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~~(c)~~ SUMMARY: THE IACHR VISIT HAS DRIVEN HOME THE EXISTENCE OF THE HUMAN RIGHTS ISSUE TO VIRTUALLY EVERY ARGENTINE, TO THE PLEASURE OF SOME AND THE UNHAPPINESS OF OTHERS. IN THE PROCESS, HUMAN RIGHTS HAS BECOME A POLITICAL ISSUE BETWEEN THE PERONISTS AND THE GOVERNMENT AS THE FORMER PUBLICLY BELABORED THE LATTER FOR BEING BOTH "DE FACTO" AND ABUSING HUMAN RIGHTS (BUENOS AIRES 7559), AND THE GOVERNMENT WEIGHED IN WITH A WITHERING RESPONSE. THERE HAS BEEN ONE REPORTED DISAPPEARANCE IN SEPTEMBER. THE CONTROVERSIAL LAW ON PRESUMPTIVE DEATHS (BUENOS AIRES 7565) HAS BEEN PROMULGATED.

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TO : Chargé Maxwell Chaplin

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SUBJECT: Information Received from GOA Military Intelligence

RSO Blystone met today with members of the Argentine military intelligence. [Sources advised that they have just learned that between ten and fifteen Montonero members have entered the country recently] and are assumed to be in the Cordoba area. [Sources believe this is the first part of a group of thirty who will be re-entering Argentina.] Sources stated that these forces were trained in Angola] and that the second group, which is called TIE (Tropas de Infanteria Especiales, or Special Infantry Troops), has yet to enter the country.] This second group is expected to remain in the Buenos Aires area with the members presumed to be in Cordoba joining them later.] Sources expect the Montonero group to use the RPG-7 portable rocket launcher as they previously used approximately a year ago. Military sources believe they will use the same system, wherein a vehicle with a sunroof will be used to pass a target. The terrorist will fire the rocket launcher from the moving vehicle at the selected target and then escape. Sources stated that they expect the individuals to enter the country as normal tourists or as commercial-type visitors using Italian or French passports. Their intelligence indicates that the Montoneros are studying the Italian and French languages in order to pass as these nationalities; it is also possible that they will use Spanish passports. Sources stated that they do not know where their superiors obtained this information, but consider the information to be valid.

Our sources also advised that some time ago, GOA forces picked up an individual believing him to be a member of the Montoneros. During the interrogation, the forces discovered that the individual was a high-ranking member of FAP. The forces were surprised to learn he was a member of FAP, inasmuch as they considered FAP to be disbanded and no longer active in Argentina. The FAP member, under interrogation, advised the security forces that a cell of FAP members had gone underground a few years ago and have remained dormant, waiting for the opportunity to assert themselves. The Argentine interrogators

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- (U) COUNTRY: ARGENTINA (AR)
- (U) REPORT NUMBER: (b)(3):10 USC 42
- (U) TITLE: TERRORISM-MONTONERO ATTACK ON ECONOMY MINISTRY OFFICIAL
- (U) PROJECT NUMBER: N/A
- (U) DATE OF INFORMATION: 790911-790928
- (U) DATE OF REPORT: 790920
- (U) DATE AND PLACE OF ACQUISITION: 790911-790928, BUENOS AIRES

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8. (U) REFERENCES: (b)(3):10 USC 424
9. (U) ASSESSMENT: ALL SOURCES (b)(3):10 USC 424
10. (U) ORIGINATOR: (b)(3):10 USC 424
11. (U) REQUEST EVALUATION: OMIT
12. (U) PREPARING OFFICER: (b)(3):10 USC 424
13. (U) APPROVING AUTHORITY: (b)(3):10 USC 424
14. (U) SOURCE: A. "BUENOS AIRES HERALD" 790928 B. "CLARIN"
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MEMO DTD 790911 F. AMEMB TELEGRAM 7636 DTG 141932Z SEP 79 G.
"BUENOS AIRES HERALD" 790921 H. AMEMB TELEGRAM 8008 DTG 271415Z
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15. (U) SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS: DIRC NO CAVEATS USED TO PROTECT
SOURCES AND INFORMATION. A POUCHED VERSION OF THIS IR WITH 8
(EIGHT) ENCLOSURES FOLLOWS.
16. ~~(S)~~ IR FORWARDS TERRORIST-RELATED INFORMATION IN TWO PARTS:
A. PART ONE DEALS WITH THE 790927 BOMBING OF THE RESIDENCE OF
GUILLELMO WALTER KLEIN, JR., SECRETARY OF PLANNING AND ECONOMIC
COORDINATION OF THE ARGENTINE MINISTRY OF ECONOMY IN A SUBURB OF
BUENOS AIRES TO INCLUDE: EXPLOSIVES USED, MODUS OPERANDI OF THE
TERRORISTS, IDENTIFICATION OF THE MONTONEROS GROUP AS THE
ORGANIZATION BEHIND THE ATTACK AND SPECULATION AS TO THEIR
MOTIVATION FOR CONDUCTING THE ATTACK
- B. PART TWO PROVIDES BACKGROUND INFORMATION ON THE ATTACK TO
INCLUDE: RECENT INFILTRATION INTO ARGENTINA OF MONTONEROS,
AND THE KILLING OF TWO LEADING MEMBERS OF THE GROUP.
22. ~~(S)~~ DETAILS: 1. (U) ACCORDING TO SOURCE A, AT 7:35 A.M.
LOCAL TIME ON 790927, BETWEEN TEN AND FORTY-FIVE HOODED TERRORISTS,
WEARING LIGHT BLUE PATECOUS SIMILAR TO THOSE WORN BY BUENOS AIRES

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PROVINCIAL POLICE, ARRIVED AT THE OLIVOS SUBURB HOME OF DR. KLEIN. THEY ARRIVED IN SEVERAL VEHICLES, INCLUDING TWO PICK-UP TRUCKS. THE TERRORISTS OBTAINED ENTRY INTO THE HOME (GUARDED BY FOUR SECURITY MEN PERMANENTLY ASSIGNED TO DR. KLEIN--ONE OF WHOM APPEARED TOTALLY UNRESPONSIVE TO THE ATTACKERS AS A RESULT OF THE INITIAL SHOCK OF THE ATTACK ITSELF) AND ENGAGED IN A GUN BATTLE WITH THE TWO GUARDS WHO REMAINED ALERT TO THE SITUATION. THESE TWO GUARDS FIRED AT THE ATTACKERS, BUT WERE KILLED BY MACHINEGUN FIRE. THE TERRORISTS THEN PLACED EXPLOSIVE CHARGES IN STRATEGIC AREAS OF THE HOME, AND RETURNED TO THEIR VEHICLES, WHEREUPON THEY HURLED HAND GRENADES INTO THE HOME TO SET OFF THE CHARGES. THE VEHICLES DEPARTED. THE WHOLE OPERATION LASTED SOME 7-10 MINUTES.

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2. (U) (b)(3):10 USC 424 THE ATTACKERS USED 30 KG OF DYNAMITE. THE ATTACKERS, (b)(3):10 USC 424 WERE P.L.O.-TRAINED MONTONEROS.

OTHER INFORMATION PROVIDED (b)(3):10 USC 424 THE TERRORISTS USED SOME FIVE FORD FALCONS; NUMEROUS WOMEN WERE AMONG THE TERRORISTS; GROUP MEMBERS PATROLLED THE STREET WHILE THE ATTACK WAS BEING CONDUCTED; THE EXPLOSIONS DAMAGED NEARBY HOMES; ARGENTINE POLICE AND ARMED FORCES OFFICIALS REPORTING TO THE SCENE INCLUDED THE FEDERAL POLICE, I CORPS ARMY, BOMB SQUAD, AND EXPLOSIVES AND MILITARY HEALTH BRIGADE; AND THAT THE KLEIN BOMBING WAS THE THIRD ATTACK, WITHIN A PERIOD OF 18 MONTHS, AGAINST A MEMBER OF THE ECONOMY MINISTRY. THE TWO PREVIOUS ATTACKS WERE CONDUCTED AGAINST: A. DR. MIGUEL PADILLA, ON 720411, IN WHICH HE DIED; AND B. DR. JUAN ALEMANN,

IN WHICH HE SUSTAINED MINOR INJURIES. DR.'S PADILLA AND ALEMAN HELD THE POSITIONS OF UNDERSECRETARY OF STATE FOR ECONOMIC COORDINATION AND SECRETARY OF STATE FOR HOUSING, RESPECTIVELY, AT THE TIME OF THE ATTACKS.

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3. (U) ACCORDING TO SOURCE C, A FEMALE TERRORIST DID PARTICIPATE IN THE BURNING INTO THE HOME. ALLEGEDLY, SHE INTENDED TO KILL TWO MAIDS EMPLOYED IN THE KLEIN HOUSEHOLD, BUT AN ACCOMPLICE (MALE) URGED HER TO LET THEM GO; THE MAIDS WERE SPIRITED AWAY TO NEARBY MOVIE THEATERS FOR THE DURATION OF THE ATTACK. ADDITIONALLY, SOURCE C REPORTED, QUOTING "RESPONSIBLE SOURCES," THAT THE GROUP OF TERRORISTS HAD ENTERED ARGENTINA RECENTLY, ALONG WITH TWO MONTONERO LEADERS, HORACIO MENDIZABAL AND ARMANDO CROATTO; THE TWO WERE KILLED ON 790920 IN THE BUENOS AIRES SUBURB OF MURRO, DURING A SHOOT-OUT WITH ARGENTINE SECURITY FORCES. THE EXPLOSIVES USED WERE "TROTYL" COMMENT: (b)(3):10 USC 424
 TROTYL IS AN ACRONYM ^{FOR} ~~FOR THE SPANISH EQUIVALENT OF~~ (TNT). (n)

4. (U) ACCORDING TO SOURCE D, A FOREIGN NEWS AGENCY RECEIVED A TELEPHONE CALL ATTRIBUTING THE ATTACK TO THE MONTONERO GROUP. SAME SOURCE REPORTED THAT ^{SIMILAR} MATERIALS WERE USED IN THE BOMBING OF AN APARTMENT IN WHICH NAVY CIRC ADM.

LAMBRUSCHINI AND HIS FAMILY RESIDED (b)(3):10 USC 424

(b)(3):10 USC 424 MENTION WAS ALSO MADE OF TWO FURTHER, AND APPARENTLY SIMILAR, ATTACKS MADE, IN 1976, AGAINST P.A. POLICE CHIEF BRIG. GEN. CESARIO CARDOZO, AND FEDERAL SECURITY POLICE HEADQUARTERS, THE LATTER OF WHICH RESULTED IN 18 DEATHS AND 66 PERSONS INJURED.

5. (S) SOURCE E, DATED 790911, REPORTED TERRORIST-RELATED INFORMATION, FROM WHICH THE FOLLOWING IS A BRIEF EXTRACT: "...SOURCES ADVISED THAT THEY HAVE JUST LEARNED THAT BETWEEN TEN AND FIFTEEN MONTONERO MEMBERS HAVE ENTERED THE COUNTRY...SOURCES BELIEVE THIS IS THE FIRST PART OF A GROUP OF THIRTY WHO WILL BE RE-ENTERING ARGENTINA. SOURCES STATED THAT THESE FORCES WERE TRAINED IN ANGOLA..."

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6. (S) ACCORDING TO SOURCE F: "...AT LEAST SOME AUGUST DISAPPEARANCES RELATE TO THE BREAK UP OF AN UNDERGROUND "F.A.P." ("FUERZAS ARMADAS PERONISTAS") CELL...THIS INFORMATION IS CIRCULATING WIDELY THROUGH THE ARGENTINE SECURITY FORCES. SIMILARLY CIRCULATING IS A REPORT THAT THE MONTONEROS ARE ACTIVELY SEEKING TO INFILTRATE TERRORISTS BACK INTO ARGENTINA..." REPORT IS DATED 790914.

7. (U) SOURCE G REPORTED THAT ON 790921, TWO RANKING MEMBERS OF THE MONTONERO GROUP WERE KILLED IN A SHOOTOUT WITH ARGENTINE SECURITY FORCES IN THE B.A. SUBURB OF MUNRO. ACCORDING TO THE REPORT: "...ONE OF THE TWO TERRORISTS IS REPORTED TO HAVE THROWN A GRENADE WHEN THE SECURITY FORCES TRIED TO ARREST THEM, BUT THE GRENADE DID NOT EXPLODE AND THE TERRORIST CHOSE TO SHOOT HIMSELF IN THE STOMACH, DYING ON THE SPOT. THE OTHER TERRORIST WAS SHOT DOWN BY THE PLAINCLOTHES MEN AFTER HE PULLED OUT A GUN AND OPENED FIRE ON THEM..."

8. (S) SOURCE H, DATED 790927, REPORTED THAT A "SPECIAL MONTONERO COMBAT TEAM PLANNED TO REENTER ARGENTINA WITH THE PURPOSE OF ATTEMPTING TO ASSASSINATE A HIGH ARGENTINE

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GOVERNMENT OFFICIAL." PRES. VIDELA WAS BELIEVED TO

(b) BE THE PRIME TARGET OF THE MONTONEROS.

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COMMENT: ~~(e)~~ OBJECT OF TERRORIST ATTACK, ALONG WITH
DISCONTENT IN MILITARY LEADERSHIP CIRCLES

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WOULD INDICATE THAT THE MAJOR SOURCE
OF UNREST IN ARGENTINA IS THE HANDLING OF THE ECONOMY.

(b) COMMENT: ~~(e)~~ Sec. 3.3(b)(1) THE GUNFIRE WHICH
(3):10 PRECEDED THE BOMBING OF THE KLEIN HOME, AT 7:35 A.M.
ON 790927.

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FURTHER, SUBSEQUENT
LOUD EXPLOSIONS WERE HEARD.

REPORT THAT AN EYEWITNESS
HAD TOLD HIM THAT HE HAD SEEN A PICK-UP TRUCK AND
DODGE LEAVE THE SCENE, AND THAT THE TERRORISTS APPEARED

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(b) TO BE EXTREMELY YOUNG--BETWEEN 18 YRS AND 25 YRS.
(3):10 TECHNICAL ASPECTS OF BOMBING WILL BE REPORTED BY SEP IR.

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COMMENT: ~~(e)~~ TERRORIST TRAINING IN ANGOLA WAS

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(b) COMMENT: ~~(s)~~ CONCERNING THE ALLEGED SHOOTOUT OF
(3):10 THE TWO RANKING MONTONERO LEADERS, EMBASSY HAS LEARNED
USC THAT THE PRESS ITEM (PARA 7 OF THIS IR) MAY NOT BE
424 A COMPLETELY ACCURATE ACCOUNT OF THE EVENT.

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EMBASSY COMMENT: (S) WHILE EVIDENCE IS ~~MINOR~~
ACCUMULATING WHICH SUGGESTS MONTENEGROS WERE RESPONSIBLE
FOR THIS ATTACK, SOME OF THE EVIDENCE CANNOT BE TAKEN
AT FACE VALUE. UNTIL MORE IS KNOWN ABOUT THE INCIDENT,
WE DO NOT WISH TO RULE OUT ALTERNATIVE EXPLANATIONS.

WITH REGARD TO RELIABILITY OF SOURCES, [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] WE ARE INFORMED BY ARGENTINE SECURITY
OFFICERS THAT CROATTO AND MENDIZABAL WERE NOT KILLED
IN A SUPERMARKET SHOOTOUT BUT DIED SEPARATELY EARLIER.
SOURCE E REPORTED INFORMATION FROM A SOURCE WHO HAS
ON A FEW PAST OCCASIONS TRIED TO LEAD OR MISLEAD THE
USG. SIMILARLY, THE INFORMATION IN SOURCE F MAY BE PARTLY
DESIGNED TO SUIT THE GOVERNMENT'S PURPOSES. THESE
OBSERVATIONS DO NOT CONTRADICT THE IMPLICATIONS OF THIS
IR, BUT DO SUGGEST THAT SOME SOURCE MATERIAL BE ASSESSED

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[REDACTED] COMMENT: (S) EMBASSY COMMENT WELL TAKEN.

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EIGHT (8) ENCLOSURES:

1. ARTICLE, "B.A. HERALD," 790928, 1 CY, 2 PGS (U)
2. ARTICLE, "CLARIN," 790928, 1 CY, ~~2~~ PGS (U)
3. ARTICLE, "LA OPINION," 790928, 1 CY, 2 PGS (U)
4. ARTICLE, "LA NACION" 790928, 1 CY, 3 PGS (U)
5. AMEMB MEMO, 790911, 1 CY, 2 PGS ~~(S)~~
6. AMEMB TELEGRAM 7636, DTG 141932Z SEP 79, 1 CY,
6 PGS ~~(S)~~
7. ARTICLE, "B.A. HERALD," 790921, 1 CY, 1 PG (U)
8. AMEMB TELEGRAM 8008, DTG 271415Z SEP 79, 1 CY,
2 PGS ~~(S)~~

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learned from the FAP member where they had stored their weapons, which have subsequently been confiscated. Some of the disappearances during August may be related to the discovery of this group. Sources advised that it is possible that a number of these members may reappear under PEN at a later date or may not reappear at all.

* Sources confirmed that in July, in Buenos Aires Province, while tilling his field, a farmer discovered a small number of weapons buried there and notified the Argentine Air Force. Security forces determined that the weapons had been in the ground for approximately two to three years and were not usable.

RSO was advised today through a contact in the Federal Security Police that Comisario Fioravanti, two sub.comisarios, and two police officials were apprehended 20 days ago for committing six acts of criminal kidnapping, with ransoms ranging into the millions of dollars. The names of those involved and details of this case will follow in a separate report.

Other sources also advised that Comisario Inspector Repetto has been named as the new Chief of Intelligence for Metropolitan Security. This is a new position and many of the police officials do not understand why he was chosen, as Repetto is known to have been involved in many criminal activities.

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WIFE AND TWO OTHER CHILDREN WERE TAKEN TO THE HOSPITAL,
ONE OF THEM WITH A BROKEN LEG.

3. (U) ACCORDING TO A GOVERNMENT PRESS SOURCE, 13 MEN
DRESSED IN OLIVE GREEN FATIGUES WERE RESPONSIBLE FOR
THE ATTACK. THIS SOURCE SPECULATED THAT THIS WAS A
MONTONERO ATTACK IN REPRISAL FOR THE DEATHS OF MONTONERO
LEADERS HORACIO MENDIZABAL AND DANIEL ARMANDO CROATTO
LAST WEEK. ACCORDING TO A UPI REPORT, THE ASSAILANTS
WERE HOODED, WEARING MASKS AND BLACK BERETS. THE
GOVERNMENT HAS NOT YET RELEASED ANY OFFICIAL INFORMATION
IDENTIFYING THE ATTACKERS AS MONTONEROS.

4. ~~(S)~~ MILITARY INTELLIGENCE SOURCES INFORMED THE EMBASSY
A FEW DAYS AGO THAT THEY HAD INFORMATION THAT A SPECIAL
MONTONERO COMBAT TEAM PLANNED TO REENTER ARGENTINA
WITH THE PURPOSE OF ATTEMPTING TO ASSASSINATE A HIGH
ARGENTINE GOVERNMENT OFFICIAL. THESE SOURCES BELIEVED
THAT PRESIDENT VIDELA WOULD BE THE PRIME TARGET OF THE
MONTONEROS.

5. (U) KLEIN IS THE SECOND MAN IN THE ECONOMY MINISTRY.

6. (U) ACCORDING TO A ^{SR}LATE MINUTE REPORT, KLEIN HAS BEEN
REMOVED FROM THE RUBBLE AND ~~XX~~ IS RESPONDING TO OXYGEN.

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END SUMMARY.

1. ~~(S)~~ IAHRIC VISIT -----

THE VISIT OF THE INTER-AMERICAN HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION (IAHRC) ECLIPSED ALL OTHER EVENTS ON THE HUMAN RIGHTS FRONT IN THE PERIOD UNDER REVIEW. COMMISSION MEMBERS CALLED ON THE PRESIDENT, THE JUNTA, THE FOREIGN MINISTER, GENERALS, GOVERNORS, PROMINENT PRISONERS, EX-PRESIDENTS, AND THE LEADERS OF THE CHURCH. THE COMMISSION ALSO VISITED JAILS. THE COMMISSION WILL BE MEETING UNDER CONDITIONS OF RELATIVE PRIVACY TO DISCUSS SELECT CASES WITH VICTIMS OF HUMAN RIGHTS VIOLATIONS, WHO HAVE DETAILED ACCUSATIONS. BUT PERHAPS THE MOST DRAMATICALLY AFFECTING ASPECT OF THE VISIT TOOK PLACE WHEN HUNDREDS OF PEOPLE COULD BE SEEN DAILY LINED UP OUTSIDE THE COMMISSION'S OFFICE, DESPITE SOME CLUMSY ATTEMPTS AT POLICE INTIMIDATION, TO WAIT FOR THEIR TURN TO DENOUNCE HUMAN RIGHTS ABUSES. THE INTENSIVE COVERAGE GIVEN THE COMMISSION'S ACTIVITIES AND REPERCUSSIONS BY ALL THE NEWS MEDIA--THE LIMITS OF SELF-CENSORSHIP ALL BUT COLLAPSED--SHOULD HAVE DRIVEN HOME TO ALL ARGENTINES THAT HUMAN RIGHTS ARE AN ISSUE OF IMPORTANCE.

2. ~~(S)~~ ANY REMAINING DOUBTS ON THIS SCORE WERE PROBABLY ERASED WHEN THE PERONISTS TOOK UP THE HUMAN RIGHTS CAUSE AS THEIR OWN, USING THE VISIT OF THE COMMISSION AS THE OCCASION TO MAKE AN UNPRECEDENTED ATTACK ON THE

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GOVERNMENT, WHICH IT ACCUSED AS BEING BOTH "DE FACTO" AND HAVING GROSSLY VIOLATED HUMAN RIGHTS. THE GOVERNMENT IMMEDIATELY ISSUED A FIERY REJOINER, LABELING THE PERONIST STATEMENT INTOLERABLE AND REMINDING THE PERONISTS THAT THEIR GOVERNMENT AND PARTY WERE RESPONSIBLE FOR THE SITUATION WHICH FORCED THE MILITARY TO TAKE OVER IN 1976. WHILE THE DURABILITY OF THE PERONISTS' COMMITMENT TO THE HUMAN RIGHTS CAUSE IS UNCERTAIN, IT IS SIGNIFICANT THAT WHAT IS UNDOUBTEDLY ARGENTINA'S LARGEST SINGLE POLITICAL FORCE HAS FOR THE FIRST TIME SPOKEN OUT ON THE ISSUE. OF NO LESS SIGNIFICANCE IS THAT BY TAKING A STAND, THEY HAVE MADE HUMAN RIGHTS AN ISSUE IN THE GREAT POLARIZATION THAT DIVIDES ARGENTINE SOCIETY--PERONISTS AGAINST ANTI-PERONISTS. IF THIS DEVELOPMENT PERSISTS, IT WILL VASTLY COMPLICATE US INVOLVEMENT IN THE HUMAN RIGHTS QUESTION HERE.

3. ~~Let~~ MANY OTHERS BESIDES THE PERONISTS MADE KNOWN THEIR THOUGHTS ABOUT THE HUMAN RIGHTS SITUATION, WITH MORE OR LESS ELOQUENCE AND WITH OPPOSING STANCES. THE MOST ELOQUENT OF ALL WAS ISSUED BY ARGENTINE WRITER ERNESTO SABATO, WHO DEFENDED THE RULE OF LAW AND STATED THAT THERE "IS NO SUCH THING AS INEXCUSABLE AND EXCUSABLE VIOLATIONS, EVEN IF THE LATTER ARE COMMITTED IN THE DEFENSE OF GREAT IDEAS." ON THE OTHER SIDE WERE GROUPS AND INDIVIDUALS--SOME WITH THE BACKING OF THE GOA--WHO SOUGHT TO REMIND ALL THAT THE NATION HAD BEEN SAVED BY THE ARMED

FORCES FROM A "REVOLUTIONARY WAR" IN WHICH TERRORISTS GROSSLY VIOLATED HUMAN RIGHTS. THE TOWN ALSO BLOSSOMED WITH STICKERS IN THE NATIONAL COLORS--PROCLAIMING THAT "WE ARGENTINES ARE RIGHTFUL AND HUMAN" ("LOS ARGENTINOS SOMOS DERECHOS Y HUMANOS"). A NEW ORGANIZATION ALSO APPEARED, "THE LEAGUE OF FAMILY MEMBERS OF THE VICTIMS OF TERRORISM," GROUPING THOSE WHO LOST LOVED ONES TO TERRORIST ACTIONS.

4. ~~(LOU)~~ TWO SMALL GLITCHES DEVELOPED DURING THE VISIT SO FAR. THE MEXICAN GOVERNMENT HAS VETOED A COMMISSION INTERVIEW AT THE MEXICAN EMBASSY WITH FORMER PRESIDENT CAMPORA. AND THE COLOMBIAN MEMBER OF THE COMMISSION, GERARDO MONRAY CABRA, A MEMBER OF THE COLOMBIAN SUPREME COURT, WAS TEMPORARILY RECALLED TO COLOMBIA BY THE COURT, A RECALL WHOSE REASONS WERE NOT CLEARLY REPORTED IN BUENOS AIRES.

5. (U) DISAPPEARANCES -----

TWO REAPPEARANCES (BUENOS AIRES 7407) BY MEN WHO REPORTEDLY DISAPPEARED IN AUGUST--RAUL ALBERTO ARAMENDI AND OSCAR RICARDO ROMERO--LEFT UNEXPLAINED, KNOWN DISAPPEARANCES FOR THE MONTH OF AUGUST AT TEN. IN ADDITION, MRS. ELIO VALDERRAMOS (THOSE HUSBAND'S DISAPPEARANCE ALSO WAS REPORTED R.A. 7407) HAS REPORTEDLY MADE AN OFFICIAL COMPLAINT THAT HER HUSBAND, A DOCTOR WAS TAKEN FROM THE MENDOZA PROVINCIAL HOSPITAL WHERE HE WORKED BY A GROUP OF MEN WHO IDENTIFIED THEMSELVES AS BELONGING TO THE SECURITY

FORCES. MRS. VALDERRAMOS REPORTEDLY STATED AUGUST 10 THAT SHE WAS UNABLE TO LOCATE HER HUSBAND IN ANY MENDOZA POLICE OR SECURITY FACILITY.

6. ~~(c)~~ REPORTS THAT AT LEAST SOME OF THE AUGUST DISAPPEARANCES RELATE TO THE BREAK UP OF AN UNDERGROUND "FAP" ("FUERZAS ARMADAS PERONISTAS") CELL CONTINUE TO REACH US. IT IS CLEAR THAT THIS INFORMATION IS CIRCULATING WIDELY THROUGH THE ARGENTINE SECURITY FORCES. SIMILARLY CIRCULATING IS A REPORT THAT THE MONTONEROS ARE ACTIVELY SEEKING TO INFILTRATE TERRORISTS BACK INTO THE COUNTRY. WE HAVE NO WAY OF INDEPENDENTLY JUDGING THE VALIDITY OF THESE REPORTS. WE NOTE, HOWEVER, THAT WHATEVER THEIR VALIDITY, SOME ELEMENTS IN THE GOA WILL USE SUCH REPORTS TO ATTEMPT TO JUSTIFY A CONTINUATION OF THE SECURITY FORCES' PRACTICES.

7. (U) PRESUMPTIVE DEATH LAW PUBLISHED -----

THE GOA PROMULGATED ITS CONTROVERSIAL LAW ON PRESUMPTIVE DEATH SEPTEMBER 12. THE PROVISIONS OF THE LAW WHICH GIVE THE STATE THE RIGHT TO SEEK A DECLARATION OF PRESUMPTIVE DEATH FOR A MISSING PERSON AND WHICH CAUSED OBJECTIONS, INSIDE AND OUTSIDE ARGENTINA, ARE UNCHANGED. THE RELATIVES OF THE DISAPPEARED HAVE ASKED THE SUPREME COURT TO DECLARE THIS LAW UNCONSTITUTIONAL, IN A MOTION WHICH ALSO PROTESTS THE CONTINUED UNRESPONSIVENESS OF THE GOVERNMENT TO HABEAS CORPUS PETITIONS. MEANWHILE, A

GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN REPORTEDLY CLAIMED THAT THE STATE HAS BEEN GIVEN A ROLE BY THE LEGISLATION ONLY TO ALLOW IT TO ACT IN BEHALF OF ORPHANED CHILDREN WHO HAVE NO RELATIVES.

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15. (U) SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS: ~~DIRC-NO; NOFORN CAVEAT APPLIED TO PROTECT SOURCES AND SENSITIVE COLLECTION METHODS UTILIZED.~~

16. ~~(C/NOFORN)~~ SUMMARY: THIS REPORT PROVIDES INFORMATION CONCERNING MONTONERO TRAINING IN FOREIGN COUNTRIES, EQUIPMENT IN USE AND PLANS FOR FUTURE OPERATIONS TO BE CONDUCTED IN ARGENTINA.

22. ~~(C/NOFORN)~~ DETAILS:

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DISCUSSED THE RECENT BOMBING OF THE ((KLEIN)) RESIDENCE ON 790926 IN THE SUBURBS OF BUENOS AIRES.

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THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION CONCERNING RECENT MONTONERO ACTIVITIES:

(1) IN 7904, IN SAENZ PENA, CHACO PROVINCE (3436S, 05832W) AT A ROUTE CONTROL POINT; A MAN WAS FOUND CARRYING A TAPE CASSETTE IN A SMALL BAG. UPON PLAYING THE CASSETTE, SECURITY FORCES DISCOVERED THAT IT CONTAINED A BRIEFING FROM MONTONERO LEADER ((FIRMENICH)) WHICH PROVIDED INSTRUCTIONS FOR FUTURE OPERATIONS AND GENERAL PROPAGANDA INFORMATION.

(2) IN 7908, IN POSADAS, MISIONES PROVINCE (2730S, 05550W) A WOMAN WAS APPREHENDED BY SECURITY FORCES WHILE TRYING TO CROSS THE BORDER WITH WHAT APPEARED TO BE A STEREO-RECEIVER. UPON EXAMINATION, IT WAS DISCOVERED TO BE A TELEVISION INTERFERENCE DEVICE. ALSO FOUND ON THE WOMAN WAS A BAG WITH INSIGNIAS AND BADGES OF THE MONTONERO "ARMY". WITHOUT GOING INTO GREAT DETAIL, SOURCE INDICATED THAT THERE WERE AN ASSORTMENT OF BADGES, PINS, STARS - ONE BADGE WHICH SOURCE IDENTIFIED HAD A (FAL) 7.62 RIFLE WITH A LANCE CROSSING THE RIFLE. UNDER QUESTIONING, THE WOMAN REVEALED ADDITIONAL INFORMATION CONCERNING OTHER MONTONEROS. IN

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7909, SHE LED SECURITY FORCES TO A GROUP IN CORDOBA, CORDOBA PROVINCE (3124S, 06411W) WHICH WAS PREPARING TO OPERATE WITH TV INTERFERENCE EQUIPMENT. THE GROUP WAS FOUND WITH EIGHT (8) STEREO SETS SIMILAR TO THE ONE FOUND ON THE WOMAN. IN ADDITION TO THE TV-INTERFERENCE EQUIPMENT NEW WEAPONS WERE FOUND. FROM CORDOBA, THE INVESTIGATION LED TO BUENOS AIRES TO WHAT WAS, ACCORDING TO SOURCE, THE "NORTH COLUMN" WHOSE HEAD WAS ((MENDIZABAL)) ACCORDING TO SOURCE, THIS COLUMN ALLEGEDLY CONTAINED (PLUS/MINUS) SEVENTEEN (17) PEOPLE. THE COLUMN WAS ARMED WITH "UZI" AND "STERLING" SUB-MACHINEGUNS, "BROWNING", "STAR", AND "SMITH-WESSON" PISTOLS, AND U.S. GRANADES MANUFACTURED IN 7902 PACKED IN PORTUGUESE CONTAINERS. ALSO FOUND WERE SOVIET AK-47 RIFLES. SOURCE DESCRIBED TWO TYPES OF RECENTLY INTRODUCED MONTONERO GROUPS WHICH ARE GOING BY THE ABBREVIATIONS "TEA" AND "TEI". DEFINITIONS: TEA (TROPAS ESPECIALISTAS DE AGITACION), PROPAGANDA SPECIALISTS, TROOPS RESPONSIBLE FOR PROPAGANDA OPERATIONS, SUCH AS INTERRUPTION OF TV BROADCAST.

TEI (TROPAS ESPECIALISTAS DE INFANTERIA) SPECIAL INFANTRY TROOPS WHICH

ARE THE NEW COMBAT ELEMENT OF THE MONTONEROS. IT WAS THIS GROUP THAT WAS RESPONSIBLE FOR THE BOMBING OF THE WALTER ((KLEIN)) HOUSE. WHEN ASKED [REDACTED] WHERE THE MONTONEROS WERE TRAINING OVERSEAS, SOURCE RESPONDED THAT THE PRINCIPLE TRAINING GROUND FOR THE COMBAT UNIT WAS IN LEBANON WHERE THEY WERE BEING TRAINED BY THE PLO. SOURCE INDICATED THAT THE COMBAT GROUP WAS WELL TRAINED, WELL DISCIPLINED, AND EFFICIENT. HE MENTIONED THAT THEY

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HAD CONSIDERABLE MONEY BECAUSE THE VEHICLES THAT THEY WERE DRIVING
HAD BEEN PAID FOR IN CASH (HE DID NOT MENTION ANY SPECIFIC AMOUNT
OF MONEY).

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THE FOLLOWING ADDITIONAL INFORMATION CONCERNING MONTONERO TRAINING ABROAD

(1) HE INDICATED THAT THE TRAINING WAS SUBDIVIDED INTO SEPARATE COURSES WHICH WERE BEING CONDUCTED IN LEBANON.

- COURSE ONE: INDIVIDUALS IN THIS COURSE RECEIVED NO MILITARY PREPARATION. THEY LATER SERVED AS CONTACTS AND COURIERS. THE COURSE IS 30-DAYS IN DURATION AND THERE ARE BETWEEN SIX (6) AND SEVEN (7) STUDENTS IN THE COURSE AT ONE TIME.

- COURSE TWO: THIS COURSE IS DESIGNED TO TRAIN "TEI" PERSONNEL AND IS ALSO 30-DAY IN DURATION. STUDENTS RECEIVE INSTRUCTION IN ARMS, MARKSMANSHIP, AND SPECIAL OPERATIONS (TO INCLUDE EXPLOSIVES). TEN (10) STUDENTS ARE TRAINED IN THE COURSE AT ONE TIME.

- COURSE THREE: THIS COURSE IS DESIGNED TO TRAIN "TEA" PERSONNEL AND, AGAIN, IS 30-DAYS IN DURATION. STUDENTS ARE INSTRUCTED IN THE THEORETICAL AND TECHNICAL ASPECTS OF RADIO/TELEVISION TRANSMISSION. THERE ARE APPROXIMATELY SIXTEEN (16) STUDENTS IN THE COURSE AT ONE TIME.

(2) IN EXPLAINING THE COURSE MATERIAL, SOURCE INDICATED THE FOLLOWING:

- ARMAMENT INSTRUCTION INCLUDED CHARACTERISTICS OF VARIOUS TYPES OF WEAPONS, ASSEMBLY/DISSEMBLY, MAINTENANCE, AND METHODS USED TO HIDE AND TRANSPORT WEAPONS. LIVE FIRING EXERCISES ARE CONDUCTED USING ALL AVAILABLE WEAPONS.

- SPECIAL OPERATIONS TRAINING INCLUDES TYPICAL COMMANDO "HIT AND RUN" TYPE INSTRUCTION, WHICH EVENTUALLY LEADS TO A PRACTICAL EXERCISE BEING CONDUCTED BY THE WHOLE GROUP.

- EXPLOSIVES TRAINING IS DESIGNED TO INSTRUCT THE STUDENTS IN THE DIFFERENT CLASSES OF EXPLOSIVES, DESTRUCTIVE POWERS, AND UTILIZATION. "TNT" IS USED EXTENSIVELY IN THE INSTRUCTION.

- ELECTRONICS TRAINING GIVES INSTRUCTIONS ON HOW TO INTERRUPT TV TRANSMISSION AND THE TECHNICAL ASPECTS OF THESE TRANSMISSIONS.

(3) SOURCE INDICATED THAT THE FOLLOWING WEAPONS WERE UTILIZED DURING THE TRAINING:

- 9MM FRENCH MACHINEGUN (MAT)
- 9MM ISRAELI SUB-MACHINEGUN (UZI)
- M-16 USA RIFLE
- 7.62 GERMAN G-3 NATO RIFLE
- 9MM UNITED KINGDOM STERLING MACHINE-PISTOL

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- 7.62 SOVIET/CHINESE AK-47 VARSOVIA ASSAULT RIFLES
- REMINGTON SHOTGUN USA (CALIBER UNKNOWN)
- .22 CAL SPANISH STAR PISTOLS
- .38 CAL SOVIET TOKAREV PISTOLS
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THE FOLLOWING AMPLIFYING INFORMATION CONCERNING MONTONERO TRAINING, MOVEMENT, AND PLANS:

(1) ACCORDING TO SOURCE, IN 1979 (NFI) APPROXIMATELY 100 TO 200 INDIVIDUALS FROM ARGENTINA WENT TO VARIOUS TRAINING BASES IN LATIN AMERICA AND EUROPE FOR INCORPORATION IN THE MONTONERO MOVEMENT. HE INDICATED THAT HE KNEW OF THREE INDIVIDUALS WHO HAD BEEN RELEASED FROM CONFINEMENT UNDER THE RIGHT OF OPTION PROGRAM WENT ABROAD AND RETURNED TO ARGENTINA AS MONTONEROS. THE 100 TO 200 INDIVIDUALS (EXACT NUMBER UNKNOWN) WENT TO VARIOUS LOCATIONS.

(2) THE ONES WITH NO PREVIOUS CONNECTIONS TO THE MONTONERO MOVEMENT (I.E., NO POLITICAL INDOCTRINATION) WERE SENT TO A BASE IN MEXICO. SOURCE INDICATED THAT HE KNEW OF AT LEAST 25 WHO WENT TO THIS TRAINING BASE. AT THE BASE THEY WERE INSTRUCTED IN PROPAGANDA, MONTONERO PHILOSOPHY, ETC. TO HIS KNOWLEDGE, NO REAL MILITARY TRAINING TOOK PLACE AT THIS LOCATION. THE INDIVIDUALS WITH THE GREATEST POTENTIAL FROM THIS GROUP OF 25 WERE SENT TO LEBANON FOR TRAINING IN COMBAT OPERATIONS AS DESCRIBED BY SOURCE "B".

(3) SOURCE INDICATED THAT VARIOUS LOCATIONS IN AFRICA, LATIN AMERICA, AND EUROPE WERE USED AS TRAINING BASES. MONTONERO COMBAT ELEMENTS WERE TRAINED IN ANGOLA AND HAD BEEN ACTUALLY UTILIZED IN COMBAT OPERATIONS AGAINST ELEMENTS OPPOSED TO THE MARXIST REGIME THERE.

(4) SOURCE INDICATED THAT PROPAGANDA AND INTELLIGENCE TRAINING WAS RECEIVED IN CZECHOSLOVAKIA. (SOURCE COULD NOT SAY WHO WAS DOING THE TRAINING).

(5) SOURCE RELATED THAT INDIVIDUALS ALSO RECEIVED TRAINING IN SPAIN AND ALGERIA. HE DID NOT HAVE EXACT NUMBERS OF INDIVIDUALS TRAINED IN EACH COUNTRY, BUT DESCRIBED HIS INFORMATION AS EXTREMELY ACCURATE AS TO THE COUNTRIES INVOLVED.

(6) WITH THIS, HE MOVED BACK TO LATIN AMERICA AND STATED THAT NUMEROUS MONTONEROS WERE (AT ONE TIME) INCORPORATED INTO THE SANDINISTA MOVEMENT AND FOUGHT ALONGSIDE THE SANDINISTAS IN THEIR FIGHT AGAINST ((SOMOZA)). WITH THIS, HE MENTIONED THAT THE MONTONEROS LOANED 25-MILLION DOLLARS TO THE SANDINISTA MOVEMENT PRIOR TO SOMOZA'S DOWNFALL. PART OF THE MONTONEROS WHO WENT TO NICARAGUA WERE ALSO TRAINED IN CUBA.

(7) CONCERNING THE PRESENT SITUATION IN ARGENTINA, Sec. 3.3(b) (1)

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ASKED SOURCE HOW MANY INDIVIDUALS INFILTRATED-BACK INTO ARGENTINA
WITHIN THE RECENT PAST. HE INDICATED THAT APPROXIMATELY FORTY (40)
HAD REINFILTRATED ARGENTINA (HE WAS NOT SURE). PART OF THIS
FORTY WERE INVOLVED IN THE KLEIN BOMBING. SOURCE INDICATED THAT EXCEPT
FOR ONE OR TWO

"STAY-BEHINDS" MOST OF THE INDIVIDUALS INVOLVED IN THE KLEIN BOMB-
ING HAD PROBABLY LEFT THE COUNTRY WHICH WAS PART OF THEIR TACTICS; IE,
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CONDUCT THE OPERATION AND DEPART QUICKLY BEFORE SECURITY FORCES
CAN TRACK DOWN THE GROUP. [redacted] Sec. 3.3(b)(1) IF HE KNEW WHERE
FIRMENICH (MONTONERO LEADER) WAS. HE RESPONDED THAT FIRMENICH
WAS STILL IN NICARAGUA BECAUSE HE HAD RELATIVE FREEDOM OF MOVE-
MENT THERE. SINCE THE SANDINISTA TAKE-OVER IN NAICARAGUA, HE
HAS RETURNED TO EUROPE ON SEVERAL OCCASIONS FOR SHORT PERIODS.

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BUT LATEST INFORMATION INDICATES THAT HE IS STILL IN NICARAGUA.

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POINTS WITHIN ARGENTINE BORDER SECURITY AND THAT MONTONEROS WERE ENTERING FROM PARAGUAY, BRAZIL, AND BOLIVIA. THEY CONDUCTED SURVEILLANCE OF VARIOUS POTENTIAL POINTS AND ENTERED WHERE CONTROL WAS LAX.

(8) AS FAR AS THE NUMBER OF MONTONEROS THAT ARE PRESENTLY OVERSEAS, SOURCE INDICATED THE BEST FIGURE HE COULD COME UP WITH WAS FOUR-HUNDRED (400). HE INDICATED THAT HE EXPECTED RENEWED ACTIVITY BY MONTONEROS IN ARGENTINA IN THE COMING YEAR. HE ALSO MENTIONED THAT THE ARGENTINE ARMY WAS CONCERNED THAT THE MONTONEROS MIGHT ATTEMPT TO START AN URBAN-TYPE GUERRILLA MOVEMENT IN BOLIVIA IN THE NEAR FUTURE DEPENDING UPON THE POLITICAL SITUATION.
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A. (C/NOFORN) FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION CONCERNING LATEST MONTONERO DEVELOPMENTS IN ARGENTINA (b)(3):10 USC 424 AMEMB BUENOS AIRE CABLE DTG 102009Z OCT 79, SUBJ: CURRENT INTELLIGENCE; AMEMB BUENOS AIRES CABLE DTG 241953Z OCT 79, SUBJ: TERRORIST THREAT IN ARGENTINA; AMEMB BUENOS AIRES CABLE DTG 282136Z SEP 79, SUBJ: ATTACK ON KLEIN HOUSE.

B. (C/NOFORN) BASED ON INFORMATION OBTAINED FROM SOURCES OF THIS REPORT, PLUS SEPARATE SOURCES INDICATED IN CITED REPORT AND CABLES; INDICATIONS ARE THAT THE MONTONEROS HAVE THE CAPABILITY TO CONDUCT SPECTACULAR OPERATIONS, PROBABLY AGAINST GOA AND NOT FOREIGN PERSONNEL, (LIKE THE KLEIN BOMBING) IN THE FUTURE. IT CAN BE EXPECTED THAT ALL EFFORTS WILL BE TAKEN ON PART OF THE ARGENTINE SECURITY FORCES TO IDENTIFY ANY FUTURE INTRODUCTION/INFILTRATION OF EITHER COMBAT (TEI) OR PROPAGANDA (TEA) ELEMENTS INTO ARGENTINA. IT CAN ALSO BE EXPECTED THAT IF ANY SUCH INDIVIDUALS ARE IDENTIFIED THEY WILL BE ELIMINATED; PROBABLY WITH LIMITED OR NO PUBLICITY.

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