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E.O. 12065 GDS 03/27/85 (SALMON, CHARLES B. JR)

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SUBJECT: REPORTED DISAPPEARANCE CASE

REFERENCE: STATE 076152

1. [REDACTED] 2 AND 3)

2. AS REPORTED IN REFTTEL, DEPUTY SECRETARY CONVEYED TO ARGENTINE CHARGE OUR DECISION TO ABSTAIN ON RAILWAYS II LOAN IN IBRD. THIS DECISION WAS PRIMARILY BASED ON ASSURANCES RECEIVED FROM AMBASSADOR AJA ESPIL THAT DISAPPEARANCES HAD STOPPED, THAT THE GOA WOULD INVESTIGATE REPORTS OF FURTHER DISAPPEARANCES AND WOULD DISCIPLINE ELEMENTS OF THE SECURITY FORCES FOUND RESPONSIBLE. THESE ASSURANCES HAD BEEN CONVEYED BY AJA ESPIL TO DAS JOHN BUSHNELL ON MARCH 22.

3. DEPARTMENT SUBSEQUENTLY RECEIVED REPORT FROM AMNESTY INTERNATIONAL OF A DISAPPEARANCE. BUSHNELL COMMUNICATED THE

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DETAILS OF THIS REPORT TO AJA ESPIL BEFORE THE LATTER'S DEPARTURE FOR BUENOS AIRES ON CONSULTATIONS MARCH 24 AND

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REQUESTED THAT AN INVESTIGATION OF THE DISAPPEARANCE BE UNDERTAKEN.

4. [REDACTED] 5 AND 6)

5. AMNESTY INTERNATIONAL REPORTS THAT ON THE NIGHT OF FEBRUARY 9, 1979, MARIO RAMIREZ WAS ARRESTED IN HIS HOME IN VILLA CASEROS, BUENOS AIRES PROVINCE, BEATEN IN FRONT OF HIS THREE CHILDREN, AND TAKEN TO THE VILLA CASEROS POLICE STATION. HIS WHEREABOUTS SINCE THAT NIGHT ARE UNKNOWN. MR. RAMIREZ, A WIDOWER, IS A PARAGUAYAN NATIONAL WHO HAD BEEN LIVING IN ARGENTINA. HE IS A HOUSE-PAINTER BY TRADE.

6. REQUEST EMBASSY MAKE APPROPRIATE INQUIRIES ASAP AND INFORM DEPARTMENT RESULTS. VANCE

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