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14. (b)(3):10 USC 424

18. 1. ~~(CONFIDENTIAL/NOFORN)~~ LAST WEEK, THE OWNER OF A MEETING HALL REPORTED TO THE ARMY THAT SEVERAL MEN ENTERED HIS ESTABLISHMENT AND WISHED TO RENT THE HALL. WHEN THE CONTRACT WAS MADE AND THE FEE WAS PAID THE MEN SEIZED THE PROPRIETOR AND LOCKED HIM IN THE WASHROOM. THE OWNER WHO WAS ABLE TO OBSERVE THE HALL THROUGH THE KEY HOLE STATED THAT OVER FIFTY PEOPLE ENTERED THE PREMISES WITHIN 30 MINUTES.

2. ~~(CONFIDENTIAL/NOFORN)~~ ACCORDING TO THE SOURCE, THE OCCUPANTS OF THE HALL HUNG A LARGE MONTONERO FLAG ON THE WALL AND PROCEEDED TO ATTIRE THEMSELVES IN BLUE OVERALLS WHICH WERE VERY SIMILAR TO THOSE USED BY BUENOS AIRES MUNICIPAL EMPLOYEES. A YOUNG WOMAN, WHO THE OWNER RECOGNIZED AS ANNA MARIA GONZALEZ (THE MURDERESS OF FORMER POLICE CHIEF BG CARDOZO) ADDRESSED THE COLLECTED GROUP. SHE REPORTEDLY STATED THAT FUTURE MONTONERO BOMBING TARGETS WOULD BE LTG VIDELA, BRIGADIER MAYOR AGOSTI, ADMIRAL MASSERA AND BRIGADIER GENERAL MENEDEZ, THE III CORPS COMMANDER. FOLLOWING THE PITCH BY MISS GONZALEZ, ANOTHER MEMBER UNVEILED A NEW WEAPON PRODUCED BY THE MONTONERO ARMS FACTORY. THE WEAPON IS REPORTEDLY A "MULTI-PURPOSE RIFLE." ONE SOURCE WHO IS AN ARGENTINE ARMY INTELLIGENCE OFFICER SPECULATED THAT THE RIFLE WAS DESIGNED TO FIRE CONVENTIONAL AS WELL AS EXPLOSIVE ROUNDS.

3. COMMENT ~~(CONFIDENTIAL/NOFORN)~~ THE BIZARRE TAKEOVER OF THE MEETING HALL WAS PROBABLY RELATED TO THE UNSUCCESSFUL PRESS CONFERENCE THAT THE MONTONEROS RECENTLY HELD. REVELATION OF PLANS TO KILL THE JUNTA AS WELL AS BG MENEDEZ WERE PROBABLY INTENDED FOR PROPAGANDA PURPOSES. A SUCCESSFUL ATTACK ON ANY OF THE FOUR GENERALS WOULD CERTAINLY PROVIDE THE TERRORISTS WITH THE PUBLICITY SPLASH THEY ARE SEEKING. THE PROBABILITY OF THE GUERRILLAS TO PULL OFF SUCH AN ATTACK IS LOW, HOWEVER, SINCE ALL OF THE TARGETS ARE WELL PROTECTED. WITH REGARD TO THE MULTI-PURPOSE RIFLE, IT IS QUITE POSSIBLE THAT THE MONTONEROS HAVE DEVELOPED SOME SORT OF HYBRID WEAPON. THE ARGENTINE ARMY IS CONCERNED ABOUT MXMMONTONERO ARMS MANUFACTURING CAPABILITY AND ARE ACTIVELY ENGAGED IN LOCATING THE GUERRILLAS PRODUCTION FACILITIES. THIS MSG CGORD W/EMBASSY, *C00-2-

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