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3. TITLE: (U) Insurgency - Terrorist Grenade Launcher		4. PROJECT NUMBER: N/A		
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NOFORN TO AVOID EMBARRASSMENT TO HOST GOVT.				
16. SUMMARY:				
(U) This IR forwards information on a locally developed grenade launcher produced by terrorists.				
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22. DETAILS: ~~(S/NOFORN)~~ Recently a Sec. 3.3(b)(1) Officer provided a U.S. Embassy official with a captured terrorist grenade launcher. The weapon, although primitive, is well made, durable and probably quite effective. It was apparently developed to fire the Belgian family of FN-Strim Rifle Grenades which are used in the Argentine Army. Although it cannot be confirmed, the grenade launcher can probably accomodate the Montonero produced 70MM grenade (See IR (b)(3) 10 U.S.C.). The propellant charge for the grenade appears to be a 16 gauge shotgun shell (without pellets). The barrel must be removed for reloading after each firing.

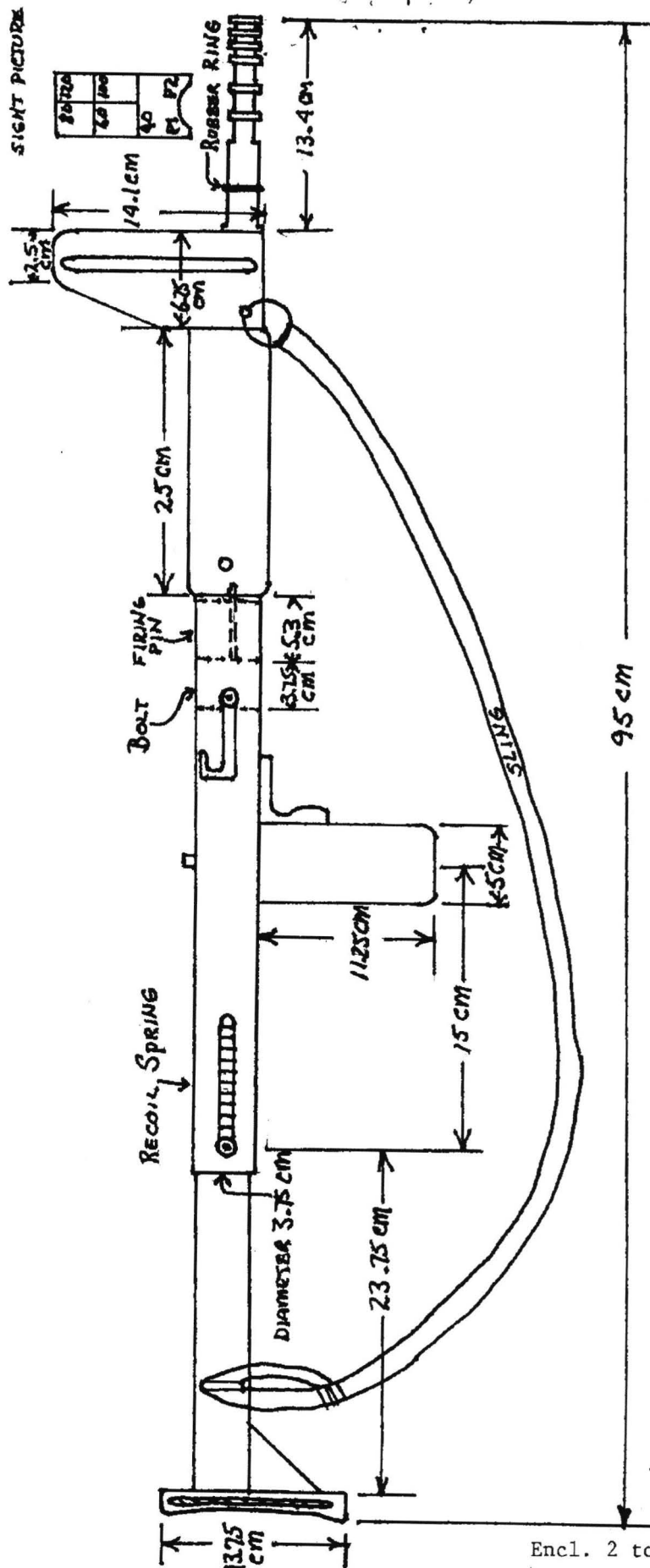
COMMENT: ~~(S)~~ This weapon is a typical example of homemade terrorist arms. It is unsophisticated and simple. From all appearances, it can be produced in quantity in any small shop with basic machine tools using materials that are available on the local market.

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