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3. (U) TERRORIST ACTIVITY

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COMMANDER OF THE 601 ARSENALES (MAINTENANCE) BATTALION, COL FRANCISCO CASTELLANOS, WAS KILLED BY TERRORISTS WHILE ENROUTE TO HIS UNIT IN BOULOGNE ON THE OUTSKIRTS OF BUENOS AIRES. COL CASTELLANOS WAS APPROX 2 BLOCKS FROM HIS HOME IN A BUENOS AIRES SUBURB WHEN HE AND HIS DRIVER (A CONSCRIPT SOLDIER) WERE ATTACKED BY THREE OR FOUR GUERRILLAS. ACCORDING TO ONE REPORT, THE DRIVER SAW THE SUBVERSIVES MOVING INTO POSITION TO CUT OFF THE CAR AND TOOK EVASIVE ACTION. UNFORTUNATELY, THE SOLDIER CRASHED INTO A TREE ALLOWING THE TERRORISTS TO DISMOUNT AND RIDDLE THE COLONEL WITH SUB-MACHINE GUN FIRE. ANOTHER ACCOUNT STATES THAT THE TERRORISTS FIRED ON THE VEHICLE, WOUNDING THE DRIVER, CAUSING THE CAR TO SMASH INTO A TREE. IN EITHER EVENT THE COL WAS WOUNDED AND INCAPACITATED AND THEN THE GUERRILLAS DELIBERATELY FIRED INTO HIS BODY TO FINISH HIM OFF. THE VICTIM WHO WAS THE FATHER OF TWO CHILDREN WAS APPARENTLY KILLED INSTANTLY AND THE SOLDIER WAS GRAVELY WOUNDED.

2. (~~CONFIDENTIAL~~) ACCORDING TO A RELIABLE SOURCE, COL CASTELLANOS HABITUALLY USED THE SAME ROUTE TO AND FROM WORK. HIS ESTABLISHED PATTERNS MADE HIM AN EASY TARGET FOR TERRORISTS. THIS WAS ALSO THE CASE LAST YEAR WITH COL REYES (FORMER CO OF THE 601 AIR DEFENSE ARTY GROUP IN MAR DEL PLATA) AND EARLY THIS MONTH WITH COLONEL DAMICO OF THE SUPERIOR WAR SCHOOL. SOURCE STATES THAT ARMY TRADITION CALLS FOR SENIOR OFFICERS TO BE AT THEIR UNITS AT A GIVEN HOUR IN ORDER TO INITIATE THE DAY'S ACTIVITIES. INSPITE OF THE SECURITY RISK OF SUCH ROUTINES COMMANDERS CONTINUE WITH THIS TRADITION WHICH MARKS THEM AS EASY TARGETS FOR THE TERRORISTS.

COMMENT: (~~CONFIDENTIAL~~) IN SPITE OF RECENT GAINS BY THE GOVT IN THE ANTI-SUBVERSIVE CAMPAIGN, TERRORISTS CONTINUE TO MOUNT SMALL BUT EFFECTIVE OPERATIONS. THE GUERRILLAS HAVE ACHIEVED AN IMPRESSIVE SCORE THIS MONTH WITH 14 KILLED IN THE DEFENSE MINISTRY BOMBING AND TWO COLONELS ASSASSINATED (SEE (b)(3):10 USC 424

D. IN CASE OF THE ASSASSINATIONS, THE TERRORISTS HAVE USED TRADITIONAL TECHNIQUES. THEY TARGET SENIOR OFFICERS WHO ARE LIGHTLY GUARDED AND HAVE ESTABLISHED MOVEMENT PATTERNS. AT THE TIME OF THE KILL, THEY DELIBERATELY GO FOR THE PRINCIPAL TARGET. THE GUERRILLAS APPARENTLY HAVE NO DESIRE TO KILL OR ALIENATE THE CONSCRIPTS AND THEY BECOME VICTIMS ONLY IF THEY GET IN THE WAY OR ATTEMPT TO DEFEND THE OFFICER. THE TERRORISTS HAVE INDEED BEEN HURT BY THE GOVERNMENT IN RECENT MONTHS BUT THE

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SURGE OF ATTACKS DURING DECEMBER SUGGESTS THAT THE GUERRILLAS ARE TRYING TO SHOW THE WORLD THAT THEY ARE STILL ALIVE AND WELL, AS THE TERRORIST SITUATION BECOMES INCREASINGLY DESPERATE, MORE ATTACKS OF A SPECTACULAR NATURE CAN BE EXPECTED. THIS MBG COORD W/EMBASSY. ~~XGDS-2 31415 7906~~

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