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SUBJECT: (S) GOA COUNTER-INSURGENCY TACTICS, UNCHANGED

1. (S - ENTIRE TEXT.)

2. ACCORDING TO A REPORT WE BELIEVE IN THIS CASE IS RELIABLE TWO MONTONEROS WHO TRAVELED TO RIO DE JANEIRO UNDER FALSE IDENTITY WERE KIDNAPPED IN MID-MARCH FROM THAT CITY BY THE ARGENTINE GOVERNMENT AND RETURNED TO BUENOS AIRES. AS THE SOURCE OF THE REPORT DESCRIBED THE OPERATION TO US, THE ARGENTINES WORKED IN CLOSE COOPERATION WITH BRAZILIAN MILITARY INTELLIGENCE AFTER LEARNING OF THE PLAN FOR THE MONTONEROS (HORACIO CAMPIGLIA, WHO ALLEGEDLY WAS IN CHARGE OF MONTONERO MILITARY OPERATIONS, AND SUSANA PINUS DE BINSTOK) TO TRAVEL TO RIO. THE TWO WERE RETURNED TO ARGENTINA ABOARD AN ARGENTINE C-130 THAT FLEW TO BRAZIL FOR THE PURPOSE.

3. ACCORDING TO THE SOURCE, BINSTOK AND CAMPIGLIA WENT TO RIO TO COORDINATE A MAJOR MONTONERO OPERATION AIMED AT KILLING MEMBERS OF THE GOA ECONOMIC TEAM. BECAUSE OF AN INTELLIGENCE COUP, THE GOA WAS ALSO ABLE TO CAPTURE IN ARGENTINA 12 MEMBERS OF THE TERRORIST TEAM WHO SOUGHT TO REINFILTRATE THE COUNTRY ON THIS MISSION. THESE 12, WHOM THE MONTONEROS CALL SPECIAL INFANTRY TROOPS, HAD BEEN TRAINED IN LIBYA. THEY, PLUS THE TWO MONTONEROS CAPTURED IN BRAZIL ARE BEING HELD AT AN UNACKNOWLEDGED DETENTION CENTER IN THE ARMY'S HUGE CAMPO DE MAYO BASE BUENOS AIRES. (THE SOURCE TOLD US THAT THIS IS THE ONLY UNACKNOWLEDGED CAMP PRESENTLY BEING OPERATED BY THE ARM.) THE SECURITY FORCES ARE STILL SEEKING TO LEARN WHERE AND HOW THE CAPTURED TERRORISTS PLANNED TO JOIN UP WITH THE ARMS THEY PLANNED TO USE IN THEIR OPERATIONS.

4. THE SOURCE ALSO SAID THAT ARGENTINE SECURITY FORCES HAVE INFORMATION SUGGESTING THAT THE MONTONEROS WOULD BE SEEKING TO REINFILTRATE THE COUNTRY TO ORGANIZE THE TERRORISTS' POLITICAL ORGANIZATION. ON THE BASIS OF THIS INFORMATION THE SECURITY FORCES SPECULATE THAT THE MONTONEROS MAY BE CONTEMPLATING A SHIFT FROM TERRORISM TO POLITICAL ACTIVITY.

5. THE SOURCE ALSO STATED THAT HE UNDERSTANDS--BUT HAS NOT DIRECT KNOWLEDGE--THAT THE LONG MISSING JARA DE CABEZAS IS STILL BEING HELD BY THE ARGENTINE NAVY.

6. COMMENT: THE SOURCE OF THIS INFORMATION HAS USUALLY REPORTED RELIABLY. THE INFORMATION ABOUT THE OPERATION IN BRAZIL IS MOST SENSITIVE AND ANY SUGGESTION THAT THE USG IS AWARE OF IT COULD SERIOUSLY COMPROMISE OUR SOURCE AND POSSIBLY LEAD TO HIS DEATH. REGARDING THE KIDNAPPING IN BRAZIL, THE DEPARTMENT WILL RECALL THAT THE MONTONERO ORGANIZATION IN MEXICO PUBLICLY

DENOUNCED THE DISAPPEARANCE OF BINSTOK AND CAMPIGLIA WHILE THEY WERE TRAVELING FROM MEXICO TO BRAZIL MARCH 11-12 (BUENOS AIRES 2695).

7. THE OPERATION AGAINST THE TERRORISTS ONCE AGAIN CONFIRMS THAT THE MILITARY GOVERNMENT WILL SHOW HARD-CORE TERRORISTS NO MERCY. THE TACTICS OF THE DIRTY WAR REMAIN IN PLACE. THE MAJOR DIFFERENCE FROM THE PAST IS THAT TODAY THEY ARE USUALLY BEING APPLIED WITH GREATER SOPHISTICATION AND SELECTIVITY AGAINST INDIVIDUALS, LIKE THE ONES INVOLVED IN THIS INSTANCE, WHO HAVE UNAMBIGUOUS TERRORIST CONNECTIONS AND INTENTIONS.

8. BECUASE OF UNUSUAL SENSITIVITY OF THIS REPORT AND RISK TO SOURCE, IT IS BEING FORWARDED IN THIS CHANNEL FOR DISSEMINATION AT THE DISCRETION OF ADDRESSEES. CASTRO

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