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FOLLOWING SENT ACTION BRASILIA INFO RIO DE JANEIRO FROM SAO PAULO MAY 29, 1976 REPEATED FOR YOUR ACTION:

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SUBJ: ARGENTINA ALLEGEDLY EXTRADITES BRAZILIAN LEFTIST TO CHILE

1. ON MAY 28, PROMINENT SAO PAULO HUMAN RIGHTS ACTIVIST AND LAWYER JOSE CARLOS DIAS SHOWED CONGEN OFFICER TELEGRAM HE WAS SENDING THAT DAY TO PRESIDENT GEISEL REQUESTING AN EXPLANATION OF A MAY 18 O JORNAL DA TARDE STORY ACCORDING TO WHICH MARIA REGINA MARCONDES PINTO, A BRAZILIAN NATIONAL RESIDING IN BUENOS AIRES, WAS ARRESTED BY ARGENTINA AUTHORITIES AND HANDED OVER TO THE CHILEAN GOVERNMENT. TELEGRAM STATED THAT IF THE INFORMATION WERE TRUE, PRESIDENT GEISEL SHOULD TAKE IMMEDIATE STEPS TO SAFEGUARD THE RIGHTS OF THIS BRAZILIAN CITIZEN AND DEMAND HER IMMEDIATE REPATRIATION.

2. THE UN-DATED AND UNATTRIBUTED JORNAL DA TARDE ARTICLE ALLEGED THAT MARCONDES PINTO HAD BEEN ARRESTED IN BUENOS AIRES ON AN UNSPECIFIED DATE ALONG WITH A CHILEAN NATIONAL NAMED EDGARDO ENRIQUEZ WHO WAS A SO HANDED OVER TO THE CHILEANS. THE TWO WERE DESCRIBED AS "LEADERS OF THE CHILEAN OPPOSITION" WHO TOOK REFUGE IN ARGENTINA AFTER FLEEING THE PINOCHET GOVERNMENT. THE ARTICLE STATED FURTHER THAT THE ARRESTS HAD BEEN PROTESTED BY A "FRENCH COMMITTEE OF SUPPORT FOR THE STRUGGLE OF THE ARGENTINE PEOPLE HEADQUARTERED IN PARIS."

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3. ACCORDING TO DIAS, SAO PAULO BORN MARIA REGINA MARCONDES PINTO LIVED IN CHILE FOR SEVERAL YEARS DURING THE ALLENDE PERIOD WITH A BRAZILIAN BOYFRIEND, WHOSE NAME HE COULD NOT RECALL, AND WHO IS ALSO WANTED BY THE PRESENT CHILEAN GOVERNMENT FOR HIS "POLITICAL ACTIVITY" DURING THAT TIME. THE COUPLE FLED TO BUENOS AIRES AFTER ALLENDE'S DOWNFALL BUT HER FORMER BRAZILIAN COMPANION HAS SINCE MOVED ON TO PARIS. DIAS SAID THAT MARCONDES PINTO'S REPORTED ARREST CAME AS A PARTICULARLY HEAVY BLOW TO HER MOTHER SINCE ANOTHER DAUGHTER HAD RECENTLY COMMITTED SUICIDE.

4. DIAS CLAIMED MARCONDES PINTO'S REPORTED "EXTRADITION", IF TRUE, CONSTITUTED AN ILLEGAL ACT SINCE POLITICAL PRISONERS ARE NOT COVERED BY ANY EXTRADITION TREATY BETWEEN ARGENTINA AND CHILE. INDEED SHE APPARENTLY HAD NO RECOURSE TO JUDICIAL ACTION OF ANY KIND. DIAS ASKED THAT THE CONGEN REQUEST THE U.S. EMBASSY IN ARGENTINA AND CHILE TO SEEK CONFIRMATION OF HER ARREST AND EXTRADITION. WE MADE NO COMMITMENT.

COMMENT: JOSE CARLOS DIAS IS A BRIGHT YOUNG LAWYER

WHO SERVES ON THE JUSTICE AND PEACE COMMISSION OF THE SAO PAULO ARCHDIOCESE. A FREQUENT DEFENDER OF POLITICAL PRISONERS, DIAS IS AN OBVIOUS CANDIDATE FOR THE PRESIDENCY OF THE SAO PAULO CHAPTER OF THE OAB. OVER THE YEARS, DIAS HAS PROVEN TO BE A VALUABLE CONTACT FOR THE CONGEN ON HUMAN RIGHTS. ISSUE.

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