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SUBJ: THIS IS (b)(3):10 USC 424

1. ARGENTINA (AR)
2. (b)(3):10 USC 424
3. ~~(S)~~ POLITICAL - DISPOSITION OF PERSONS HELD UNDER NATIONAL EXECUTIVE POWER
4. N/A
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15. ~~WIRE NO. RETURN TO AVOID EMBARRASSMENT TO HOST GOVT.~~

16. SUMMARY: ~~(S//NOFORN)~~ [Sec. 3.3(b) (1)]

THAT NUMBER OF PEN DETAINEES IS SLIGHTLY UNDER 4000. OF THESE, 3000 WILL BE RELEASED, BUT THE REMAINING 1000 WILL HAVE TO BE DETAINED FOR AN INDEFINITE PERIOD. ORDERS HAVE BEEN GIVEN TO CEASE UNAUTHORIZED COUNTER TERRORIST OPERATIONS, BUT SOME INDIVIDUALS OF SECURITY FORCES ARE NOT COMPLYING. THEY WILL BE DEALT WITH SEVERELY.

22. DETAILS: 1. ~~(S//NOFORN)~~

Sec. 3.3(b) (1)

HE ADMITTED THAT THERE MIGHT BE A PROBLEM FINDING COUNTRIES TO ACCEPT MOST OF THE DETAINEES SINCE ONLY A VERY SMALL NUMBER, PERHAPS NO MORE THAN 100, OF THE 4000 BEING HELD HAD NOT BEEN DIRECTLY INVOLVED IN TERRORISM AND SUBVERSION. WHEN RO REGISTERED SURPRISE AT THE 4000 FIGURE AND SUGGESTED THERE MIGHT BE SEVERAL THOUSAND MORE, SOURCE INSISTED THAT THE NUMBER HELD UNDER PEN IS JUST UNDER 4000.

2. ~~(S//NOFORN)~~ RETURNING TO THE DISPOSITION OF THE 4000 PEN DETAINEES, SOURCE ESTIMATED THAT ABOUT 3000 WOULD BE RELEASED. THE DISPOSITION OF THE REMAINING 900 TO 1000, HOWEVER, POSED A SERIOUS PROBLEM FOR THE GOVERNMENT. THESE ARE ALL HARD-CORE TERRORISTS WHO EXERCISED LEADERSHIP POSITIONS AND ON WHOM THE GOVERNMENT HOLDS EXTENSIVE AND CONFIRMED INTELLIGENCE INFORMATION. MANY OF THEM HAVE "BLOOD ON THEIR HANDS". [Sec. 3.3(b) (1)] THAT SOME OF THESE WILL BE TRIED IN COURTS OF LAW, BUT IN MOST CASES THE INTELLIGENCE REPORTS ARE NOT SUFFICIENT AND WILL NOT STAND UP TO STRICT RULES OF EVIDENCE. ONE POSSIBLE SOLUTION UNDER CONSIDERATION IS THE ESTABLISHMENT OF DETENTION CENTERS IN REMOTE PARTS OF THE COUNTRY WHERE THE REMAINING DETAINEES WOULD BE PERMITTED TO LIVE WITH THEIR FAMILIES AND WORK. THESE WOULD NOT BE CONCENTRATION CAMPS, BUT PAROLE CENTERS WHERE ACTIVITIES OF THE INDIVIDUALS WOULD BE CLOSELY MONITORED. PRESUMABLY, THOSE WHO BEHAVE THEMSELVES EVENTUALLY WOULD BE FREED COMPLETELY OR PERMITTED TO LEAVE THE COUNTRY.

3. ~~(S//NOFORN)~~

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THE ARMY ESTIMATES THAT AT THE PEAK OF THE SUBVERSION THERE WERE 40,000 SUBVERSIVES (INCLUDING SYMPATHIZERS).

4. ~~(S//NOFORN)~~

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IT IS ALMOST COMMON KNOWLEDGE WITHIN THE ARMED FORCES AND POLICE THAT SOME OFFICERS WHO ARE VERY PROPER AND DISCIPLINED DURING DUTY HOURS WILL "GO AFTER" TERRORISTS ON THEIR OWN TIME USING INFORMATION GAINED DURING THEIR OFFICIAL ACTIVITIES. SOURCE WENT ON TO STATE THAT THE ORDER HAS GONE OUT THAT ALL SUCH ACTIVITIES MUST CEASE, HOWEVER, AS IN ANY COUNTERSUBVERSION CAMPAIGN, CERTAIN PEOPLE BECOME ACCUSTOMED TO OPERATING IN A LAWLESS ENVIRONMENT AND TO THE LUXURY OF LIVING OFF THE LOOT OBTAINED DURING THEIR OPERATIONS. SOURCE CONCLUDED THAT IT IS A SAD SITUATION, BUT THE FEW WHO PERSIST IN THEIR INDEPENDENT ANTI-TERRORIST CAMPAIGN, MANY PICTURING THEMSELVES AS TRUE PATRIOTS, WILL BE DEALT WITH SEVERELY. SOURCE DOES NOT EXPECT TO SEE THEM BROUGHT TO TRIAL. RATHER, HE EXPECTS THAT SOMEDAY THEY SIMPLY WILL APPEAR AS "CASUALTIES" IN AN OPERATION AGAINST SUBVERSIVE ELEMENTS.

COMMENT: ~~(S//NOFORN)~~

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