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THE AMBASSADOR  
VIA THE DCM

LEGAL ATTACHE ROBERT W. SCHERRER

THE MONTONEROS

On 12/10/76, a source, who is connected with one of the Argentine Intelligence Services, provided the following information: (S) (U)

The recent shootout between Argentine security forces in Buenos Aires Province, which resulted in the alleged death of Montonero guerrilla leader, NORMA ARROSTITO, was a contrived operation. ARROSTITO was located in the general area in which the alleged shootout took place, and was captured by Argentine security forces after she had taken a potion of potassium cyanide. An antidote was immediately given to ARROSTITO and she survived the attempt at suicide. (S) (U)

ARROSTITO is presently in the hands of Argentine security forces undergoing interrogation. (S) (U)

The foregoing information should not be discussed with any foreign officials, including those of the Argentine Government. (S) (U)

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