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SUBJECT: JOSEF MENGLE

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- REFS:
- A. DIRECTOR 331379
 - B. MONTEVIDEO LEGAT 056-03 OF 3 APR 85 TO
SPECIAL ATTENTION: ASSISTANT DIRECTOR, CID;
LIAISON UNIT, UNTD
 - C. STATE ROGER CHANNEL 092234 OF 9 APR 85 (REFS
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1. DCM, LEGATT AND COS MET 12 APR 85 TO COMPARE WASHINGTON INSTRUCTIONS AND TO COORDINATE LOCAL INTER-AGENCY CAPABILITIES ON THE MENGLE HUNG. AS SUBSEQUENTLY REPORTED IN EMBASSY'S ROGER CHANNEL (MONTEVIDEO EMBASSY 2065) IN ANSWER TO REF C REQUEST FOR MISSION-WIDE EFFORT AND COORDINATION ON THE PROJECT, THE WASHINGTON INSTRUCTIONS VARY DEPENDING ON WHICH AGENCY SENT THEM. ROGER CHANNEL REF C ASKS FOR "IN-HOUSE APPRAISAL OF WHETHER, WHEN AND HOW TO APPROACH HOST GOVERNMENTS FOR ASSISTANCE IN THE SEARCH FOR MENGELE". OUR REF A MAY IMPLY A BIT MORE FLEXIBILITY IN GOING AHEAD AND TAPPING INTO LIAISON. STATION HAS ELECTED TO TRY THE UNILATERAL ASSET ROUTE FIRST AS OUTLINED BELOW WHILE GETTING MORE CLOSELY COORDINATED INTER-AGENCY INSTRUCTIONS FROM WASHINGTON ON WHETHER OR NOT SEEK HOST GOVERNMENT (INCLUDING LIAISON) ASSISTANCE.

2. REF A READS LIKA HQS NOT FULLY AWARE OF DETAILS OF REF B FROM LOCAL LEGATT. FOLLOWING MAY ASSIT YOU AFTER YOU GET A COPY. REF B "SOURCE A" IS HERBERT ((JOHN)) OF REF A. REF B "SOURCE B" IS ARGENTINE JEW ISRAEL ((SZTEMBERG)) WHO IS BUENOS AIRES EMBASSY DEAL SOURCE. DEA AGENT IS ORIGINAL SOURCE OF REF B WHICH PASSED TO AND REPORTED BY OUR MONTEVIDEO-BASED LEGATT. HSZTEMBERG PROVIDED THE INFO AND SURVEILLED THE PUNTA DEL ESTE LOCATION WITH [JOHN.] PER LEGATT, SZTEMBERG IS VERY WEALTHY AND CAN PUT MEN, MONEY, WEAPONS AND LOGISTICAL SUPPORT INTO ANY MENGELE SNATCHING OPERATION.

3. [] A PROMINENT MEMBER OF THE MONTEVIDEO JEWISH COMMUNITY AND MEMBER OF THE B'NAI BRITH AND ANTI-DEFAMATION LEAGUE WAS ASKED ABOUT MENGELE ON 4 APR. ASSET STATED THAT THERE WAS NO INFORMATION AVAILABLE IN HIS CIRCLES SUGGESTING THAT MENGELE WAS IN URUGUAY. [] ALSO KEEPS CLOSE CONTACTS WITH THE ISRAELI EMBASSY IN XONTEVIDEO AND HE STATED THAT NO ISRAELI DIPLOMAT HAD MENTIONED ANYTHING TO HIM OR HIS CIRCLE CONCERNING MENGLE FOR YEARS.

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4. STATION ASSET I DOES HAVE FAR RIGHT CONNECTIONS. STATION HAS BEEN TRYING TO LEAD HIM AWAY FROM THESE ELEMENTS AND TOWARDS MORE MODERATE CONSERVATIVE GROUPS IN URUGUAYAN SOCIETY TO ASSIST IN FI PRODUCTION. SHOULD HQS WISH, STATION CAN REQUEST TO INITIATE AN ALL-OUT EFFORT TO TRACK DOWN RUMORS CONCERNING MENGELE IN URUGUAY. PLS ADVISE.

5. URUGUAY IS A SMALL COUNTRY OF LESS THAN 3 MILLION CITIZENS. IT IS A CLOSE FAMILY ORIENTED SOCIETY WHERE PEOPLE NOTE STRANGERS BECAUSE A STRANGER IS SOMEONE OUT OF THE ORDINARY. ALSO, AFTER TWELVE YEARS OF RIGHT WING MILITARY RULE, URUGUAY IS EXPERIENCING A FRESH WAVE OF DEMOCRATIC SPIRIT THAT WE BELIEVE WOULD NOT LEND ITSELF FOR MENGELE TO REMAIN OR ENTER. FORMER PROTECTION POSSIBLY OFFERED BY THE MILITARY IS NOW NOT AVAILABLE. RECENT PRESS ARTICLES HAVE NOTED THAT OVER 900,000 ILLEGAL IMMIGRANTS HAVE ENTERED BRAZIL IN THE PAST FEW YEARS AND THAT BRAZIL HAS BECOME A MECCA FOR THOSE ALL OVER SOUTH AMERICA WISHING TO START A NEW LIFE. ARGENTINA, WITH ITS VAST LAND AND SIGNIFICANT GERMAN COMMUNITY WOULD ALSO SEEM A LOGICAL PLACE FOR MENGELE TO ATTEMPT TO HIDE HIMSELF. THEREFORE, OUR INITIAL GUESS/ REACTION IS THAT REF B AND PARAS 3-4 REF A (WHICH TELL SAME STORY) DO NOT FIT WITH WHAT WE WOULD ASSUME WOULD BE MENGELE'S EXTREME SECURITY PRECAUTIONS. LSO BELIEVE THAT IF MOSSAD HAD HEARD OF REF B STORY AND ASSIGNED ANY CREDIBILITY, MOSSAD WOULD PROBABLY HAVE ERRED ON SIDE OF SNATCHING THE INDIVIDUAL IF AN "ISRAELI TEAM WAS ALREADY IN PLACE AND READY TO ACT" AS REF B ALLEGES.

6. STATION WILL REMAIN ALERT TO THE POSSIBILITY MENGELE IS IN URUGUAY AND AWAITS HQS GUIDANCE ON WHETHER TO TASK AND TO BROACH THIS SUBJECT WITH LIAISON AT THIS TIME.

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