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THAT THE ARMY IS ABSOLUTELY CONVINCED THAT THE 70MM GRENADE AND LAUNCHER CAPTURED FROM THE MONTONEROS IS A PRODUCT OF LOCAL WORKMANSHIP. THIS CORROBORATES CONCLUSIONS DRAWN BY MILITARY FACTORIES FOLLOWING THEIR ANALYSIS OF THE WEAPON. (SEE IR [REDACTED] (b)(3):10 USC 424 ACCORDING TO THE SOURCE A LARGE QUANTITY OF THE GRENADES HAVE BEEN CONFISCATED IN RAIDS THROUGHOUT THE COUNTRY. IN THE LAST TEN DAYS A NUMBER OF GUERRILLA ARSENALS HAVE BEEN UNCOVERED AS WELL AS SEVEN MACHINE SHOPS USED IN THE CONSTRUCTION OF COMPONENT PARTS FOR THE GRENADE. THE ARMY IS NOT CONVINCED THAT THE MACHINE SHOP OWNERS ARE A PERMANENT PART OF THE MONTONERO ARMS MANUFACTURING PROCESS. INSTEAD, THEY BELIEVE THAT THE MACHINISTS ARE CONTRACTED BY THE TERRORISTS TO MAKE SPECIFIC PARTS WHICH THEY MAY OR MAY NOT SUSPECT ARE FOR A WEAPON SYSTEM. THE GUERRILLAS REPORTEDLY PAY HANDSOME FEES IN DOLLARS FOR THE PIECEWORK. IN ADDITION, SOURCE REPORTED THAT THE GUERRILLAS MAY NOW BE SHORT OF GRENADES SINCE THERE HAVE BEEN NO KNOWN INCIDENTS IN THE LAST 15 DAYS IN WHICH THEY HAVE BEEN USED. IN THE LAST REPORTED ATTACK, THERE WERE SOME FUSING PROBLEMS; SEVERAL GRANDES IMPACTED BUT FAILED TO DETONATE. (NO DETAILS ON ATTACK AVAILABLE FROM NEWSPAPERS/OTHER SOURCES).

2. ~~(C//NFINTTEL//NOFORN)~~ ANOTHER SOURCE REPORTS THAT THE ARMY RECENTLY CAPTURED A CZECHOSLOVAKIAN 7.62 CARBINE AND FOUR AK-47 AUTOMATIC RIFLES. THE AK'S WERE REPORTEDLY MANUFACTURED IN CHINA. ARMY INTELLIGENCE WAS NOT PARTICULARLY DISTURBED BY THESE DISCOVERIES SINCE IT IS BELIEVED THAT THE WEAPONS WERE SMUGGLED INDIVIDUALLY INTO THE COUNTRY BY GUERRILLAS RATHER THAN BROUGHT IN BY LARGE SHIPMENTS. [REDACTED] Sec. 3.3(b) (1)

SUGGESTED THAT IT WAS NOT DIFFICULT TO BRING IN ARMS UNDER THE PERONIST REGIME, AND COMMENTED THAT THERE IS EVIDENCE THAT A NUMBER OF WEAPONS PASSED THROUGH CUSTOMS AND WENT DIRECTLY TO THE SOCIAL WELFARE

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MINISTRY. HE ADDED THAT IT IS REASONABLE TO ASSUME THAT THE TERRORISTS COULD HAVE USED A SIMILAR PROCEDURE.

3. ~~(C//NNINTEL//NOFORN)~~ ANOTHER SOURCE STATED THAT THE ARMY IS FAIRLY CERTAIN THAT SA-7 GROUND TO AIR MISSILES ARE NOT IN ARGENTINE. THEY HAVE NOT TOTALLY DISMISSED THE POSSIBILITY, HOWEVER, AND ACKNOWLEDGE THAT ONE OR TWO MISSILES MAY HAVE BEEN SMUGGLED IN BY THE TERRORISTS TO BE USED FOR A HEADLINE GRABbing OPERATIONS.

COMMENT: ~~(C//NNINTEL//NOFORN)~~ GOVERNMENT SECURITY FORCES HAVE HIT GUERRILLA ARESENALS HARD IN THE LAST SEVERAL WEEKS. NEWSPAPER HAVE BEEN FULL OF PHOTOGRAPHS AND STORIES DETAILING THE CAPTURE OF THE ARMS CACHES. THE RESULTS HAVE BEEN IMPRESSIVE AND HAVE PROBABLY REDUCED GUERRILLA CAPABILITIES. IN SPITE OF ITS SUCCESSES, HOWEVER, THE ARMY STILL RESPECTS THE TERRORISTS' CAPABILITY AND BELIEVES THAT THE GUERRILLAS CAN BUY ARMS IF NECESSARY WITH DOLLARS THEY OBTAINED IN PREVIOUS KIDNAPPING OPERATIONS. Sec. 3.3(b) (1) A 70MM GRENADE IS CURRENTLY BEING DISARMED AT THE MILITARY FACTORY AT SAN LORENZO. IT IS ANTICIPATED Sec. 3.3(b) (1) WILL RECEIVE THE WEAPON WITHIN A WEEK TO 10 DAYS AT WHICH TIME IT WILL BE FWD TO YOUR HQ).
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