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SUBJECT NATIONAL INTELLIGENCE CENTER THE ROLE OF THE COUNTERSUBVERSIVE CAMPAIGN

SUMMARY: THE MAIN PURPOSE OF THE NATIONAL INTELLIGENCE CENTER (NIC) IS TO DEVELOP AND CONSOLIDATE INFORMATION ON THE VARIOUS LEFTIST THE THE TERRORIST GROUPS. THE TASK IS PRIMARILY CARRIED OUT BY ANALYZING CONFISCATED DOCUMENTS AND DATA PROVIDED BY CAPTURED SUBVERSIVES. NIC WORKS IN CONJUNCTION WITH MILITARY AND POLICE INTELLIGENCE UNITS, THE STATE INTELLIGENCE SECRETARIAT (SIDE) AND THE PENITENTIARY INTEL-THE NIC COMES UNDER THE COMMAND OF THE ARMY AND IS LIGENCE SERVICE. UNDER THE IMMEDIATE AUTHORITY OF THE ARMY 601ST INTELLIGENCE BATTALION.

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HE NIC OCCASIONALLY PARTICIPATES IN SOME ACTION OPERATIONS CONDUCTED BY ONE OF THE SECURITY SERVICES. NIC ACTION OPERATIONS FALL WITHIN THE JURISDICTION OF THE ARMY FIRST CORPS WHICH RECENTLY ISSUED AN ORDER THAT ALL OPERATIONS CONDUCTED WITHIN THE FIRST CORPS AREA ARE TO BE IMMEDIATELY INVESTIGATED AFTERWARDS TO DETERMINE WHETHER THE PARTICI-PANTS ENGAGED IN ILLEGAL ACTS, SUCH AS STEALING. THE NIC IS DIVIDED INTO THE FOLLOWING GROUPS: GROUP ONE - IT IS RESPONSIBLE FOR INTELLIS GENCE ON THE PEOPLE'S REVOLUTIONARY ARMY (ERP); GROUP TWO - IT HANDLES INTELLIGENCE ON MONTONEROS; GROUP THREE - THIS GROUP HAS RESPONSIBILITY FOR INTELLIGENCE ON SMALL SUBVERSIVE ORGANIZATIONS, INCLUDING THE PERONIST ARMED FORCES (FAP); GROUP FOUR - THIS GROUP IS RESPONSIBLE FOR INTELLIGENCE ON OTHER SMALL SUBVERSIVE ORGANIZATIONS, INCLUDING PODER OBRERO; GROUP FIVE - IT IS RESPONSIBLE FOR INTELLIGENCE ON THE THE CHIEFS OF THE FIVE GROUPS REVOLUTIONARY COORDINATING JUNTA (JCR). MEET PERIODICALLY TO COORDINATE THEIR ACTIVITIES. ALL OF THE PRESENT NIC PERSONNEL, MOST OF WHOM ARE FROM THE ARMY, ARE ASSIGNED TO THE NIC UNTIL 31 DECEMBER 1977. END SUMMARY.

THE MAIN PURPOSE OF THE NATIONAL INTELLIGENCE CENTER (NIC) WITHIN THE GOVERNMENT'S COUNTERSUBVERSIVE CAMPAIGN IS TO DEVELOP AND CONSOLIDATE INFORMATION ON THE VARIOUS LEFTIST TERRORIST GROUPS. NIC CARRIES OUT THIS TASK PRIMARILY BY ANALYZING CAPTURED DOCUMENTS AND DATA PROVIDED BY CAPTURED MEMBERS OF SUBVERSIVE GROUPS. WORKS IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE INTELLIGENCE UNITS OF THE ARMY, NAVY, AIR FORCE, GENDARMERIE, MARITIME PREFECTURE, FEDERAL POLICE AND BUENOS AIRES PROVINCIAL POLICE, AS WELL AS THE STATE INTELLIGENCE SECRETARIAT (SIDE) AND THE PENITENTIARY INTELLIGENCE SERVICE. THE NIC DOES NOT HAVE COMMAND AUTHORITY OVER THESE VARIOUS INTELLIGENCE UNITS BUT DOES PRESENT REQUESTS WHICH ARE CHANNELED THROUGH REPRESENTATIVES OF THESE THE OFFICES OF THE NIC ARE NOT CENTRALIZED BUT ARE LOCATED AT VARIOUS LOCATIONS AS NOTED BELOW; NOR DOES THE NIC MAINTAIN CENTRALIZED WHEN DATA IS REQUIRED, IT IS REQUESTED FROM MEMBER ORGANIZATIONS FILES. QF THE INTELLIGENCE COMMUNITY.

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- 2. THE NIC COMES UNDER THE COMMAND OF THE ARMY. ORDERS SENT
 BY THE ARMY TO THE NIC ARE CHANNELED THROUGH THE ARMY G-2 (INTELLIGENCE)
 OF THE ARMY GENERAL STAFF TO THE ARMY 601ST INTELLIGENCE BATTALION
 WHICH HAS IMMEDIATE AUTHORITY OVER THE NIC.
- 3. ON OCCASION NIC MEMBERS MAY PARTICIPATE IN ACTION OPERATIONS, BUT THE OPERATIONS THEMSELVES ARE CONDUCTED BY A UNIT OF ONE OF THE SECURITY SERVICES AND ARE ALWAYS COMMANDED BY AN ARMY OFFICER. ALL OF THE ACTIONS IN WHICH THE NIC PARTICIPATES ARE WITHIN THE JURISDICTION OF THE ARMY FIRST CORPS AND ARE COORDINATED WITH THE FIRST CORPS. ACCORDING TO A RECENT FIRST CORPS, ORDER, ANY OPERATION CARRIED OUT WITHIN THE CORPS AREA IS TO BE IMMEDIATELY INVESTIGATED AFTERWARDS TO DETERMINE WHETHER ANY OF THE PARTICIPANTS ENGAGED IN ILLEGAL ACTIVITY, SUCH AS STEALING, DURING THE COURSE OF THE OPERATION.
 - 4. THE NIC IS, DIVIDED INTO THE FOLLOWING FIVE GROUPS:
- A. GROUP ONE. THIS GROUP IS IN CHARGE OF INTELLIGENCE RELATED TO THE PEOPLE'S REVOLUTIONARY ARMY (ERP). ITS OFFICES ARE WITH THE ARMY 601ST INTELLIGENCE BATTALION AT VIAMONTE AND CALLAO STREETS IN THE FEDERAL CAPITAL. THE CHIEF OF THE GROUP IS A RETIRED MILITARY OFFICER WHO WORKS WITH THE ARMY 601ST INTELLIGENCE BATTALION. HE HAS A DEPUTY PLUS 69 PEOPLE ASSIGNED TO HIM WHO ARE DIVIDED INTO NINE DESKS WITH RESPONSIBILITY AS FOLLOWS: NATIONAL LEADERSHIP OF THE ERP, INTERNATIONAL ASPECTS OT THE ERP, ERP BUENOS AIRES REGIONAL, TUCUMAN REGIONAL, PARANA REGIONAL, CORDOBA REGIONAL, SANTA FE REGIONAL, ROSARIO REGIONAL AND THE "GUEVARIST YOUTH" (ERP YOUTH GROUP).
- B. GROUP TWO. THIS GROUP HAS RESPONSIBILITY FOR INTELLIGENCE INVOLVING THE MONTONEROS. ITS OFFICES ARE WITH FEDERAL POLICE INTELLIGENCE ON MORENO STREET IN THE FEDERAL CAPITAL. THE CHIEF IS A FEDERAL POLICE COMMISSIONER, AND THE DEPUTY IS AN ARMY 601ST INTELLIGENCE BATTALION, CAPTAIN. THIS GROUP HAS 60 PEOPLE AND IS DIVIDED INTO NINE DESKS WITH RESPONSIBILITIES SIMILAR TO THAT OF GROUP ONE.
- C. GROUP THREE. THE GROUP HAS RESPONSIBILITY FOR INTELLI-5 GENCE RELATED TO THE PERONIST ARMED FORCES (FAP), THE COMMUNIST

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LEAGUE, THE REVOLUTIONARY COMMUNIST LEAGUE AND OTHER SMALL GROUPS.

ITS OFFICES ARE IN THE "LIBERTAD" NAVY HEADQUARTERS BUILDING IN THE FEDERAL CAPITAL. THE CHIEF IS A NAVY OFFICIAL, AND THE DEPUTY IS AN ARMY CAPTAIN OF THE 601ST INTELLIGENCE BATTALION. THIS GROUP HAS 1T IS NOT DIVIDED INTO DESKS.

D. GROUP FOUR. THIS GROUP IS RESPONSIBLE FOR THE WORKER POWER COMMUNIST ORGANIZATION (PODER OBRERO), THE LIBERATION ARMED FORCES (FAL), THE ERP-22, THE LIBERATION ARMY-22 (EL-22), THE POPULAR LIBERATION COMMANDS (CPL), THE REVOLUTIONARY WORKER GROUP (GOR) AND OTHER SMALL SPLINTER ORGANIZATIONS WHICH BROKE OFF FROM THE FAL. GROUP FOUR IS LOCATED IN THE "CONDOR" AIR FORCE HEADQUARTERS BUILDING. THE CHIEF IS AN AIR FORCE VICE COMMODORE, AND THE DEPUTY IS AN ARMY 601ST INTELLIGENCE BATTALION CAPTAIN. THERE IS A TOTAL OF 27 PEOPLE ASSIGNED TO THIS GROUP. IT IS DIVIDED INTO FOUR DESKS, TWO OF WHICH ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR PODER OBRERO, ONE FOR THE ERP-22 AND EL-22 AND THE OTHER FOR THE REMAINDER OF THE SUBVERSIVE ORGANIZATIONS.

E. GROUP FIVE. THIS GROUP IS RESPONSIBLE FOR ACTIVITIES
RELATED TO THE REVOLUTIONARY COORDINATING JUNTA (JCR) AND IS IN THE
OFFICES OF SIDE ON 25 DE MAYO STREET IN THE FEDERAL CAPITAL.
THE "INTERNATIONAL DESK" OF THE NIC WHICH WAS CREATED
1 SEPTEMBER 1976 FOR THE PURPOSE OF INVESTIGATING, IDENTIFYING AND
DESTROYING ARGENTINE SUBVERSIVE ELEMENTS WHICH HAVE TIES WITH INTER-
NATIONAL SUBVERSIVE ORGANIZATIONS, SUCH AS THE JCR.
THE "INTERNATIONAL DESK" IS ALSO ANALYZING
ARGENTINE LEFTIST PROPAGANDA APPEARING IN THE FOREIGN PRESS.
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5. THE VARIOUS NIC GROUPS COORDINATE THEIR ACTIVITIES THROUGH PERIODIC MEETINGS OF THE CHIEFS OF THE GROUPS. THESE MEETINGS ARE ALSO ATTENDED BY FOUR OTHER PEOPLE, TWO FROM THE ARMY, ONE FROM THE 5 NAVY AND ONE FROM THE AIR FORCE. MOST OF THE PERSONNEL ASSIGNED TO

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THE NIC ARE FROM THE ARMY; HOWEVER, THE CHIEFS OF THE DESKS WITHIN THE GROUPS ARE ASSIGNED BY RANK REGARDLESS OF THE SERVICE THEY REPRESENT. ALL OF THE PERSONNEL WITHIN THE NIC HAVE BEEN ASSIGNED THERE UNTIL 31 DECEMBER 1977.

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