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3. (U) TITLE: TERRORISM - MONTONERO TRAINING AND PLANS FOR OPERATIONS IN ARGENTINA AS OF 7909 (U)
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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.
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[REDACTED] DISCUSSED THE RECENT BOMBING OF THE ((KLEIN)) RESIDENCE ON 790926 IN THE SUBURBS OF BUENOS AIRES.

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[REDACTED] 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 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 CONCERN-
ING 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
- D. ~~(C/NOFORN)~~

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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,

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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 BOMBING HAD PROBABLY LEFT THE COUNTRY WHICH WAS PART OF THEIR TACTICS; IE, BT

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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 [REDACTED] AMEMB BUENOS AIRES 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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