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TO: PRIORITY DIRECTOR(

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SUBJECT: JOSEF MEMGELE

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- 1. MIGUEL ((SERRANO)) FERNANDEZ IS PROBABLY CHILE'S BEST KNOWN ADVOCATE OF THE NAZI CAUSE. WAS IT THIS ALONE THAT LED TO REF STATEMENT THAT SERRANO MAY BE IN TOUCH WITH JOSEF ((MENGELE)) OR IS THERE SOME OTHER INDICATION THEY ARE POSSIBLY IN CONTACT? WE HAVE PAID LITTLE ATTENTION TO SERRANO AND OUR ONLY TRACES ARE FICHE REFERENCE FROM 1963 (OSMA 14984 WHICH PROBABLY IS REF SERRANO AND HCSA 9720 WHICH MAY NOT BE.). DEFER TO HOS FOR FULL TRACES AND AN INDICATION OF WHAT (MAY PASS CAWHISPER.
- 2. ACCORDING TO THE CURRENT EDITION OF THE DICCIONARIO BIOGRAFICO DE CHILE, AN OVERT REFERENCE WORK, SERRANO WAS BORN IN SANTIAGO, CHILE ON THE DATE INDICATED IN REF, 10 SEP 17. HE WORKED IN JOURNALISM AND PUBLIC RELATIONS. FROM 1953 TO 1962 HE WAS CHILEAN CHARGE AND, LATER, AMBASSADOR IN NEW DELHI. FROM 1962 TO 1967 HE WAS AN AMBASSADOR IN BELGRADE, AFTER WHICH HE WAS NAMED AMBASSADOR TO AUSTRIA. THIS INFO MAY BE PASSED CAWHISPER. WE ARE ALSO TRYING TO PULL TOGETHER OTHER INFO ON SERRANO FOR PASSAGE TO CAWHISPER.
- 3. WE WOULD APPRECIATE AMPLIFICATION OF REF STATEMENT THAT SERRANO IS SAID TO CONDUCT OFFICIAL BUSINESS FOR THE CHILEAN GOVERNMENT. DETAILS OF ANY SUCH OFFICIAL BUSINESS WOULD BE PARTICULARLY INTERESTING. SINCE CAWHISPER DOESN'T EVALUATE ITS SOURCE WE ASSUME THEY DON'T HAVE MUCH ON WHICH TO BASE AN OPINION.

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