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2. REPORT NUMBER: (b)(3):10 USC 424

3. TITLE: (U) HOSTILITIES AND INSURGENCIES -TERRORIST

ACTION DIRECTED AGAINST THE ARGENTINE ARMY TECHNICAL SCHOOL

4. PROJECT NUMBER: N/A

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16. SUMMARY: (U) THIS REPORT FORWARDS INFORMATION CONCERNING A MONTONERO ATTACK ON THE ARMY TECHNICAL SCHOOL LOCATED IN THE BUENOS AIRES FEDERAL CAPITAL DISTRICT (3434S-05625W). THE ATTACK ALLEGEDLY WAS CARRIED OUT BY SUBVERSIVE ELEMENTS RIDING BY IN A CAR AND FIRING AN EXPLOSIVE DEVICE AT THE TECHNICAL SCHOOL WHICH IS LOCATED ADJACENT TO THE STREET.

22. DETAILS: ~~(C/NFN)~~ SOURCE A, WHICH USUALLY PROVIDES ACCURATE INFORMATION, RELATED THAT A WIRE SERVICE DISPATCH RECEIVED FROM PARIS, FRANCE INDICATED THAT MONTONEROS HAD ATTACKED THE ARMY SUPERIOR TECHNICAL SCHOOL LOCATED ON AVENUE CABILDO 15, 1426 CAPITAL FEDERAL BUENOS AIRES, ARGENTINA AT 1045 LOCAL TIME, 19 JUL 78. NO CASUALTIES WERE REPORTED. A GRENADE LAUNCHER WAS REPORTED TO HAVE BEEN USED IN THE ATTACK.

2. ~~(C/NFN)~~ ^{Sec. 3.3(b) (1)} WHO HAVE REPORTED ACCURATELY IN THE PAST ON OTHER SIMILAR INCIDENTS, RELATED TO EMBASSY SECURITY OFFICER THAT THIS ATTACK WAS IMILAR TO NINE PREVIOUS ATTACKS WHICH HAD TAKEN PLACE IN BUENOS AIRES.

^{Sec. 3.3(b) (1)} THIS ATTACK, AS IN THE PAST, WAS LAUNCHED FROM A CAR PASSING BY THE TARGET. THE WEAPON USED WAS REPORTED TO HAVE BEEN AN RPG-7 PORTABLE ROCKET/GRENADE LAUNCHER WHICH WAS FIRED FROM THE OPEN SUN-ROOF OF AN AUTOMOBILE. THE SAME TYPE OF WEAPON IS BELIEVED TO HAVEEN USED IN ALL PREVIOUS INCIDENTS EXCEPT ONE IN WHICH A MONTONERO G-40 DEVICE WAS USED. IN ALL INCIDENTS THE WEAPON IS BELIEVED TO HAVE BEEN FIRED FROM A RANGE OF 120 METERS TO A MAXIMUM OF 300 METERS.

COMMENTS: ~~(C/NFN)~~ THE MODUS OPERENDI USED BY THE SUBVERSIVE ELEMENT IN THIS ATTACK WOULD INDICATE THAT IT WAS PROBABLY EXECUTED BY THE SAME GROUP WHICH HAS CONDUCTED SIMILAR ATTACKS IN THE PAST. ARGENTINE SECURITY FORCES ARE OF THE SAME OPINION AND ARE REPORTEDLY CLOSE TO IDENTIFYING THE INDIVIDUALS CARRYING OUT THE ATTACKS.

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2. ~~(C/NFM)~~ THE FRENCH WIRE SERVICE REPORT DESCRIBING THE INCIDENT WAS RECEIVED IN ASUNCION, PARAGUAY LESS THAN 3-HOURS AFTER THE ATTACK. IN THE REPORT THE MONTONEROS ORGANIZATION CLAIMED RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE ATTACK. IF THIS IS THE CASE, THE FACT THAT THE MONTONEROS CLAIMED CREDIT FOR THE ATTACK IN PARIS WOULD INDICATE THAT ONE PROBABLE PURPOSE FOR THE INCIDENT WAS FOR PSYCHOLOGICAL EFFECTS ON ARGENTINE SUBVERSIVE GROUPS LOCATED IN FRANCE.

3. ~~(C/NFM)~~ SECURITY FORCES HAVE INDICATED THAT THERE ARE POSSIBLY 13 MORE ROCKET GRENADES LOCATED IN THE COUNTRY. FURTHER INCIDENTS AS DESCRIBED ABOVE ARE ANTICIPATED.

4. ~~(C/NFM)~~ WHILE THE MONTONEROS HAVE BEEN SERIOUSLY WEAKENED AS A RESULT OF SECURITY FORCES COUNTERMEASURES, THEY STILL MAINTAIN THE LIBERTY OF ACTION WHICH PERMITS THEM TO CONDUCT BOMBINGS, ROCKET ATTACKS AND ASSASSINATION ATTEMPTS ON LIGHT PROTECTED TARGETS. THIS MSG COORD W/ANEMBASSY.

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