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Reference my memo 9/3/76, which reported on the abduction and assassination of JESUS CEJAS ARIAS and CRESENCIO GALANENA HERNANDEZ, two employees of the Cuban Embassy in Buenos Aires, by Argentine security forces during August, 1976.

On 9/18/76, a source, who is connected with one of the Argentine intelligence services, provided the following information: ~~(S)~~ (U)

After CEJAS and GALANENA had been assassinated, their bodies were cemented into one large storage drum and thrown into the Rio Lujan near Puente Colorado in San Fernando, Buenos Aires Province. The location where the two bodies were dumped had been used in the past to dispose of other bodies by the State Secretariat for Information (SIDE). The bodies of CEJAS and GALANENA were recovered on or about 10/14/76 by members of the San Fernando Volunteer Fire Department and frog men from the National Maritime Prefectura. Because CEJAS and GALANENA had been immersed in water for such a considerable period of time facilitating rapid decomposition, it is doubtful that they will be identified. At the time CEJAS and GALANENA were recovered, several other bodies, apparent victims of SIDE operations, were also recovered from the Rio Lujan at the same approximate location. ~~(S)~~ (U)

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