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COUNTRY: ARGENTINA/URUGUAY

SUBJECT: ARREST BY ARGENTINE AUTHORITIES OF 30 URUGUAYAN
SUBVERSIVES

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1. THE **ARGENTINE FEDERAL POLICE** AND THE ARGENTINE STATE
SECRETARIAT FOR INTELLIGENCE (**SIDE**), WITH THE COOPERATION
OF THE **URUGUAYAN DEFENSE INTELLIGENCE SERVICE**

ARRESTED 30 URUGUAYAN MEMBERS OF **THE PEOPLE'S REVOLUTIONARY**

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ORGANIZATION (OPR-33) [] IN ARGENTINA DURING RAIDS ON 26 SITES DURING THE PERIOD 12-16 JULY 1976. [] MOST, BUT NOT ALL, OF THOSE ARRESTED WERE OF SECONDARY IMPORTANCE WITHIN OPR-33 AND THAT ABOUT 170 OPR-33 ACTIVISTS ARE STILL AT LARGE IN ARGENTINA. (SOURCE COMMENT THE CAPTURES URUGUAN SUBVERSIVES WILL NOT BE RETURNED TO URUGUAY, BUT WILL BE HANDLED IN ACCORDANCE WITH CURRENT ARGENTINE PROCEDURES REGARDING SUBVERSIVES; THEY WILL PROBABLY BE KILLED.) *Argentina Uruguay*

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2. AMONG THOSE CAPTURED IN THE MID-JULY RAIDS WAS MARGARITA MICHELINI. *Michelini* DAUGHTER OF SLAIN URUGUAYAN SENATOR ZELMAR MICHELINI. ARGENTINE AND URUGUAYAN AUTHORITIES HAD OBTAINED INFORMATION A FEW DAYS PRIOR TO HIS DEATH THAT ZELMAR MICHELINI WAS THEN FUNCTIONING AS A REPRESENTATIVE IN ARGENTINA FOR REVOLUTIONARY COORDINATING JUNTA (RCR), AND WAS RESPONSIBLE FOR ORCHESTRATING THE HUMAN RIGHTS CAMPAIGN AGAINST URUGUAY. OPR-33 LEADERS GERARDO GATTI AND LEON GUALBERTO DURTE LUJAN, ARRESTED EARLIER, HAVE BEEN KILLED.

3. [] COMMENT: []

[] THE DISAPPEARANCE SINCE 13 JULY FROM THE EXILE COMMUNITY IN ARGENTINA OF 30 URUGUAYANS INCLUDING MARGARITA MICHELINI AND HER HUSBAND PEDRO ALTUNA, INES GUADROS, AND JOSE FELIX *20102*

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D I A Z, HUSBAND OF THE URUGUAYAN WOMAN WHO WAS RECENTLY "SNATCHED"
FROM THE VENEZUELAN EMBASSY IN MONTEVIDEO. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] THE HUSBAND OF MARGARITA MICHELINI IS
~~RAUL A L T U N A FACAL~~, AN OPR-33 ACTIVIST WHO WAS BEING SOUGHT
BY ARGENTINE/URUGUAYAN SECURITY FORCES IN ARGENTINA IN EARLY JULY
1976 BECAUSE HIS OPR-33 MISSION WAS TO COLLECT INFORMATION ON
URUGUAYAN SECURITY OFFICIALS FUNCTIONING IN ARGENTINA. INES
QUADROS IS PROBABLY IDENTICAL WITH ANA INES ~~Q U A D R O S~~ HERRERA
~~DE STRAUCH~~, DPOB 18 DECEMBER 1944, MONTEVIDEO, WHO WAS ON THE
URUGUAYAN WANTED LIST FOR SUBVERSIVE ACTIVITY. JOSE FELIX DIAZ
IS PROBABLY IDENTICAL WITH JOSE FELIX ~~D I A Z~~ BERDAYES, DPOB
25 AUGUST 1946, GYON SPAIN, WHO WAS ON THE URUGUAYAN WANTED LIST
AS A MEMBER OF OPR-33 AND RESISTENCIA OBRERA ESTUDIANTIL (ROE).
HIS WIFE, ELENA ~~Q U I N T E R O S~~, WAS TAKEN FORCIBLY FROM THE
GROUNDS OF THE VENEZUELAN EMBASSY IN MONTEVIDEO ON 28 JUNE 1976
BY URUGUAYAN SECURITY FORCES AFTER SHE ESCAPED DURING A SECURITY
OPERATION WHICH WAS DESIGNED TO IDENTIFY AN OPR-33 MEETING PLACE.
SHE HAD BEEN ARRESTED SOME TIME EARLIER AND WAS UNDER THE CONTROL

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OF URUGUAYAN SECURITY FORCES AT THE TIME OF HER ATTEMPTED ESCAPE.

[REDACTED] THE ARGENTINES/

URUGUAYANS ARRESTED ~~EDUARDO Z A B A L E T A~~ (OPR-33 FINANCIAL
COURIER), AND ANIBAL CRISTIAN ~~G I M E N E Z~~ MULLER (A PILOT), AT
THE SAME TIME THE URUGUAYANS HIT TWO SITES IN MONTEVIDEO AND PICKED
UP CONSIDERABLE PROPAGANDA MATERIAL AND 37 LEGAL URUGUAYAN CEDULAS
WHICH PRESUMABLY THE OPR-33 WAS HOLDING FOR FALSE DOCUMENTATION
PURPOSES.)

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