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SUBJECT: STATUS OF TIMERMAN CASE; PROPOSED MEETING

WITH MS. DERIAN

REF: BUENOS AIRES 5410 (NOTAL); BUENOS AIRES 5602 (NOTAL)

1. HECTOR TIMERMAN MENTIONED ONCE AGAIN TO PRESS OFFICER TUESDAY THAT TIMERMAN FAMILY IS EAGER TO MEET MS. DERIAN DURING HER VISIT. WE NOW PROPOSE MEETING TAKE PLACE 1800 SUNDAY 7 AUGUST AT AMBASSADOR'S RESIDENCE, SHORTLY AFTER MS. DERIAN MEETS WITH COUNTRY TEAM. HECTOR AND JACOBO TIMERMAN'S BROTHER, JOSE, WOULD MOST LIKELY REPRESENT FAMILY ALTHOUGH IT IS POSSIBLE THAT MRS. TIMERMAN, WHO IS NOT IN OVERLY GOOD HEALTH, MAY BE PRESENT.

2. TIMERMAN SAID HE AND HIS MOTHER HAD SEEN JACOBO

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JULY 29. THE VISIT LASTED 10 MINUTES AND TOOK PLACE

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AT A POLICE STATION IN BANFIELD, JUST OUTSIDE THE FEDERAL DISTRICT IN BUENOS AIRES PROVINCE. A POLICE COMISARIO WAS PRESENT THROUGHOUT THE MEETING. TIMERMAN NOW APPARENTLY IS BEING HELD AT BANFIELD POLICE STATION ALONG WITH OTHER "IMPORTANT" ARGENTINES INCLUDING VICTORIO CALABRO, EX-GOVERNOR OF BUENOS AIRES PROVINCE.

3. ACCORDING TO THE SON, TIMERMAN WAS IN GOOD HEALTH AND HAD NOT BEEN INTERROGATED OR TORTURED RECENTLY. HECTOR SPECULATED THAT HIS FATHER MAY SOON BE RETURNED TO MORENO JAIL IN BUENOS AIRES PROPER. CHAPLIN

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