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SUBJ: HUMAN RIGHTS: IN-DEPTH URUGUAYAN CASES.

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- 1. FOLLOW ARE THREE IN-DEPTH CASES OF PROBABLE HUMAN RIGHTS VIOLATIONS IN URUGUAY AS REQUESTED BY USUN PER REFS.
- 2. A. ANA INES QUADROS HERRERA, ABOUT 33 YEARS OLD, IS THE DAUGHTER OF JOSE ANTONIO QUADROS, FORMER URUGUAYAN AMBAS-SADOR TO LONDON, PARIS AND BONN. DIVORCED FROM HER HUS-BAND, SHE HAS THREE CHILDREN.

IN DECEMBER 1973 SHE FLED TO BUENOS AIRES AFTER BEING DENOUNCED TO URUGUAYAN AUTHORITIES FOR SUBVERSIVE ACTIVITY. AT SOME TIME, EITHER IN ARGENTINA OR EARLIER IN URUGUAY, SHE ALLEGEDLY JOINED THE PARTIDO POR LA VICTORIA DEL PUEBLO (PVP), A LEFTIST GUERRILLA GROUP ALSO ACTIVE IN THE LABOR SECTOR.

REPORTEDLY, ON 13 JULY 1976, QUADROS WAS CAPTURED IN

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A JOINT ARGENTINE-URUGUAYAN SECURITY OPERATION IN BUENOS AIRES WITH SOME 20 OTHERS, MOSTLY URUGUAYANS. THEY WERE TAKEN TO

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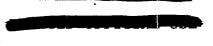
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A LOCAL GARAGE AND WERE ALLEGEDLY SUBJECTED TO A VARIETY OF ABUSES. THEIR INTERROGATORS WERE REPORTEDLY MEMBERS OF THE URUGUAYAN ARMED FORCES. ALTHOUGH THE CAPTIVES WERE SECRETLY RETURNED TO URUGUAY ON 26 JULY, THEIR MISTREATMENT CONTINUED UNTIL 23 AUGUST.

ON 23 OCTOBER 1976, QUADROS AND FOUR OTHERS WERE
OFFICIALLY CAPTURED IN AN APPARENTLY STAGED ARREST WHICH TOOK
PLACE IN A MONTEVIDEO SUBURB WITH TELEVISION CAMERAS AND NEWSPAPER REPORTERS PRESENT. ON 22 NOVEMBER SHE WAS INDICTED
FOR "MEMBERSHIP IN A SUBVERSIVE ORGANIZATION". SHE IS
CURRENTLY CONFINED AT PUNTA RIELES PRISON, A CIVILIAN
PLACE OF DETENTION, WHERE SHE CAN BE VISITED BY HER
FAMILY EVERY 15 DAYS. SHE HAS NOT YET BEEN SENTENCED,
ALTHOUG THE STATE PROSECUTOR REQUESTED A SENTENCE OF
3-1/2 YEARS, ALMOST THE MINIMUM PERMITTED UNDER THE
CHARGE.

B. LUIS MARIA BAZZANO (DOB: 15 DECEMBER 1948) WAS AN "AMERICAN FIELD SERVICE" EXCHANGE STUDENT IN 1965-66, FROM WHICH STEMS EXTENSIVE CONGRESSIONAL AND AMERICAN CITIZEN INTEREST IN THE CASE. IN LATE 1977 THE CITIZENS OF OAK RIDGE, TENNESSEE, WHERE HE HAD ATTENDED SCHOOL, COMPILED A 2500-NAME PETITION ON HIS BEHALF.

BAZZANO WAS REPORTEDLY A LEADER OF THE URUGUAYAN COMMUNIST YOUTH ORGANIZATION, ARRESTED ON 4 APRIL 1975 FOR PARTICIPATING IN AN ILLEGAL DEMONSTRATION. HE WAS INDICTED IN LATE MAY 1975 ON THE CHARGE OF "ASSISTING A SUBVERSIVE ORGANIZATION". CONTRADICTORY REPORTS INDICATE THAT IN MAY 1976 THE COURT ORDERED HIS RELEASE ON



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BAIL AND EITHER HE WAS NEVER FREED OR HE WAS REARRESTED ALMOST IMMEDIATELY ON THE SAME CHARGES. IT APPEARS CERTAIN THAT BAZZANO WAS HELD INCOMMUNICADO FROM MID-MAY 1976. TO LATE OCTOBER, ALLEGEDLY BECAUSE OF HEALTH PROBLEMS WHICH REQUIRED TREATMENT AT THE LOCAL MILITARY HOSPITAL. SINCE THEN HIS FAMILY HAS BEEN ABLE TO VISIT HIM EVERY 15 DAYS AT HIS PLACE OF CONFINEMENT, LIBERTAD PRISON.

REPORTEDLY, ON 7 FEBRUARY 1977 THE CHARGE AGAINST BAZZANO WAS INCREASED TO "MEMBERSHIP IN A SUBVERSIVE ORGANIZATION". WE UNDERSTAND, HOWEVER, THAT HE WAS RE-

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CENTLY SENTENCED TO 4-1/2 YEARS IN PRISON, A COMPARATIVELY MILD SENTENCE FOR THE NEW CHARGE. BECAUSE BAZZANO HAS ALREADY SERVED MORE THAN HALF OF HIS SENTENCE HE IS ELIGIBLE FOR PAROLE.

C. WASHINGTON DE VARGAS SACCONE (DOB: 29 NOVEMBER 1951) IS A CASE OF WIDESPREAD INTERNATIONAL INTEREST AMONG HUMANITARIAN ORGANIZATIONS, INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS, THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITY AND THE AMERICAN CONGRESS. AUSTRIA, WHICH HAS SPEARHEADED INTERNATIONAL EFFORTS ON HIS BEHALF, HAS ON ONE OCCASION DELIVERED A DIPLOMATIC NOTE TO THE FOREIGN MINISTRY REQUESTING INFORMATION ABOUT HIS WELFARE AND HAS OFFERED HIM A VISA WHENEVER HE IS ABLE TO USE IT.



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DE VARGAS WAS ALLEGEDLY A TUPAMARO INVOLVED IN AN ARMED RAID ON THE TOWN OF PANDO IN 1970. ON 21 MAY 1972 HE WAS ARRESTED, ALLEGEDLY ABUSED, AND SUBSEQUENTLY CHARGED WITH "ORGANIZING A CRIME", "CONSPIRACY AGAINST THE CONSTITUTION" AND "ACTS PREPARATORY (TO A CRIME)".

IN NOVEMBER 1973 DE VARGAS WAS OFFERED PROVISIONAL LIBERTY (A KIND OF PAROLE) BUT, AFTER HIS FAMILY HAD PAID A SUBSTANTIAL SUM TO COVER HIS PRISON EXPENSES, HE WAS NOT RELEASED. INSTEAD, HE WAS TRANSFERRED SUCCESSIVELY TO

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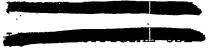
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DETENTION CENTERS IN THE INTERIOR OF THE COUNTRY WHERE HE REMAINED FOR FOUR YEARS. IN 1976, HE REPORTEDLY WAS AGAIN MISTREATED, TO THE POINT THAT HE TWICE ATTEMPTED SUICIDE. IN AUGUST 1977, HE WAS REMOVED TO A CIVILIAN PLACE OF DETENTION, LIBERTAD PRISON, WHERE HE REPORTEDLY AGAIN TRIED TO KILL HIMSELF AFTER BEING TOLD THAT HE WAS GOING TO BE TRANSFERRED BACK TO MILITARY CONFINEMENT.

ON 21 JUNE 1976 DE VARGAS HAD BEEN SENTENCED TO SIX YEARS IN PRISON COMMENCING ON THE DATE OF HIS ORIGINAL ARREST, AND DUE TO EXPIRE ON 21 MAY 1978. A FEW WEEKS BEFORE HIS SCHEDULED RELEASE HE DISAPPEARED AND RESURFACED THREE WEEKS LATER IN THE LOCAL MILITARY HOSPITAL, REPORTEDLY WITH A TOOTH MISSING AND MARKS OF A BEATING. HE IS NOW IN LIBERTAD PRISON, FIVE



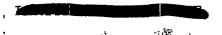
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MONTHS AFTER THE EXPIRATION OF HIS SENTENCE, ALLEGEDLY BECAUSE HE IS UNDER INVVESTIGATION FOR COMPLICITY IN THE MURDER OF TWO HOSPITAL GUARDS IN THE EARLY 1970'S. THIS CHARGE HAD BEEN RAISED AT HIS FIRST TRIAL BUT WAS THROWN OUT OF COURT FOR LACK OF EVIDENCE.

REPORTEDLY, DE VARGAS SUFFERS FROM EPILEPSY, A SERIOUS NERVOUS DISORDER AND MANIC-DEPRESSION, ALL OF WHICH REQUIRE MEDICATION.

3. DECLASSIFY UPON RECEIPT. PEZZULLO



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