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SUBJECT: (U) HUMAN RIGHTS SUMMARY - APRIL 12-18, 1980

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[REDACTED] SUMMARY: WE HAVE BEEN TOLD THAT GOA ITSELF WILL PUBLISH
THE INTER-AMERICAN COMMISSION ON HUMAN RIGHTS REPORT ON
ARGENTINA, OR AT LEAST EXTRACTS FROM THE THICK VOLUME OF
FINDINGS. TWO MORE DISAPPEARANCES FOR 1980 HAVE BEEN
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REPORTED, ONE FROM CORDOBA AND ONE FROM BUENOS AIRES. THE
SWEDISH GOVERNMENT, STILL PURSUING ITS DAGMAR HAGELIN INQUIRY,
HAS REVEALED THE NAME OF A NAVAL OFFICER IMPLICATED IN THE
SWEDISH GIRL'S DISAPPEARANCE; HE IS AN ARGENTINE NAVAL
ATTACHE IN SOUTH AFRICA. VIERY FIRM STATEMENTS HAVE COME

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THIS WEEK FROM BOTH VIDELA AND VIOLA ON THE "DIRTY WAR'S" AFTERMATH: THERE WILL BE NO REVIEW OF ACTIONS TAKEN, SAYS VIOLA--AND VIDELA AFFIRMS THAT ARGENTINES FIRST AND MAYBE ONLY ARE FIT TO JUDGE THE REGIME'S POLICIES. END SUMMARY.

1. [REDACTED] THE INTER-AMERICAN HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION REPORT: ANY MINUTE NOW. ARGENTINA'S AMBASSADOR TO THE OAS RAUL QUIJANO RETURNED TO BUENOS AIRES APRIL 14 TO PRESENT THE GOA WITH THE FINAL DRAFT OF THE IAHR REPORT ON ARGENTINA. THE GOA HAS BEEN STUDYING THE REPORT AND DURING A CONVERSATION BETWEEN AMBASSADOR CASTRO AND THE FOREIGN MINISTER, PASTOR SAID THAT THE GOA ITSELF PLANS TO MAKE THE REPORT PUBLIC. (NOTE: A CASA ROSADA SOURCE SPOKE OF ISSUANCE OF "SUMMARIES OF THE FULL TEXT.") ACCORDING TO THE PRESS THE REPORT WILL BE RELEASED MONDAY. WE HAVE HEARD THAT THE GOA IS PLEASED WITH AT LEAST ONE ASPECT OF THE REPORT: THE FACT THAT NAMES HAVE BEEN OMITTED.

2. [REDACTED] DURING A LUNCHEON SPONSORED BY JOURNALISTS ATTACHED TO THE CASA ROSADA, PRESIDENT VIDELA SAID ON WEDNESDAY THAT "ONLY THE ARGENTINE PEOPLE CAN JUDGE WHAT HAPPENED DURING THE WAR AGAINST TERRORISM." THOUGH THE IAHR REPORT WAS NOT SPECIFICALLY MENTIONED, AND ALL OUTSIDE CRITICISM OF THE HUMAN RIGHTS RECORD IN ARGENTINA. IT IS ALSO A COMMENT WE HAVE HEARD SEVERAL TIMES IN THE PAST WEEK DURING PRIVATE DISCUSSION OF THE IAHR REPORT.

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(U) TWO MORE DISAPPEARANCES IN 1980. THE DISAPPEARANCE OF AN EX-PROFESSOR AT THE LITORAL UNIVERSITY OF CORDOBA WAS REPORTED BY HIS FAMILY TO THE MEDIA. LUIS DE CORDOBA, A 58 YEAR OLD SPANIARD, HAS BEEN REPORTED MISSING SINCE APRIL 6. WE HAVE NO FURTHER DETAILS ON THE CASE., BUT SEEK THEM FROM HUMAN RIGHTS ORGANIZATIONS. THE SECOND REPORT IS OF ANGEL SERVANDO BENITEZ, WHO WAS TAKEN OFF THE STREET ON MARCH 20. LATER POLICE OFFICIALS REPORTEDLY VISITED BENITEZ'S HOUSE AND REMOVED "A BOX," BUT A HABEAS CORPUS PETITION FILED FOR BENITEZ BY A HUMAN RIGHTS LAWYER TURNED UP A "NO RECORD." UNLIKE THE CORDOBA CASE, BENITEZ'S DISAPPEARANCE HAS NOT BEEN REPORTED PUBLICLY.

[REDACTED] PERONIST LABOR BARON RELEASED. AFTER FOUR

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YEARS OF VARIOUS FORMS OF IMPRISONMENT, LABOR FIGURE LORENZO MIGUEL WAS RELEASED EARLY THURSDAY MORNING APRIL 17, BUT REMAINS, WE UNDERSTAND, FORMALLY UNDER THE "ACT OF INSTITUTIONAL RESPONSIBILITY." SEPTTEL GIVES FURTHER DETAILS.

5. [REDACTED] "NUREMBERG FEARS." IN A SPEECH GIVEN AT A FAREWELL CEREMONY FOR RETIRING GENERALS, LT. GEN. VIOLA TOLD HIS AUDIENCE THAT TWO CONDITIONS WOULD HAVE TO BE PRESENT BEFORE ARGENTINA COULD RETURN TO A DEMOCRATIC SYSTEM: ONE WAS THAT THE ARMED FORCES WOULD HAVE TO BE ALLOWED TO PARTICIPATE IN SUCH A SYSTEM; THE OTHER WAS THAT THE ARMY WOULD NOT BE TAKEN TO TASK FOR ANY OFFENSES MADE DURING THE WAR AGAINST TERRORISM. ACCORDING TO VIOLA "TO ALLOW ANYONE TO JUDGE THOSE WHO, WITH SACRIFICE AND HONOR, HAVE FOUGHT TO RECOVER PEACE FOR ARGENTINA, WOULD BE BETRAYING THE MEMORY OF THOSE WHO HAVE FALLEN AS CASUALTIES OF SUBVERSIVE ACTIONS." COMMENT: THIS STATEMENT BY VIOLA HAS ALL THE EARMARKS OF A CAMPAIGN PLEDGE: THAT ONCE VIOLA BECOMES PRESIDENT THE ARMED FORCES DO NOT HAVE

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TO WORRY ABOUT BEING EXPOSED TO RETALIATION FOR THEIR ACTIONS IN THE DIRTY WAR. VIOLA IS COMMONLY REGARDED THE LEADING CANDIDATE, BUT THERE WILL BE OPPOSITION AND IT IS THE CONVENTIONAL WISDOM HERE THAT NO CANDIDATE WILL GET THE MILITARY'S APPROVAL WITHOUT A "NO NUREMBERG-ASSURANCE. END COMMENT.

5. RADICAL PARTY LEADER RICARDO BALBIN, CURRENTLY IN MADRID, SAID THAT THE CHAPTER ON "RESPONSIBILITIES" WILL EVENTUALLY HAVE TO BE WRITTEN. HE ALSO SAID THAT IT WAS HIS BELIEF THAT THE DISAPPEARED WERE NOT MISSING BUT DEAD, WHICH KICKED OFF A STORM OF PROTESTS HERE AMONG "THE MOTHERS" AND OTHER RELATIVES OF THE DISAPPEARED. COMMENT: UNFAIRLY, WE THINK, BALBIN IS BEING CALLED A "GOVERNMENT AGENT" FOR OPENLY ACKNOWLEDGING WHAT IS AN INCREASINGLY ACCEPTED--AND TERRIBLE--CONCLUSION. END COMMENT.

6. [REDACTED] SWEDES PUSS THE DAGGER FURTHER. THE WEEKEND PAPERS DESCRIBED AS ASSERTION BY THE SWEDISH GOVERNMENT THAT AN ARGENTINE NAVAL OFFICER, ALFREDO AZTIS, WAS INVOLVED IN THE SHOOTING OF DAGMAR HAGELIN BEFORE SHE WAS ARRESTED AND WAS LATER SEEN WITH HAGELIN AT THE NAVAL MECHANICS SCHOOL. ALFREDO AZTIS IS CURRENTLY THE

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NAVAL ATTACHE AT THE ARGENTINE EMBASSY IN SOUTH AFRICA.
(NOTE: LAST WEEK'S ROUNDUP REPORTED SWEDISH OFFICIAL
DISPLEASURE AT PRESIDENT VIDELA'S RESPONSE TO THE SWEDISH
GOVERNMENT'S INQUIRY BASED ON TESTIMONY BY A YOUNG WOMAN
SWEARING SHE WAS AT THE MECHANICS SCHOOL WITH HAGELIN.
THE WOMAN'S TESTIMONY CHARGES TWO NAVAL OFFICERS BY NAME IN ADDI-
TION TO AZTIS.)

8. [REDACTED] JEHOVAH'S WITNESSES HARASSED IN NEUQUEN PROVICE.
TRAVELERS FROM SAN MARTIN DE LOS ANDES, NEUQUEN PROVINCE,
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HAVE GIVEN US RELIABLE REPORTS OF HARASSMENT OF CHILEAN
EXCURSIONISTS IN THE AREA BECAUSE OF THEIR MEMBERSHIP
IN THE JEHOVAH'S WITNESSES SECT. TWENTY-ONE TRAVELERS
WERE ARRESTED THREE WEEKS AGO BY THE ARGENTINE GENDARMERIE,
WHICH SUBSEQUENTLY DEPORTED THE ENTIRE GROUP--WITH SOME
EMBARRASSMENT, WHEN IT WAS ESTABLISHED THAT NO LAW
PRECLUDED THEIR RELIGIOUS AFFILIATION AND THAT THE GROUP
HAD ALL ENTERED ARGENTINA LEGALLY.

9. (U) SLANGING IN LA PLATA. THE ARCHBISHOP OF LA
PLATA, MONSIGNOR ANTONIO PLAZA, AND THE DEAN OF THE
NATIONAL UNIVERSITY OF LA PLATA GUILLERMO GALLO ARE
APPARENTLY IN A CONTEST TO SEE WHO CAN HURL THE MOST
POLITICAL INSULTS. MONSIGNOR PLAZA TOLD REPORTERS THAT
THE NATIONAL UNIVERSITY OF LA PLATA WAS BEING INFILTRATED
BY MARXISTS. PLAZA WENT ON TO SAY THAT GALLO SHOULD
BE ASKED "IF HE DOES NOT KNOW THAT MARXISTS ARE
SPREADING PAMPHLETS AROUND HIS UNIVERSITY; IF HE DOES
NOT KNOW THAT IT IS MARXISTS WHO CONTROL THE EXAMINATIONS
IN THE HUMANITIES FACULTY." ACCORDING TO THE PRESS
PLAZA MADE THESE STATEMENTS IN RESPONSE TO GALLO'S
COMMENT THAT "MANY PEOPLE WHO WERE ELIMINATED FROM THE
NATIONAL UNIVERSITY OF LA PLATA FOR IDEOLOGICAL REASONS
ARE NOW ORKING AT THE CATHOLIC UNIVERSITY OF LA PLATA."
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