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JACOBO TIMERMAN CASE: RECENT DEVELOPMENTS

REF: BUENOS AIRES 0459

1. JOSE TIMERMAN, JACOBO TIMERMAN'S BROTHER, MET WITH  
EMBASSY POLITICAL OFFICER ON JANUARY 24 TO DISCUSS  
FOLLOWING DEVELOPMENTS IN SUBJECT CASE:

2. INSTITUTIONAL ACT PROCEEDINGS -----  
THE TIMERMAN FAMILY LAWYER, DR OCLANDER, WILL SUBMIT  
TO THE NATIONAL COUNCIL OF PATRIMONIAL RESPONSIBILITY  
THIS WEEK OR NEXT A COMPLETE ACCOUNTING OF THE  
ACQUISITION OF JACOBO TIMERMAN'S PROPERTIES. THE  
TIMERMAN LAWYER BELIEVES THAT THE EVIDENCE OF HOW  
MR TIMERMAN ACQUIRED HIS PROPERTY HOLDINGS ARE  
AIRTIGHT. MR TIMERMAN'S ASSETS ARE FEW. THEY  
CONSIST OF 2 APARTMENTS IN BUENOS AIRE, AN  
AUTOMOBILE, AND 45 PER CENT OF THE SHARES OF THE PRINTING  
PLANT AND THE NEWSPAPER, LA OPINION. THE SHARES WERE  
RECEIVED BY MR TIMERMAN AS AN INDUSTRIAL PARTNER IN TWO ARGENTINE  
CORPORATE ENTITIES "COMPANIES OF CAPITAL AND WORK." THESE  
FIRMS WERE FOUNDED BY MR DAVID GRAIVER AND MR TIMERMAN. IN  
THIS INDUSTRIAL PARTNERSHIP, MR TIMERMAN WAS AWARDED 50 PER CENT OF

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THE SHARES FOR HIS KNOW HOW AND ORGANIZATIONAL EFFORT AND  
GRAIVER WAS AWARDED 50 PER CENT OF THE SHARES FOR HIS CAPITAL

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INVESTMENT. LATER BOTH THE PARTNERS TURNED OF 5 PERCENT OF THEIR SHARES TO A MR ROTHENBURG. THIS INFORMATION WAS PREVIOUSLY MADE AVAILABLE TO THE SECOND SPECIAL MILITARY TRIBUNAL IN BUENOS AIRES PROVINCE. FURTHERMORE, ALL NOTARIES IN ARGENTINA HAVE BEEN REQUIRED BY THE GOVERNMENT TO PROVIDED INFORMATION REGARDING ANY TRANSACTIONS THEY WITNESSED BY PERSONS PRESENTLY UNDER THE INSTITUTIONAL ACT. WITH THE EXCEPTIONS OF THESE FEW TRANSACTIONS, THERE HAS BEEN NO ALLEGATION OF OTHER PROPERTY HOLDINGS BY JACOBO TIMERMAN.

3. POSSIBILITY OF TRANSFERENCE TO HOUSE ARREST -----  
THE TIMERMAN FAMILY HAS LEARNED THAT ON DECEMBER 24 A CEDREE WENT FOR SIGNATURE TO MINISTER OF THE INTERIOR HARGUINDEGUY TO PLACE JACOBO TIMERMAN IN HOUSE ARREST STATUS UNDER THE INSTITUTIONAL ACT. HOWEVER, SUPPOSEDLY DUE TO THE STRONG INTERVANTION OF FIRST ARMY CORPS COMMANDER SUAREZ MASON, ACTION ON THIS PETITION HAS BEEN FROZEN.

4. HEALTH AND WELFARE -----  
ACCORDING TO HIS BROTHER, JACOBO TIMERMAN IS BECOMING INCREASINGLY DEPRESSED AS CONTINUING LEGAL ACTION AND EFFORTS FOR HIS RELEASE PROVE TO BE INEFFECTIVE. HIS SPIRITS WERE EVIDENTLY MUCH BETTER WHEN HE WAS ENGAGED IN A DIRECT PHYSICAL AND INTELLECTUAL FIGHT WITH HIS CAPTORS. HOW AS HIS FAMILY AND LAWYERS OVERCOME ONE LEGAL OBSTACLE ONLY TO FIND ANOTHER BLOCKING HIS FREEDOM, TIMERMANS SITUATION LOOKS INCREASINGLY HOPELESS TO HIM.  
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