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SUBJECT: DEATHS AND DISAPPEARANCES OF CHILEAN EXTREMISTS

REF: (A) SANTIAGO 5185; (B) SAO PAULO 1595 (NOTAL)

1. WHILE THE EDITION OF "O DIA" IN WHICH THE ARTICLE IN QUESTION
APPEARED SHOWS JUNE 25, 1975 AS ITS DATE OF ISSUE, OTHER STORIES
IN THE SAME PAPER MAKE IT CLEAR THAT THE ISSUE MUST HAVE BEEN
PRINTED AT LEAST ONE TO TWO WEEKS LATER.

2. THE ARTICLE IS DATELINED FROM BUENOS AIRES, BUT WITHOUT
A DATE. IT IS SLOPPILY DRAFTED, NOT MAKING CLEAR WHETHER THE
CHILEANS WERE ALLEGEDLY IDENTIFIED AS A RESULT OF ARGENTINE ANTI-
GUERRILLA OPERATIONS IN SALTA OR ALSO AS A RESULT OF OTHER CLASHES IN
TUCUMAN, MENDOZA, CORDOBA AND ROSARIO AS WELL. OUR
TRANSLATION OF THE ARTICLE IN ITS ENTIRETY FOLLOWS IN PARAGRAPH 3

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BELOW. THE ARTICLE CITES WHAT APPEARS TO BE 59 RATHER COMPLETE NAMES (I.E., INCLUDING MATRONYMS), BUT SOME OF THE NAMES MAY BE MISPELLED AND, AS THE COMMAS SEPARATING THE NAMES IN OUR COPY HAVE BEEN OBLITERATED, WE MAY HAVE SOME OF THE NAMES JUMBLED.

3. "CHILEAN TERRORISTS IN THE INTERIOR OF ARGENTINA.

"BUENOS AIRES. TERRORIST ACTIVITY IN ARGENTINA HAS BEEN INCREASING IN THE LAST FEW DAYS. DUE TO THE CRISIS WHICH IT IS UNDERGOING, THE RIVER PLATE COUNTRY HAS BEEN THE STAGE FOR VIOLENT MANIFESTATIONS OF EXTREMISTS. SALTA, TUCUMAN, MENDONZA (SIC), CORDOBA AND ROSARIO HAVE SUFFERED FROM SUBVERSIVE ACTIVITY INCLUDING SERIOUS INCIDENTS (AS A RESULT OF) CLASHES WITH GOVERNMENT SECURITY FORCES.

"TAKING ADVANTAGE OF THE STATUS REIGNING IN THE RIVER PLATE COUNTRY, INTERNATIONAL PROFESSIONAL AGITATORS HAVE BEEN INSEMINATING TERRORIST ACTIVITIES WITH THE LOSS OF HUMAN LIVES.

"IN THESE LATEST CLASHES, ARGENTINE SECURITY FORCES WERE ABLE TO WIPE OUT VARIOUS EXTREMIST CELLS WITH CONNECTIONS IN CHILE, BOLIVIA AND URAGUAY.

"DURING THE ANTIGUERILLA OPERATION IN SALTA, CONSIDERED THE MOST IMPORTANT ONE REALIZED UNTIL NOW, THE POLICE FORCES IN A VIOLENT CLASH ENGAGED IN A DESPERATE SHOOT-OUT WITH GROUPS, WHICH INCLUDED VARIOUS CHILEAN MARXIST AGITATORS.

"FROM THE CLASHES WITH GOVERNMENT FORCES, THERE WERE IDENTIFIED AMONG THE DEAD IN THE FIGHT AND OTHERS WHO WERE ABLE TO ESCAPE, MEMBERS OF THE EXTINCT MIR (MOVIMIENTO DE IZQUIERDA REVOLUCIONARIA), AN EXTREMIST FACTION WHICH USED TO OPERATE IN CHILE: FRANCISCO AEDO CARRASCO, MIGUEL ACUNA CASTILLO, ALBERTO VLADIMIR ARIAS VEGA, JUAN CARLOS ANDRONICOS ANTEQUERA, MARIA ANGELICA ANDREOLI BRAVO, EDUARDO ALARCON JARA, MARIA TERESA BUSTILLOS CERECEDA, JAIME MAURICIO BUZIO LORCA, ARTURO BARRIA ARANEDA, FRANCISCO JAVIER BRAVO NUNEZ, MARIO EDGARDO CALDERON TAPIA, CLAUDIO CONTRERAS HERNANDEZ, CECILIA GABRIELA CASTRO SALVADORES, ISMAEL DARIO CHAVEZ LOBOS, MANUEL CORTEZ JOO, WASHINGTON CID URRUTIA, LUIS EDUARDO DURAN RIVAS, JOSE HUMBERTO D'ORIVAL LRLRENO, FELISA DE LA JARA GOYENECHÉ, MODESTO SEGUNDO ESPINOZA POZO, RODOLFO

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ALEJANDRO ESPEJO GOMEZ, MARIA TEREZA ELTIT CONTRERAS, ALBANO AGUSTIN FIORASO CHAU, LUIS JULIO GUAJARDO ZAMORANO, RODOLFO VALENTIN GOZALES PERES, ALFREDO GABRIEL GARCIA VEGA, HERNAN GALO GONZALEZ IMOSTROZA, JORGE ANTONIO HERRERA COFRE, JOSE HIPOLITO JARA CASTRO, MARIA ISABEL JOVI PETERSON, MARIA CRISTINA LOPES STEWART, OFELIA DE LA CRUZ LAZO LAZO, MONICA LLANCA ITURRA, JUAN RENE MOLINA MOGOLLONES, PEDRO JUNA MARINO MOLINA, GERMAN MORENO FUENZALIDA, RODOLFO MARCHANT VILLASECA, EUGENIA DEL C. MARTINEZ HERNANDEZ, JUAN BAUTISTA MATURANA PEREZ, RAMON OZVALDO NUNEZ ESPINOZA, JORGE ALEJANDRO OLIVARES GRAINDORGE, NELSON OLMO GUZMAN GARY, MARIO FERNANDO PENA SOLARI, ISIDRO MIGUEL PIZARRO MENICONI, CARLOS FREDY PEREZ VARGAS, JUAN CARLOS PERELMAN IDE, ASRAEL LEONARDO RETAMALES BRICENO, AGUSTIN OSVALDO REYES GONZALES, JAIME EUGENIO ROBOTHAN BRAVO, HUGO DANIEL RIOS VEDELA, CARLOS ELADIO SALCEDO MORALES, ARIEL MARTIN SALINAS ARGO-VERGARA, FERNANDO SILVA CAMUS, ENRIQUE SEGUNDO TORO ROMERO, BARBARA GARBIELA URIBE TOAMBLAY, ALTAMIRANO EDWIN VAN YURICH, JOSE CAUPOLICAN VILLAGRA ASTUDILLO, JAIME ENRIQUE VASQUEZ SAENZ, HECTOR CAYETANO ZUNIGA TAPIA."

4. LARA TOLD THE USIS REP IN CURITIBA THAT HE OBTAINED THE STORY "FIRST HAND" FROM A "GOOD FRIEND" IN BUENOS AIRES, PRESUMABLY DURING A RECENT VISIT TO ARGENTINA, BUT HE DID NOT PROVIDE ANY FURTHER CLARIFICATION. (LARA ALSO VISITED U.S. RECENTLY).

5. UPI BUREAUCHIEF IN SAO PAULO, WHO WAS ASKED BY UPI/BUENOS AIRES TO LOOK INTO "O DIA" ARTICLE, SUSPECTS THAT THE CHILEAN GOVERNMENT MAY HAVE "MADE A DEAL" WITH LARA TO PRINT THE STORY WHICH APPEARED. THIS IS A PERSONAL OPINION ON THE PART OF THE BUREAU CHIEF WHICH, HE SAYS, HE HAS NOT REPEAT NOT PASSED ON TO UPI/BUENOS AIRES. (PLEASE PROTECT).

6. COMMENT: THE TERRORIST STORY STICKS OUT LIKE A SORE THUMB IN "O DIA" WHICH, AS WE REPORTED EARLIER, IS AN OBSCURE LOCAL SHEET PUBLISHED BY AN OBSCURE PROMOTER. NEITHER WE NOR UPI HAS SEEN THE STORY ELSEWHERE IN THE SAO PAULO-PARANA PRESS.

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