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E.O. 12065: GDS 6-30-81 (BRIGGS, E.E.)

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SUBJECT: PAZA MOTHERS VISIT DEPARTMENT

1. [REDACTED] - ENTIRE TEXT.

2. SRA. HEBE DE BONAFINI AND SRA. MARIA DE ANTOKOLETZ, PRESIDENT AND VICE PRESIDENT RESPECTIVELY OF THE MOTHERS OF THE PLAZA DE MAYO, CALLED ON DAS BRIGGS THE AFTERNOON OF JUNE 30. THEY WERE ESCORTED BY A WOLA REPRESENTATIVE; OFFICERS FROM ARA/SC AND HA ALSO ATTENDED THE MEETING. - THE MOTHERS, BOTH OF WHOM ARE ENGAGING AND CONVINCING IN THEIR SINCERITY, MADE THEIR BY NOW WELL-KNOWN PITCH AGAINST REPEAL OF HUMPHREY-KENNEDY; OR, IF IT MUST BE REPEALED, THEY SAID, IT SHOULD BE WITH THE CONDITION THAT THE GOA BE REQUIRED TO ACCOUNT FOR ALL THE DISAPPEARED. DAS BRIGGS ASSURED THE MOTHERS THAT IT WAS VERY HYPOTHETICAL AT THIS POINT TO SPECULATE ON MILITARY SALES TO ARGENTINA SINCE HUMPRHEY-KENNEDY WAS

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NOT YET REPEALED. EVEN WHEN IT IS REPEALED, -HE SAID, ARMS SALES WOULD BE CONSIDERED ON A CASE-BY-CASE BASIS

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N LIGHT OF THE EXISTING SITUAT ON IN ARGENTINA AND
TAKING INTO ACCOUNT THE FULL RANGE OF U.S. INTERESTS
INCLUDING HUMAN RIGHTS.

3. REQUEST FOR CLARIFICATION: IN A NEW YORK TIMES
STORY OF JUNE 27, MRS. BONAFINI NOTED THAT 40
DISAPPEARANCES WERE REPORTED TO THE OAS AS HAVING OCCURRED
IN 1980; SHE ALSO SAID THAT 21 CASES WERE CITED BY THE
PERMANENT ASSEMBLY ON HUMAN RIGHTS AND CELS AS HAVING
OCCURRED IN 1981. ARA/SC DEPUTY DIRECTOR TOOK THE
OPPORTUNITY OF HER VISIT TO ASK ABOUT THESE STATISTICS.
MRS. BONAFINI CONFIRMED THEM AND THE APPLICABLE YEARS.
THESE FIGURES DIFFER MARKEDLY FROM ANYTHING DEPARTMENT
HAS SEEN; IN PARTICULAR, THE FIGURE OF 21 DISAPPEARANCES
THUS FAR THIS YEAR BELIES OUR PAST INFORMATION THAT
NO DISAPPEARANCES ARE DOCUMENTED TO HAVE OCCURRED SINCE
AUGUST 1980. WOULD APPRECIATE EMBASSY CLARIFYING THIS
CONTRADICTION FOR THE RECORD. HAIG

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