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1. ~~(C)~~ (b)(1),(b)(2) URUGUAY has a small staff working at Chilean Army Headquarters in Santiago in order to review the status of all Uruguayans in CHILE. The small staff is to interrogate those in custody and investigate those seeking to return to URUGUAY prior to receipt of necessary travel documents. The staff includes two Lieutenant Colonels and one Major from the Army G-2 section. One additional officer, Capt Osvaldo H. CASTROMAN (see ref b.), has been traveling between Santiago and Montevideo performing courier duties. He makes a round trip per day when considered necessary and brings the latest data on Uruguayans being detained, questioned, or seeking visas.

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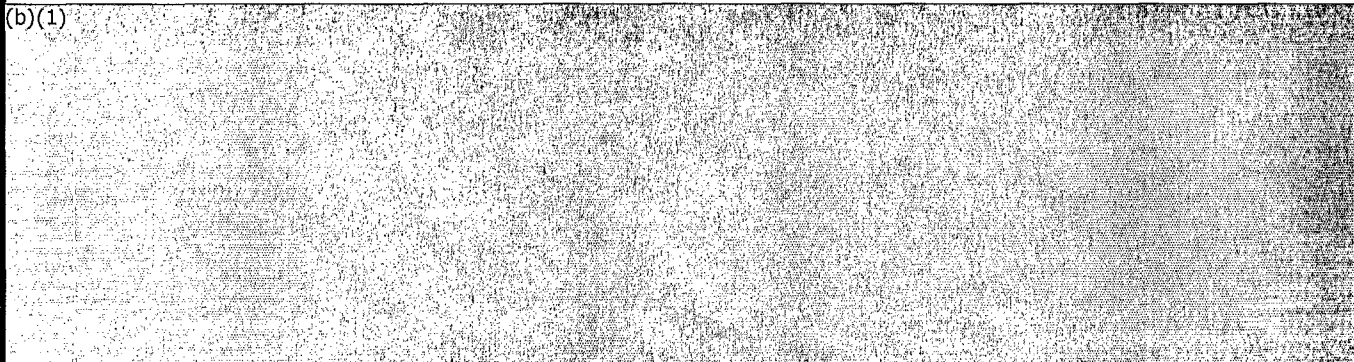
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2. (C) According to (b)(2) the Chilean Army has made its files available and is cooperating in every way possible to insure that the Uruguayans in CHILE, totaling over 3000 individuals, do not create unmanageable problems for URUGUAY. Exit visas are being limited to a specified number per day, and all individuals are checked out by URUGUAY before the visas are issued. The first group to leave CHILE, totaling 28 individuals, arrived late on 21 September and are all considered to be legitimate returnees without any Tupamaro connections. Additional groups are expected to arrive daily.

3. (C) (b)(2) added that the Chileans reported the capture of 13 individuals attempting to illegally cross the frontier into ARGENTINA. At first check the group included one Uruguayan, but everyone is being interrogated to determine his status. Expected influx of Uruguayans (Tupamaros) into ARGENTINA has not developed yet, but only because the frontier was closed and heavily patrolled. In any event, (b)(2) considers the situation under control due primarily to the excellent cooperation provided by the Chilean military.

4. (C) Additionally, Col AGUILES LOPEZ, Chilean Army, who visited Montevideo on 18 September, provided extensive situation briefings to the Army CINC and the General Staff and, on behalf of the ruling junta in CHILE, gave assurances of continued unqualified support on the questions of Uruguayans in CHILE.

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