEGALLY BY GUERRILLA GROUPS IN ARGENTINA. THE LG-22-MP LAUNCHER IS APPROXIMATELY THREE

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FEET LONG AND CONSTRUCTED OF LIGHT METAL. A PISTOL GRIP/TRIGGER UNIT IS LOCATED ABOUT MIDWAY DOWN THE LAUNCHER TUBE. LAUNCHER IS CHARGED USING THE SAME TYPE

BOLT APPARATUS AS FOUND IN A TYPICAL 9MM SUB-MACHINEGUN. A 16-GAUGE SHOTGUN SHELL IS USED AS THE WEAPONS IGNITION DEVICE.

4. ~~(S)~~ ACCORDING TO SOURCE B, THE G-70 HAS A RANGE OF APPROXIMATELY 200 METERS UNDER FAVORABLE CONDITIONS. SOURCE STATED FURTHER THAT THE ATTACK ON THE TECHNICAL SCHOOL WAS MADE FROM A DISTANCE OF APPROXIMATELY 250 METERS. (b)(3):10 SHOWN PHOTOS OF THE DAMAGE INFLICTED ON THE TECHNICAL SCHOOL. THE GRENADE STRUCK AND EXPLODED BETWEEN THE WINDOWS OF WHAT APPEARED TO BE THE THIRD AND FOURTH FLOOR. A SMALL HOLE WAS EVIDENT AT THE POINT OF IMPACT BUT THE GRENADE DID NOT PENETRATE THE SIDE OF THE BUILDING. WINDOWS WERE BROKEN AND SLIGHT DAMAGE WAS CAUSED INSIDE THE BUILDING BY CONCUSSION. NO ONE WAS WOUNDED.

5. ~~(S)~~ SOURCE B STATED THAT THE G-70 HAD BEEN REPLACED BY THE G-40 GRENADE WHICH HE DESCRIBED AS MORE MODERN WITH A RANGE OF APPROXIMATELY 400 METERS. THE EXPLOSIVE IN THE WARHEAD OF THE G-40 WAS DESCRIBED AS A MIXTURE OF EXOGENO (EXOGENE) AND COMPOSITION C2. A NEW LAUNCHER HAS ALSO BEEN FABRICATED FOR USE WITH THE NEW G-40. SOURCE ESTIMATED THAT AS MANY AS 15 TO 20 BT

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NEW TYPE LAUNCHERS HAVE BEEN MADE THUS FAR. WHEN ASKED  
HOW MANY GRENADES HAD BEEN MADE HE SAID MANY (MUCHO)  
EXACT AMOUNT UNKNOWN.

COMMENTS: ~~(C)~~ THE FACT THAT A G-70 GRENADE WAS USED  
AGAINST THE TECHNICAL SCHOOL WOULD INDICATE THAT THE  
REASON FOR THE ATTACK WAS PROBABLY FOR HARRASSMENT AS  
INDICATED IN REFERENCED IR. THE G-40 AND RPG-7'S WERE  
PROBABLY HELD BACK TO USE ON MORE IMPORTANT TARGETS.  
2. THE FACT THAT THE TERRORIST GROUPS HAVE AN  
ESTIMATED 15/20 NEW MODEL GRENADE LAUNCHERS AND AN  
UNDETERMINED NUMBER OF GRENADES AS WELL AS THE POSSI-  
BLE 13 MORE RPG-7'S LOCATED IN-COUNTRY AS REPORTED IN

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REFERENCED IR WOULD INDICATE THAT THE TERRORISTS STILL  
HAVE THE MEANS AT THEIR DISPOSAL TO HARRASS, DAMAGE  
AND EVEN DESTROY GOVERNMENT BUILDINGS, VEHICLES AND  
PERSONNEL.

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