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1. SUMMARY. [REDACTED] SOME 40 OF THE 62 TERRORISTS
ARRESTED IN THE GOU ROUNDUP OF MEMBERS OF THE PARTY FOR THE VICTORY
OF THE PEOPLE (PVP) WERE DETAINED IN URUGUAY. THE REMAINING 22
GEWERE PICKED UP IN ARGENTINA AND RETURNDD TO URUGUAY WHERE THEY
HAVE NOT BEEN MISTREATED. THEY ARE COOPERATING WITH GOU OFFICIALS.
GIVEN THE REPORTED TREATMENT GIVEN THESE TERRORISTS, WHOSE PLANS
[REDACTED] DID INCLUDE ASSASSINATION AND
OTHER TERRORIST ACTS, IN URUGUAY, IT CAN BE ARGUED THAT HUMANTARIAN
CONSIDERATIONS WERE PROBABLY BEST SERVED BY THEIR FORCED
REPATRIATION RATHER THAN POSSIBLE DEATH IN ARGENTINA. END
SUMMARY.

2. AS REPORTED IN REFTTEL A, 62 MEMBERS OF THE PVP ARE IN GOU HANDS.
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3. MOST OF THE DETAINEES, 40 IN ATL, WERE ARRESTED IN URUGUAY. THE REMAINING 22, WHO WERE THE PRINCIPAL SUBJECTS OF REFTELS A AND B, HAD BEEN ARRESTED IN ARGENTINA IN JULY AND SUBSEQUENTLY BROUGHT TO URUGUAY. [REDACTED] THE ARRESTS IN ARGENTINA TOTALLED 24 BUT TWO WERE FOUND TO BE TUPAMAROS AND WERE HANDLED SEPARATELY. OF THE 22, 14 APPEARED ON TELEVISION ON OCTOBER 28 AND 29. ONCE PEOPLE START TO ASK ABOUT THE FATE OF THE REMAINDER, THE SEVEN WHO WERE LEAST INVOLVED IN ASSASSINATING PLANNING REPORTEDLY WILL BE RELEASED (THE EIGHTH WILL BE HELD INDEFINITELY). THE SEVEN, WHO INCLUDE THE DAUGHTER OF FORMER SENATOR ZELMAR MICHELINI AND HER HUSBAND, HAVE AGREED TO GO THEN TO THE MEDIA AND SAY THEY ARE FREE - AS THEY REPORTEDLY WILL BE.

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4. THE 14 LISTED IN REF A WERE, [REDACTED] TO HAVE BEEN KILLED BY THE ARGENTINES BUT WHO INSTEAD TURNED THEM OVER TO URUGUAYAN AUTHORITIES. SINCE THE TERRORISTS HAVE REPORTEDLY NOT BEEN THREATENED WITH DEATH OR MISTREATMENT IN URUGUAY, THEY HAVE COOPERATED WITH URUGUAYAN AUTHORITIES IN THE INVESTIGATION.

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5. PVP DID PLAN THE ASSASSINATIONS AND SABOTAGE OUTLINED IN THE GOU COMMUNIQUE OF OCTOBER 28 AND 29. [REDACTED]

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6. COMMENT: THE GOU COMMUNIQUE WHICH WE HAVE REPORTED THUS CLEARLY BECAME ELEMENTS OF FACT AND FICTION, BUT WITH THE FORMER PREDOMINATING SINCE A) THE BULK OF THE DETAINEES WERE ARRESTED IN URUGUAY, B) DID HAVE DETAILED PLANS TO CREATE A

SITUATION OF RENEWED SUBVERSION THROUGH BOMBINGS AND ASSASSINATIONS, AND C) DID HAVE THE CAPACITY TO DO SO ALTHOUGH THE EARLY INVESTIGATIVE WORK OF GOU SECURITY FORCES BLUNTED THAT CAPACITY WITH THE DETENTION OF THE FIRST INFILTRATORS EARLY ON IN THE DEVELOPING SITUATION. THE CASE OF THE 22 REPATRIATED FORCIBLY FROM ARGENTINA IS, OF COURSE, DIFFERENT, BUT THE GOU APPARENTLY BELIEVED IT HAD NO ALTERNATIVE THAN TO PRESENT THE 62 AS FALLING WITHIN A LONG INVESTIGATIVE PROCESS. IT CAN BE ARGUED THAT THE 22, WITH 7 TO BE RELEASED, ARE BETTER OFF ON HUMANITARIAN GROUNDS DESPITE FORCED REPATRIATION. AT LEAST THEY ARE ALIVE; A WELCOME DIFFERENCE FROM EARLIER FEARS AND REPORTS THAT THEY HAD

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BEEN SUMMARILY KILLED, AS HAVE BEEN SO MANY OTHERS, SHORTLY AFTER BEING REPORTED MISSING IN ARGENTINA. THE APPEARANCE, HOWEVER, OF THESE PERSONS IN URUGUAYAN CUSTODY, IF [REDACTED] IN CONTRAST TO THE GOU ANNOUNCEMENTS ARE CORRECT, CONSTITUTES CLEAR EVIDENCE OF COOPERATION BETWEEN GOA AND GOU AUTHORITIES IN SUCH MATTERS AND, PRESUMABLY, AGREEMENT ON A "COVER STORY" TO EXPLAIN APPEARANCE HERE OF PERSONS WHO DISAPPEARED IN ARGENTINA - THE GOA, IT IS TO BE REMEMBERED, DENIED ANY KNOWLEDGE OF THESE PERSONS WHEN THEY DISAPPEARED.

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7. READERS ARE REMINDED THAT ANYTHING IN THIS REPORT THAT VARIES FROM THE GOU STATEMENTS CAME FROM VERY SENSITIVE SOURCES AND SHOULD BE TREATED AS SUCH.
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