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SUBJECT: LA OPINION EDITOR JACOBO TIMERMAN SEES FAMILY

REF: BA 5028 (PARA. 13)

1. HECTOR TIMERMAN, SON OF DETAINED LA OPINION EDITOR JACOBO TIMERMAN, TOLD EMBOFF JULY 20 THAT THE FAMILY HAD VISITED THEIR FATHER ON JULY 19. THE MEETING TOOK PLACE IN A POLICE STATION IN AVELLANEDA, A WORKING CLASS SUBURB JUST OUTSIDE THE FEDERAL CAPITAL IN BUENOS AIRES PROVINCE. TIMERMANARRIVED AND LEFT FROM THE POLICE STATION IN A FORD FALCON UNDER GUARD AND BLINDFOLDED, AND THE FAMILY STILL DOES NOT KNOW WHERE HE IS BEING DETAINED. HECTOR SAID HIS FATHER WAS HANDCUFFED DURING THE MEETING AND ID NOT APPEAR TO HAVE SUFFERED RECENT MISTREATMENT.

2. HECTOR TOLD EMBOFF THA THE FAMILY'S APPROACHES TO GENERAL SUAREZ MASON AND BUENOS AIRES PROVINCE GOVERNOR IBERICO SAINT JEAN TO DISCOVER JACOBO TIMERMAN'S WHEREABOUTS WERE REBUFFED, BUT THAT INTERIOR MINISTER HARGUINDEGUY HAD PERSONALLY PROMISED THAT THE FAMILY COULD VISIT TIMERMAN THREE WEEKS AGO. HECTOR OBSERVED THAT THE BUENOS AIRES PROVINCIAL GOVERNMENT AND POLICE DO NOT ALWAYS RESPOND TO NATIONAL GOVERNMENT DIRECTIONS. HE

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SAID THAT HIS FAMILY BELIEVED TIMERMAN WAS ABOUT TO HAVE BEEN  
RELEASED FROM POLICE CUSTODY IN THE FEDERAL CAPITAL OF BUENOS  
AIRES ABOUT A MONTH AGO, BUT THAT OFFICIALS OF BUENOS AIRES  
PROVINCE HAD SUBSEQUENTLY HAD HIM TRANSFERRED IN ORDER TO KEEP  
HIM UNDER WRAPS.  
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