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E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: SHUM, PA
SUBJ: AMILCAR SANTUCHO

REF: STATE 256523.

1. FOLLOWING INFORMATION PROVIDED BY HIGH RANKING GOP SOURCE
OCTOBER 7.

2. ARGENTINE GOVERNMENT HAS APPROACHED GOP WITH OFFER TO EXCHANGE
MOPOCO LEADER EPIFANIO MENDEZ FLEITAS (BEING HELD AT RESISTENCIA)
FOR SANTUCHO. GOP HAS REFUSED, AND EVEN THOUGH SANTUCHO IS BEING
HELD AT EMBOSCADA, CONSIDERS HIM A "POLITICAL REFUGEE". (SIC).

3. GOP IS NOW CONSIDERING SENDING SANTUCHO TO SWEDEN OR "SOME
OTHER EUROPEAN COUNTRY" - IN RESPONSE TO HEAVY FOREIGN CAMPAIGN
(FLOOD OF INQUIRIES AND COMPLAINTS BEING RECEIVED FROM ABROAD) ON
SANTUCHO'S BEHALF.
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