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SUBJ: GOA "UNAWARE" JARA'S WHEREABOUTS

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ARGENTINA PROJECT (S200000044)
U.S. DEPT. OF STATE, A/RPS/IPS
Margaret P. Grafeld, Director
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1. THE PRESIDENTIAL PRESS OFFICE ISSUED AN OFFICIAL COMMUNIQUE IN THE EVENING OF APRIL 16 RECONFIRMING THE DETENTION OF LA OPINION'S PUBLISHER, JACOBO TIMERMAN IN CONNECTION WITH THE INVESTIGATION OF THE GRAIVER CASE. THE COMMUNIQUE AFFIRMS THAT "THE SITUATION OF MR. TIMERMAN ALREADY HAS BEEN MADE PUBLIC BY MILITARY AUTHORITIES; CONSEQUENTLY HIS DETENTION DOES NOT CORRESPOND TO PRESS OR RELIGIOUS MATTERS OR ANY PROBLEM OTHER THAN THAT WHICH HAS BEEN EXPRESSLY STATED."

2. HOWEVER, THE COMMUNIQUE ASSERTS THAT "(AS OF APRIL 15) THE WHEREABOUTS OF ENRIQUE JARA, THE NEWSPAPER'S ASSISTANT DIRECTOR, ARE UNKNOWN... IMMEDIATELY AFTER THE DISAPPEARANCE OF MR. JARA WAS MADE KNOWN, MILITARY AND SECURITY FORCES INITIATED AN INVESTIGATION, BUT UNTIL NOW THEY HAVE BEEN UNABLE TO PROVIDE ANY INFORMATION CONCERNING THE MATTER."

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3. WE CAN ONLY INTERPRET THIS STATEMENT AS SIGNIFYING THAT

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AS OF LAST NIGHT PRESIDENT VIDELA WAS UNABLE TO CONVINCING THE MILITARY AND SECURITY FORCES TO ACKNOWLEDGE JARA'S DETENTION.

4. OUR ADVICE REMAINS TO MAKE NO COMMENT AT THIS TIME.
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