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E.O. 11652: GDS
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SUBJECT: TIMERMAN RELEASE REPORTED IMMINENT BY HIS FAMILY

1. EX-LA OPINION EDITOR JACOBO TIMERMAN'S RELEASE APPEARS TO BE "IMMINENT" ACCORDING TO HIS SON HECTOR WHO MET WITH EMBASSY OFFICER ON OCTOBER 14. THE FAMILY HAS BEEN "DELUGED" WITH CALLS FROM OFFICIAL AND UNOFFICIAL SOURCES THE LAST FEW DAYS ADVISING THEM THAT TIMERMAN WILL SOON BE RELEASED. THESE SOURCES INCLUDED BOTH ARMY AND NAVY OFFICERS CLOSE TO VIOLA AND MASSERA. HECTOR TIMERMAN REPORTED THAT HE WAS RECEIVED WITH "SPECIAL DEFERENCE" BY THE MORENO PRISON WARDEN (WHERE TIMERMAN IS BEING HELD) WHEN HE VISITED HIS FATHER.

2. IF AND WHEN TIMERMAN IS FREED, THE FAMILY PLANS FOR HIM TO LEAVE THE COUNTRY WITHIN A FEW DAYS OF HIS RELEASE AND REMAIN ABROAD FOR AT LEAST A YEAR, TRAVELING FIRST TO THE UNITED STATES AND FRANCE BEFORE GOING TO ISRAEL. TIMERMAN AGREES WITH THIS PLAN.

3. THE MILITARY TRIBUNAL INVESTIGATING TIMERMAN HAS INFORMED

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HIM THAT NO SUBVERSIVE CHARGES WILL BE FILED AGAINST HIM. THIS DECISION, WHICH HAS NOT YET BEEN MADE PUBLIC, CAME AFTER TIMERMAN TESTIFIED FOR 13 HOURS ON SEPTEMBER 29. AS A RESULT, HE CAN EITHER BE TURNED OVER TO THE CIVIL COURTS FOR PROSECUTION OF "ECONOMIC CRIMES", HELD UNDER STATE OF SIEGE EXECUTIVE DETENTION OR RELEASED OUTRIGHT:

4. TIMERMAN WAS RETURNED TO BUENOS AIRES THIRTEEN DAYS AGO. HIS FAMILY AND HIS RABBI HAVE BEEN ABLE TO VISIT HIM. HE IS BEING WELL TREATED AT MORENO PRISON.
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