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APPROXIMATELY TWO WEEKS AGO ROBERTO QUIETO, A RANKING LEADER OF THE ~~MONTONERO~~ GUERRILLA ORGANIZATION, WAS PICKED UP ON A BEACH IN MARTINEZ, BUENOS AIRES PROVINCE, BY INDIVIDUALS WHO IDENTIFIED THEMSELVES AS OFFICERS OF THE FEDERAL POLICE OF ARGENTINA (FPA). SUBSEQUENT INQUIRIES BY QUIETO'S RELATIVES, WHICH WERE PUBLISHED IN THE BUENOS AIRES NEWS MEDIA, INDICATED THAT THE FPA, THE BUENOS AIRES PROVINCIAL POLICE, THE ARGENTINE ARMY AND OTHER ARGENTINE GOVERNMENT ENTITIES STEADFASTLY DENIED THAT QUIETO WAS IN CUSTODY.

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MADE AVAILABLE THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION:

QUIETO WAS EXTRA-LEGALLY DETAINED BY OFFICERS OF THE FPA WHO HAD BEEN ASSIGNED TO THE AAIS FOR SPECIAL ANTI-TERRORIST DUTIES. QUIETO WAS DELIVERED TO AN AAIS SAFEHOUSE IN BUENOS AIRES

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PROVINCE, WHERE HE WAS TAKEN INTO THE EXCLUSIVE CUSTODY OF THE AAIS. QUIETO WAS SUBSEQUENTLY TRANSFERRED TO ANOTHER AAIS SAFE-HOUSE IN BUENOS AIRES PROVINCE UTILIZED EXCLUSIVELY FOR INTENSIVE INTERROGATION. AFTER INITIAL RELUCTANCE, QUIETO COOPERATED FULLY WITH HIS AAIS INTERROGATORS AND MADE COMPLETE DISCLOSURES OF PAST AND FUTURE MONTONERO ACTIVITIES. THE MOST SIGNIFICANT INFORMATION DEVELOPED BY THE AAIS DURING THEIR CONTINUING INTERROGATION OF QUIETO WAS THAT THE MONTONERO LEADERSHIP HAD SHIFTED THEIR PHILOSOPHY FROM THE TRADITIONAL MONTONERO NATIONALIST-PERONIST-MARXIST STANCE TO THAT OF THE CASTRO-TYPE PHILOSOPHY OF THE FUERZAS ARMADAS REVOLUCIONARIAS (REVOLUTIONARY ARMED FORCES) (FAR). IT WAS NOTED THAT MANY OF THE MONTONERO KEY LEADERS, INCLUDING QUIETO, PREVIOUSLY HAD BEEN ASSOCIATED WITH THE FAR UNTIL THE LATTER ORGANIZATION WAS VIRTUALLY DESTROYED BY GOVERNMENT FORCES DURING 1972. (S)

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