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DOI DECEMBER 1976

SUBJECT MEETING OF CONDOR MEMBER COUNTRIES IN BUENOS AIRES, ARGENTINA,
13 - 16 DECEMBER 1976, TO DISCUSS PSYCHOLOGICAL WARFARE OPERATIONS

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SOURCE

1. ON 13-16 DECEMBER 1976 REPRESENTATIVES FROM ALL MEMBER

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COUNTRIES OF THE CONDOR ORGANIZATION MET IN BUENOS AIRES, ARGENTINA,

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TO REVIEW PAST ACTIVITIES AND DISCUSS PLANS. THE PRINCIPAL ITEM ON
THE AGENDA WAS THE DISCUSSION AND PLANNING OF COORDINATED PSYCHOLOGICAL
WARFARE OPERATIONS AGAINST LEFTIST AND RADICAL GROUPS IN THE VARIOUS
MEMBER COUNTRIES. [REDACTED] OPERATION CONDOR IS A
COOPERATIVE ARRANGEMENT AMONG THE MILITARY SERVICES OF CHILE,
ARGENTINA, BOLIVIA, PARAGUAY, URUGUAY, AND BRAZIL TO COUNTER TERRORISM
AND SUBVERSION.)

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2. SOMETIME IN AUGUST 1976 CONDOR HAD APPROVED A PROGRAM WHEREBY
ONE MEMBER COUNTRY WOULD PUBLISH PROPAGANDA USEFUL TO ANOTHER SO THAT
THE COUNTRY OF MAJOR INTEREST WOULD NOT BE IDENTIFIED AS THE SOURCE.
ARGENTINA AND CHILE RECENTLY USED THIS PROGRAM WHEN CHILEAN PROPAGANDA
EXPERTS COMPOSED A STORY ABOUT ALLEGED INTERVIEWS BETWEEN FORMER
CHILEAN PRESIDENT EDUARDO F R E I AND U.S. POLITICAL LEADERS. [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] THE STORY WAS SENT TO ARGENTINA WHERE IT APPEARED
IN A LOCAL PERIODICAL. URUGUAY HAS ALSO PARTICIPATED IN THIS PROGRAM.

3. THE BOLIVIAN REPRESENTATIVES PROPOSED A PROGRAM, DESIGNED
TO DIRECT THE INTELLECTUAL SECTORS AWAY FROM MARXIST, MAOIST, AND

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OTHER COMMUNIST PUBLICATIONS, WHICH WOULD INVOLVE THE DISTRIBUTION OF OTHER TYPES OF PUBLICATIONS AND BOOKS IN UNIVERSITY AND INTELLECTUAL CIRCLES. BOLIVIA ALSO SUGGESTED INVITING ALEXANDER S O L Z H E N I T S Y N TO LECTURE AT THE UNIVERSITIES OF THE CONDOR COUNTRIES. THESE PROPOSALS WERE NOT ADOPTED BY THE OTHER COUNTRIES. HOWEVER, BOLIVIA STILL INTENDS TO INVITE SOLZHENITSYN TO LECTURE IN BOLIVIA AND HOPES THAT ONCE IN BOLIVIA THE OTHER CONDOR COUNTRIES WILL ALSO INVITE HIM TO VISIT THEIR COUNTRIES.

4. THE OFFICIAL DELEGATIONS OF EACH COUNTRY WERE AS FOLLOWS:

A. ARGENTINA (CODE NAME: ~~CONDOR-1~~): CIRO ~~V~~ G A R C I A, DIRECTOR OF COMMUNICATION, SECRETARIAT OF STATE INTELLIGENCE (SIDE); COMMANDER (RETIRED) ARIEL ~~S~~ E G H E S S O ~~V~~ F L O R E S, CHIEF OF PSYCHOLOGICAL OPERATIONS, COMMUNICATIONS DEPARTMENT; ARMY CAPTAIN (RETIRED) JORGE ~~C~~ A Y O, CHIEF OF COMMUNICATIONS INTELLIGENCE.

B. BOLIVIA (CODE NAME: ~~CONDOR-2~~): VICTOR ~~B~~ A R R E N E C H E A, CHIEF OF PSYCHOLOGY FOR OPERATION CONDOR AND CHIEF OF THE BOLIVIAN DELEGATION; VICTOR ~~B~~ A L V I A N, FOREIGN SECTION OF STATE INTELLIGENCE SERVICE (SIE).

C. CHILE (CODE NAME: ~~CONDOR-3~~): LT. COLONEL ENRIQUE ~~C~~ O W E L L ~~M~~ A N S I L L A, ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF PSYCHOLOGICAL OPERATIONS AND DELEGATE FROM THE PSYCHOLOGICAL SECTION OF THE

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DIRECTORATE OF NATIONAL INTELLIGENCE; LT. ARTURO ~~M E J I A S~~,
DEPARTMENT OF PSYCHOLOGICAL OPERATIONS, DIRECTORATE OF NATIONAL
INTELLIGENCE.

D. PARAGUAY (CODE NAME: ~~CONDOR-4~~): COMMANDER RUBEN ~~V S O S A~~,
CHIEF OF FOREIGN INTELLIGENCE AND PSYCHOLOGY REPRESENTATIVE FOR
OPERATION CONDOR.

E. URUGUAY (CODE NAME: ~~CONDOR-5~~): CAPTAIN (PLOT) ~~HORACIO~~
~~S A S S O N~~, INFORMATION SERVICE, DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE.

IN ADDITION TO THE ABOVE-NAMED OFFICIAL DELEGATES EACH COUNTRY WAS
ALSO REPRESENTED BY OTHER NON-OFFICIAL INDIVIDUALS.

5. THE NEXT CONDOR CONFERENCE WAS TENTATIVELY SCHEDULED FOR JUNE
1977 IN ASUNCION, PARAGUAY, WITH LA PAZ, BOLIVIA, SELECTED AS THE
ALTERNATE SITE.

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6. [REDACTED] IN EARLY DECEMBER 1976 AN OFFICIAL BOLIVIAN
SERVICE REPORTED THAT THE BOLIVIAN REPRESENTATIVES TO THE CONDOR
CONFERENCE WERE GOING TO PRESENT A STUDY PREPARED BY THE STATE INTEL-
LIGENCE SERVICE (SIE) WHICH WOULD DEAL WITH THE CURRENT POLITICAL
SITUATION AND THE STATUS OF LEFTIST GROUPS IN BOLIVIA.)

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