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TAGS: PINS, UY
SUBJECT: DISCOVERY OF FIVE BODIES PRESUMED TO BE TUPAMAROS

REF: PARIS 30523 MVD 3708

1. ACCORDING TO [REDACTED] FIVE BODIES (3 WOMEN, 2 MEN) WERE FOUND EARLY THIS MORNING ON A ROADSIDE NEAR MONTEVIDEO, THEY HAD BEEN KILLED A FEW HOURS PREVIOUSLY BY MANY SHOTS FROM AUTOMATIC WEAPONS. SO FAR THE BODIES HAVE NOT BEEN IDENTIFIED BY POLICE BUT ALL WERE DRESSED IN ARGENTINE-MADE CLOTHING AND WERE APPARENTLY BETWEEN 20 AND 30 YEARS OLD.

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2. NEAR THE BODIES THE LETTERS "MMM" WERE FOUND, PRESUMABLY REFERRING TO A NEWLY REPORTED RIGHTIST, ARGENTINE TERRORIST GROUP WHICH USES THESE INITIALS. HOWEVER [REDACTED] SPECULATE THAT THE BODIES WILL TURN OUT TO BE TUPAMARO MEMBERS AND ARGENTINA IS PROBABLY NOT INVOLVED.

3. COMMENT: THE IMMEDIATE SPECULATION IS THAT THESE KILLINGS REPRESENT RATALIATION FOR THE MURDER OF COL. RAMON TRABAL, URUGUAY'S MILITARY ATTACHE IN PARIS (REPORTED REFTTEL). THE FACT THAT FIVE PERSONS WERE KILLED TOGETHER SO SOON AFTER THE NEWS OF TRABAL'S DEATH BECAME KNOWN SUGGESTS THAT THESE LATEST

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KILLINGS MAY HAVE BEEN TUPAMAROS WHO HAD ALREADY BEEN
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