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1. INTRODUCTION AND SUMMARY: THE MINISTRY OF INTERIOR ANNOUNCED ON AUGUST 8 THAT AS A RESULT OF PERSONS DROPPED FROM PEN, EXPELLED, ETC. THE NUMBER OF PEN PRISONERS HAS BEEN DIMINISHED TO 1,616. THE HUMAN RIGHTS REPORT PREPARED BY A COMMITTEE OF THE NEW YORK CITY BAR ASSOCIATION WAS SHARPLY CRITICIZED BY THE COLLEGE OF LAWYERS OF THE CITY OF BUENOS AIRES. THE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL WELFARE IN THE PROVINCE OF CORDOBA ENDED THE EXPULSION OF CHILDREN MEMBERS OF THE JOKEVAH'S WITNESS SECT FROM THE SCHOOLS OF THE PROVINCE. THE EMBASSY RECEIVED A VARIETY OF REPORTS OF REAPPEARANCES. THE FOWG SLOWS DOWN. END INTRODUCTION AND SUMMARY.

2. THE MINISTRY OF INTERIOR ANNOUNCED ON AUGUST 8 THAT THE NUMBER OF PEN PRISONERS IS NOW 1,616 AS OF JULY 31, DOWN FROM 1,723 LISTED ON JUNE 28. ONCE AGAIN IT IS NOT POSSIBLE--FOR US AT LEAST--COMPLETELY TO RECONCILE THE TWO SETS OF FIGURES ISSUED BY THE INTERIOR MINISTRY. THAT MINISTRY'S TABULATION FOR PRISONERS AS OF JULY 31 STATES THAT 52 PERSONS WERE DROPPED FROM THE PEN DURING THE MONTH, TWO WERE EXPELLED, 23 WERE GIVEN THE RIGHT OF OPTION TO LEAVE THE COUNTRY, AND 41 WERE PUT UNDER "SUPERVISED LIBERTY"--FOR A TOTAL OF 118 PEOPLE WHO APPEAR TO HAVE DIMINISHED THE PEN ROLLS. FIVE PEOPLE, ACCORDING TO THE ANNOUNCEMENT WERE ADDED TO THE PEN LIST. SUBTRACTING THE PERSONS WHOSE CONDITION WAS AFFECTED FROM THE JUNE 28 FIGURE OF 1,723 AND ADDING THE FIVE NEW PERSONS PUT UNDER PEN, THE NEW POPULATION UNDER PEN MIGHT BE ASSUMED TO BE 1,620.

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ONCE AGAIN, HOWEVER, WE ARE NOT CERTAIN HOW MANY PEOPLE GIVEN SUPERVISED LIBERTY MIGHT IN FACT STILL BE LISTED UNDER THE PEN ROLLS, JUST AS WE ARE UNCERTAIN WHAT PERCENTAGE OF THE 52 PEOPLE "DROPPED FROM PEN" ACTUALLY GAINED THEIR LIBERTY AS OPPOSED TO PASSING INTO THE "CHARGED" CATEGORY FOR TRIAL BY A CIVILIAN COURT OR, POSSIBLY, A MILITARY "CONSEJO DE GUERRA".

THE MINISTRY ANNOUNCEMENT ADDED THAT AS OF JULY 31, 198 PEOPLE HAD PASSED INTO THE "SUPERVISED

LIBERTY" CATEGORY--OUR CALCULATIONS WOULD MAKE THE FIGURE 201. THEN PEOPLE, THE MINISTRY SAID, WERE UNDER HOUSE ARREST--OUR FIGURES WOULD READ 12. SEVEN HUNDRED THIRTY FIVE HAD BEEN "OPTIONED"--FROM OUR CALCULATIONS WE WOULD READ 736. THE MINISTRY OF INTERIOR SAID THAT 193 PEOPLE HAD BEEN EXPELLED FROM THE COUNTRY--UPDATING AND ADDING THEIR FIGURES WE MAKE IT 194. UNTIL MINISTRY OFFICIALS ANSWER US REGARDING OUR FIRST SERIES OF QUESTIONS BASED UPON HARGUINDEGUY'S JUNE 29 DECLARATIONS (BUENOS AIRES 5450), THESE SMALL MYSTERIES WILL REMAIN. NEVERTHELESS A CONCLUSION HAS TO BE THE PEN LIST ITSELF IS BEING DIMINISHED AT A FAIRLY FAST CLIP.

3. CASES ON THE RECENT MINISTRY LIST OF PARTICULAR INTEREST ---- OF THE 52 PEOPLE DROPPED FROM PEN, ONE WAS A "US INTEREST CASE" (LITO JULIO GERVASONI), AND NINE OTHER PRISONERS WERE LISTED ON EMBASSY CARDS: JUAN CARLOS ASTUDILLO, MARIA AZUCENA COLAZZO DE PAEZ, HECTOR RAMON DUCK, HABEL IRENE FERNANDEZ, ALBERTO LEVI, ANAHITA SILVIA RODRIGUEZ TAPATTA, HECTOR NAZARENO TAPPATTA, DELIO HERALDO SFACIA, AND VIVIANA VIRGINIA VENTURUZZI.

INTERESTINGLY, THE EMBASSY WAS VISITED ON AUGUST 9 BY MR. GUILLERMO AMILCAR VERGARA WHOSE NAME DID NOT TO OUR KNOWLEDGE APPEAR ON ANY PUBLISHED LIST AND YET WHO REPORTED THAT HE HAD BEEN FREED BUT WOULD NOT BE ALLOWED TO LEAVE ARGENTINA. (VERGARA MENTIONED THAT WHEN HE RETURNED TO THE UNIVERSITY OF BUENOS AIRES TO ASK TO RETURN AS A STUDENT, ONE OF THE TEACHERS, ASSOCIATED WITH THE STATE INTELLIGENCE SERVICE--SIDE--TOLD HIM THAT "YOU ARE LUCKY NOT TO BE DISAPPEARED." VERGARA IS LOOKING FOR WORK AS A GEOLOGIST.)

OF THE 23 PEOPLE AUTHORIZED TO LEAVE THE COUNTRY UNDER RIGHT OF OPTION, NINE WERE OF INTEREST TO THE US (MARCOS ROBERTO BROCKI MOSCOVICH, CAYETANO DESENA, ALFREDO OSCAR FERNANDEZ, JOSE JULIAN NEDELA, HECTOR OSVALDO MORALES, MIGUEL ANTONIO PEREZ, NESTOR HUGO PRADERIO, OSCAR ARTURO SOMASCO, AND JUAN CARLOS SOSA) AND FIVE PEOPLE FIGURED IN EMBASSY LISTS: LUSI GABRIEL OCANA ELIAS, EDUARDO

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PEREZ, GLADYS SEPULVEDA, JOSE TAMARIT, AND JORGE HUMBERTO WIN. OF THE PERSONS OPTIONED.

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RECEIVED US RIGHT OF OPTION CERTIFICATES AND ARE BOUND FOR THE US. (A COLLEAGUE AT THE SWEDISH EMBASSY TOLD US THAT OF THE 23 PEOPLE OPTIONED, TEN WERE DESTINED FOR SWEDEN.) OF 41 PERSONS GIVEN CONTROLLED FREEDOM THREE WERE OF PARTICULAR US INTEREST (HECTOR LUIS ARAOZ, GUSTAVO ENRIQUE SERRA AND HUGO EMO TANGENT) AND SIX OTHERS WERE LISTED IN EMBASSY FILES: ANTONIO SERAFIN CAMPOS, RAUL RUBEN CASTRO, RODOLFO ANTONIO GRAF, ALICIA ANGELICA PRAT NEBALGO, CARLOS ADRIAN RETAMOSA, AND MIGUEL ANGEL VICARIO. THE NAMES OF THE FIVE PERSONS PUT UNDER PEN DURING THE MONTH OF JULY AND TWO TWO PEOPLE EXPELLED WERE NOT PUBLISHED.

4. (U) NEW YORK CITY BAR REPORT ATTACKED ----- THE HUMAN RIGHTS REPORT PREPARED BY MEMBERS OF THE NEW YORK CITY BAR ASSOCIATION WHO VISITED ARGENTINA IN APRIL, DREW CRITICISM FROM THE "COLEGIO DE ABOGADOS DE BUENOS AIRES" LAST WEEK. IN A LETTER TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE NEW YORK BAR ASSOCIATION, THE "COLEGIO" CONTENDED THAT THE SOURCES CITED IN THE REPORT WERE UNRELIABLE SMALL GROUPS WHOSE MAJOR CONCERN WAS CAUSING AS MUCH DISSENSION AS POSSIBLE. THE LETTER ACCUSED THE NEW YORK LAWYERS OF IGNORING THE REASONS WHY THE GOA HAD TO TAKE SUCH DRASTIC ACTIONS TO BEGIN WITH. (THE COLEGIO REASONED THAT IN ORDER TO QUELL THE TERRORIST ELEMENT IN ARGENTINA THE GOVERNMENT HAD TO USE MEANS WHICH MAY HAVE BEEN EXCESSIVE, BUT WHICH WERE JUSTIFIABLE CONSIDERING THE SITUATION.) IN FURTHER DEFENSE OF THE GOA, THE "COLEGIO" STATED THAT IMPORTANT RIGHTS, SUCH AS THE RIGHT TO HABEAS CORPUS, WERE ALIVE AND WELL IN ARGENTINA.

THE LETTER ALSO ADDRESSED ITSELF TO THE REPORT'S OBSERVATIONS ON THE LACK OF ACTION ON THE PART OF ARGENTINA'S LAWYERS. ACCORDING TO THE "COLEGIO," LAWYERS HERE ARE NOT AFRAID OF REPRISALS FROM THE GOA, AND THEREFORE FELT FREE TO INFORM THE GOVERNMENT THAT IT WAS GUILTY OF OVERSTEPPING THE LIMITS OF THE CONSTITUTION. THE "COLEGIO" AFFIRMED THAT THERE WERE MANY LAWYERS WILLING AND ABLE TO DEFEND UNPOPULAR CASES, AND, FINALLY, THAT THOSE LAWYERS THE NEW YORK GROUP LISTED AS "DISAPPEARED" WERE PROBABLY TERRORISTS THEMSELVES, AND NOT VICTIMS OF GOVERNMENTAL RETRIBUTION.

5. (U) CORDOBA "WITNESSES" KIDS BACK IN

SCHOOL ----- THE BUENOS AIRES PRESS OF AUGUST 6-8 REPORTED THAT JEHOVAH'S WITNESSES PARENTS HAD PRAISED IN AN OPEN LETTER A RESOLUTION OF THE CORDOBA PROVINCIAL MINISTRY OF SOCIAL WELFARE ENDING THE EXPULSION OF JEHOVAH'S WITNESS CHILDREN FROM PROVINCIAL SCHOOLS BECAUSE THEY WOULD NOT SALUTE THE FLAG OR SING THE NATIONAL ANTHEM, AS A RESULT OF RELIGIOUS PROHIBITION. TWO PARENTS SIGNED THE LETTER AND EXPRESSED THE HOPE THAT OTHER PROVINCES WOULD FOLLOW SUIT AND "REESTABLISH THE CHILDREN'S RIGHTS."

6. FOWG SLOWSOWN? ----- A JUNIOR MEMBER OF THE FOREIGN OFFICE WORKING GROUP ON HUMAN RIGHTS HAS TOLD US THAT "THERE MAY NOT BE ANY MORE FOWG REPLIES ON EMBASSY REQUESTS FOR WHEREABOUTS REPORTS." WENT ON TO SAY THAT IT WAS POSSIBLE THE EMBASSY WOULD BE ASKED THE NAME OF ANY "DISTINGUISHED PERSON IN THE US" REQUESTING INFORMATION ABOUT A SPECIFIC CASE. IT HAS BEEN AT LEAST ONE MONTH SINCE THE EMBASSY HAS RECEIVED A PERIODIC RESPONSE TO ITS INQUIRIES. AT THIS POINT--WITH THE FOWG HEAVILY INVOLVED IN PREPARING FOR THE EARLY SEPTEMBER VISIT OF THE INTER-AMERICAN COMMISSION FOR HUMAN RIGHTS, WE HAD AS SOON LET THIS SITUATION RIDE. AT SOME POINT WE WILL, HOWEVER, HAVE TO GO BACK TO THE FOWG AND REQUEST THAT IT BE

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COURSE THE GOA SIMPLY DECLARES, OPENLY THAT "IF YOU DON'T HAVE INFORMATION BY NOW THERE'S NONE TO BE HAD." ALTHOUGH THE FOWG HAS NEVER PROVIDED US WITH INFORMATION WHICH WE DID NOT HAVE ALREADY--IT HAS NEVER, FOR EXAMPLE, RESOLVED THE MYSTERY OF A DISAPPEARED PERSON--IT HAS BEEN A USEFUL BODY FOR FOCUSING THE ATTENTION OF THE FOREIGN OFFICE ON HUMAN RIGHTS COMPLAINTS AND OFFERING THIS EMBASSY AND OTHER EMBASSIES A CREDIBLE AGENCY FOR ESTABLISHING THE OFFICIAL GOA LINE ON INQUIRIES WE RECEIVE. THE FOWG ALSO PROCESSES REQUESTS TO VISIT PRISONERS REQUESTING RIGHT OF OPTION. IN THIS WE ARE STILL GETTING GOOD COOPERATION. FHOEFF WAS JUST AUTHORIZED LAST WEEK TO VISIT 32 OF THE 77 "PETITIONERS" PRESENTED TO FOWG ON JULY 13.

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7. RMORS OF THE APPEARANCE OF FORMER DISAPPEAREDS -----

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A JOURNALIST WHO REPRESENTS A UNITED STATES PUBLICA-
TION HAS TOLD US OF REPORTS SHE HAS HEARD THAT THE
FAMILY OF ERP MEMBER LUIS LOPEZ COMENDADOR HEARD
INDIRECTLY (THROUGH LOPEZ COMENDADOR'S GIRLFRIEND--
WHO LIVES HERE IN ARGENTINA, WHO WAS TOLD THIS
ALLEGEDLY BY A FRIEND OF LUIS) THAT THE YOUNG MAN
IS ALIVE AND LIVING IN PARIS AMONG A GROUP OF
ARGENTINE EXILES. ANOTHER REPORT IS THAT THE SON
OF A LA PLATA DOCTOR RECENTLY TELEPHONED HIS
FATHER FROM PARIS ASKING FOR MONEY. THAT YOUNG
MAN HAD ALSO BEEN LISTED AMONG THE DISAPPEARED.
ACCORDING TO ARGENTINE TELEVISION PERSONALITY
MARCOS ZUCKER, HIS SON, A DISAPPEARED MONTONERO,
HAS ALSO TURNED UP IN PARIS. ZUCKER MENTIONED
THIS TO A LA PRENSA REPORTER AND ALLUDED TO THE
SITUATION DURING HIS TELEVISION SHOW.

8. (U) CAPUTO FREED--GRANDE PROBABLY WILL BE -----
LATE NEWS: RIOBO CAPUTO WAS ACQUITTED AND FREED
LATE THE WEEK OF AUGUST 6-10, AND IT IS ASSUMED
JOSE EMILIO GRANDE WILL SHORTLY BE ALSO. THE
CAPUTO-GRANDE CASES WERE MAJOR PRESS EVENTS.

THE TWO JOURNALISTS WERE ARRESTED AFTER AN
ARTICLE ON MONTONERO MARIO FIRMENICH APPEARED IN
THEIR NEWSPAPERS. THE ARTICLES IN QUESTION REPORTED
STATEMENTS FIRMENICH MADE IN NICARAGUA CONCERNING
THE POSSIBILITY OF A MONTONERO OFFENSIVE IN ARGENTINA.
EVEN THOUGH SIMILAR ARTICLES WERE CARRIED BY
NEWSPAPERS THROUGHOUT THE COUNTRY, ONLY RIOBO
CAPUTO, EDITOR OF EL LITORAL OF SANTA FE, AND JOSE
EMILIO GRANDE, EDITOR OF LA OPINION OF RAFAELA,
WERE ARRESTED. IRENAUD ACTIS, DIRECTOR OF LA
OPINION HAD BEEN DETAINED ON JULY 30, BUT WAS
RELEASED THE NEXT DAY WHEN GRANDE CLAIMED RESPONSIB-
LITY FOR THE APPEARANCE OF THE ARTICLE.) IN
THEIR APPEALS COURT DECISION THREE JUDGES AFFIRMED
THAT CAPUTO "HAD LIMITED HIS ACTION TO PUBLISHING
INFORMATION WITHOUT COMMENT... PURELY FOR INFORMA-
TION'S SAKE.)

8. (U) MORE ON THE DISAPPEARED CHILDREN: THE
ZAFFARONI CASE -----
ENCOURAGED BY THE APPEARANCE OF ANOTOLE AND EVA LUCIA
GRISONAS (REFTEL) URUGUAYAN JULIO ROBERTO ZAFFARONI
AND HIS WIFE WERE REPORTED BY THE PRESS TO HAVE
ARRIVED LAST TUESDAY IN SANTIAGO IN SEARCH OF
THEIR DISAPPEARED GRANDDAUGHTER MARIANA ZAFFARONI
ISLAS. MARIANA IS BELIEVED TO HAVE DISAPPEARED
WHEN HER PARENTS WERE DETAINED BY A GROUP OF
PEOPLE BELIEVED TO BE SECURITY OFFICIALS FROM

THEIR VICENTE LOPEZ SUBURBAN RESIDENCE OUT FROM
BUENOS AIRES ON SEPTEMBER 27, 1976. THE ELDER MR.
ZAFFARONI SAYS THAT HE HAS NO FURTHER NEWS OF HIS
SON AND DAUGHTER-IN-LAW.

9. (U) COMMEMORATIVE MASS SCHEDULED -----
MONSIGNOR JORGE NOVAK, BISHOP OF BUINES, ANNOUNCED
~~THAT HE WOULD SAY A SPECIAL MASS AT 3:30 ON THE~~
~~AFTERNOON OF AUGUST 12 FOR THE INTENTIONS OF~~
~~FAMILIES OF THE DETAINED AND THE DISAPPEARED. CO-~~
~~SPONSOR OF THE MASS IS THE DIOCESE'S "COMMISSION~~
~~FOR JUSTICE AND PEACE". UNLIKE THE GREAT MAJORITY~~
OF HIS CLERICAL COLLEAGUES, MONSIGNOR NOVAK TOOK
AN EARLY INTEREST IN HUMAN RIGHTS MATTERS AND
CONTINUES AS A PROMINENT MEMBER OF THE MOVEMENT.

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10. (U) LA NACION PUBLISHED ON AUGUST 9 A NEWS
ITEM FROM THE UNITED STATES STATING THAT THE
AMERICAN LEGION WILL TAKE UP AT ITS AUGUST 28-22
ANNUAL CONVENTION IN HOUSTON A PROPOSAL OF ITS
MASSACHUSETTS CHAPTER SUGGESTING THAT THE CONGRESS
OF THE UNITED STATES PUT AN END TO DISCRIMINATION
AGAINST ARGENTINA. THE MASSACHUSETTS GROUP'S
SUGGESTION, ACCORDING TO LA NACION, UNDERLINES THE
STRATEGIC IMPORTANCE OF SOUTH AMERICA AND ESPECIALLY
THE SOUTHERN CONE. ITS PARTICULAR TARGETS ARE THE
HUMPHREY-KENNEDY AMENDMENT AND EXIMBANK REGULATION
WHICH AFFECTS ARGENTINA.

11. (U) THE LAWYER DEFENDING RETIRED GENERAL
MIGUEL ANGEL INIGUEZ HAS REQUESTED THAT THE GOVERN-
MENT ASK FOR THE EXTRADITION OF TERRORIST LEADER
MARIO FIRMENICH FROM NICARAGUA. INIGUEZ IS A
FORMER CHIEF OF POLICE WHO ORDERED FIRMENICH'S
RELEASE HOURS AFTER HE WAS ARRESTED IN FEBRUARY OF
1974 FOR TERRORIST ACTIVITIES.

12. (U) MORE PREPARATIONS FOR THE IACHR -----
MINISTER OF INTERIOR HARGUINDEGUY TOLD THE PRESS
AUGUST 9 THAT HE HAD TALKED THAT DAY WITH PRESIDENT
VIDELA ABOUT THE APPROACHING VISIT OF THE INTER-
AMERICAN COMMISSION FOR HUMAN RIGHTS, AND HE WENT
ON THE ADD THAT AN INTER-MINISTERIAL COMMISSION
WILL IN THE FUTURE MEET TWICE A WEEK (RATHER THAN
ONCE) TO PLAN THE GOVERNMENT'S RESPONSE TO THE
COMMISSION'S VISIT. HARGUINDEGUY ALSO TOUCHED
UPON JOINT PLANNING BY THE MINISTRIES OF FOREIGN
AFFAIRS AND INTERIOR TO RECEIVE SOUTH EAST ASIAN
REFUGEES.

13. (U) PARAGUAYANS MISSING SINCE 76-77 SOUGHT -----
THE BUENOS AIRES HERALD ANNOUNCED ON AUGUST 3 THAT
FOUR RADICAL-LIBERAL PARTY DEPUTIES FROM PARAGUAY
RECENTLY WROTE TO THE ARGENTINE MINISTER OF INTERIOR
DENOUNCING THE DISAPPEARANCE BETWEEN SEPTEMBER
1976 AND FEBRUARY 1977 OF FIVE PARAGUAYANS LIVING
IN ARGENTINA. THE PARAGUAYANS LISTED WERE JOSEFINA
KEIN, AGOSTIN GOIBORU, ESTER BALLESTRINO DE CAREAGA,
IGNACIO SAMANIECO, AND FEDERICO JORGE TATTER--ALL

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LISTED IN EMBASSY FILES. MRS. CAREAGA, WHO DIS-
APPEARED IN DECEMBER OF 1977 DURING THE SAME
INCIDENTS WHICH MARKED THE DISAPPEARANCE OF TWO
FRENCH HUNS, IS PERHAPS THE BEST KNOWN OF THE
CASES.

14. (U) THREE FORMER MAYORS OF THE SMALL SUBURBAN
CITY OF LANUS PLUS A VARIETY OF FORMER PUBLIC
OFFICIALS AND HUMAN RIGHTS ACTIVISTS HAVE RECENTLY
MADE A FORMAL APPEAL TO THE GOVERNMENT FOR NEWS OF
SOME 100 PEOPLE DISAPPEARED FROM THAT AREA DURING
THE PAST SEVERAL YEARS.

15. (U) DECREE PUBLISHED REGARDING DISAPPEARED'S
LIST CONFISCATION-----

THE FULL DECREE AUTHORIZING CONFISCATION OF THE
LIST OF DISAPPEARED'S COMPILED BY THE PERMANENT
ASSEMBLY FOR HUMAN RIGHTS, THE LEAGUE FOR HUMAN
RIGHTS AND THE ECUMENICAL MOVEMENT FOR HUMAN
RIGHTS WAS PUBLISHED ON AUGUST 7 IN LA PRENSA.

CONFISCATIONS

THE HEART OF THE MATTER: "AN ANALYSIS (OF THE
DOCUMENT) REVEALS CONTENTS DESTINED TO CREATE A
STATE OF INSECURITY IN PUBLIC OPINION, MAKING
CLAIMS REGARDING CERTAIN PRESUMPTIONS THAT ATTEMPT
TO IMPUTE UNACCEPTABLE PROCEDURES TO THE PUBLIC
FORCES. (ALSO) THAT GRAVE IMPRECISSIONS, INEXACTI-
TUDES AND INDIRECT ACCUSATIONS AGAINST THE PUBLIC
FORCE WITHOUT INDIVIDUALIZING RESPONSIBILITY
WITHOUT A DOUBT CONTRIBUTE TO MAINTAIN, AGGRAVATE,
OR EXPAND THE CAUSES WHICH NECESSITATED DECLARATION
OF THE STATE OF SIEGE."

16. (U) MILITARY COURT SENTENCE PUBLICIZED -----
EDUARDO JUAN DEANIEL PORTA WAS GIVEN AN INDEFINITE
PRISON SENTENCE AS THE PRISON RESPONSIBLE FOR THE
MURDER OF CORPORAL JORGE ANTONIO BULACIOS IN
AUGUST OF 1976. THE TEXT OF THE MILITARY COURT'S
JUDGMENT STATES THAT THE CONDEMNED PERSON, ALTHOUGH
HE WAS NOT THE MATERIAL AUTHOR OF THE CRIME, WAS
RESPONSIBLE FOR ITS PLANNING AND APPROVAL--AN
ATTACK MADE UPON A MILITARY VEHICLE WHICH THE
CORPORAL WAS DRIVING. PORTA WAS ALSO ACCUSED OF
HAVING ORDERED THE INDISCRIMINATE ASSASSINATION OF
MEMBERS OF THE ARMED FORCES, AND OF AUTHORIZING YET
ANOTHER MURDER IN WHICH A TERRORIST CALLED ANA
MARIA MOHADAD PARTICIPATED. EMBASSY RECORDS SHOW
THAT MOHADAD IS ALSO AT THE DISPOSAL OF THE CORDOBA
MILITARY COURT, BUT NO NEWS HAS BEEN GIVEN ABOUT
HER SENTENCING. MOHADAD, ALSO ACCORDING TO
EMBASSY RECORDS, HAS BEEN AUTHORIZED RIGHT OF

OPTION CERTIFICATES FROM NORWAY, SWITZERLAND AND
AUSTRALIA. PORTA WAS A MEMBER OF AN ORGANIZATION
CALLED "WORKERS' POWER."

17. (U) SUBVERSIVE SENTENCED -----

THE BUENOS AIRES PRESS CARRIED STORIES DURING THE
PAST WEEK OF THE SENTENCING OF LINO HECTOR VILCHE,
A 23 YEAR OLD ARGENTINE ARRESTED DECEMBER 4, 1974,
TO FIVE YEARS IN PRISON AND PERMANENT LOSS OF
CIVIL RIGHTS. VILCHE WAS ARRESTED ON CHARGES OF
POSSESSION OF ARMS AND EXTREMIST LITERATURE, AND
ALSO CHARGED WITH ILLEGAL ASSOCIATION. EMBASSY HR
FILES DO NOT CONTAIN ANY INFORMATION ON VILCHE.

18. (U) JAIL CONDITIONS DENOUNCED -----

FOR THE SECOND TIME IN TWO MONTHS RELATIVES OF
PEOPLE HELD IN JAIL HAVE COMPLAINED ABOUT CONDITIONS.
ONE ORGANIZATION, "RELATIVES OF THE DISAPPEARED
AND DETAINED FOR POLITICAL REASONS," SAYS THAT AN
ANNOUNCEMENT CALLING FOR IMPROVEMENT IN CONDITIONS
IN THE JAILS HAS BEEN REJECTED BY NEWSPAPERS IN
THE FEDERAL CAPITAL EVEN THOUGH THE ORGANIZATION
HAS OFFERED TO PAY FOR SPACE. IN A LETTER TO THE
MINISTRY OF JUSTICE, THE ORGANIZATION HAS COMPLAINED
AGAIN OF BRUTALITY AS PRISONERS ARE TRANSFERRED
FROM ONE JAIL TO ANOTHER AND OF "SUBHUMAN CONDITIONS"
IN THE JAILS THEMSELVES.

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