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SUBJECT: SUSPECTED DUTCH WAR CRIMINAL LOCATED IN  
- ARGENTINA: THE KIPP CASE

REF: BUENOS AIRES 6959 (NOTAL)

1. CONFIDENTIAL - ENTIRE TEXT.

2. SUMMARY. SUSPECTED DUTCH NAZI WAR CRIMINAL ABRAHAM KIPP HAS BEEN IDENTIFIED AND LOCATED IN ARGENTINA -- GOA'S THIRD WAR CRIMINAL EXTRADITION CASE IN PAST THREE YEARS. DUTCH EMBASSY AND B'NAI B'RITH SOURCES EXPRESS FRUSTRATION THAT PREMATURE PRESS COVERAGE MAY ALLOW SUSPECT TO DISAPPEAR. DUTCH ARE SKEPTICAL THAT EXTRADITION TO THE NETHERLANDS WILL BE RAPID OR EVEN CERTAIN. ARGENTINE EXPERIENCE WITH PREVIOUS TWO WAR CRIMINAL EXTRADITION REQUESTS BY FRG SUGGESTS

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THE SKEPTICISM IS WELL-FOUNDED. END SUMMARY.

3. PRESS REPORTS AND SOURCES WITHIN THE DUTCH EMBASSY AND B'NAI B'RITH SUGGEST ARGENTINA MAY SOON CONFRONT AN EXTRADITION CASE INVOLVING ANOTHER ACCUSED NAZI WAR CRIMINAL. ALERTED BY A STORY PUBLISHED IN THE DUTCH DAILY "HAARLEMS DAGLAAD," LOCAL PAPERS REPORTED NOVEMBER 20 THAT ACCUSED DUTCH WAR CRIMINAL ABRAHAM KIPP HAD BEEN LOCATED IN BUENOS AIRES. KIPP WAS ACCUSED OF COLLABORATING WITH NAZI OCCUPATION FORCES IN HOLLAND DURING THE WAR AND OF PERSONAL RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE DEATHS OF AT LEAST 20 DUTCH JEWS. HE WAS CONDEMNED TO DEATH IN ABSENTIA BY A DUTCH COURT IN 1949.

4. POLOFF CONSULTED SOURCES IN DUTCH EMBASSY AND B'NAI B'RITH NOVEMBER 21. BOTH CONFIRMED THAT AN INDIVIDUAL BELIEVED TO BE KIPP HAS BEEN LOCATED IN THE BUENOS AIRES SUBURB OF BOULOGNE SUR MER. IF HE IS KIPP, HE ENTERED ARGENTINA SHORTLY AFTER THE WAR AND NATIONALIZED AS AN ARGENTINE CITIZEN IN 1953. HE HAS NOT CHANGED HIS NAME. THE SUSPECT IS RETIRED AND 71 YEARS OLD. BOTH THE DUTCH EMBASSY AND B'NAI B'RITH ARGENTINA ARE CONVINCED (UNOFFICIALLY) THAT THE SUSPECT IS DUTCH WAR CRIMINAL ABRAHAM KIPP.

5. THE DUTCH DIPLOMAT WAS FRUSTRATED WITH THE PREMATURE PUBLICITY. TO THE BEST OF HIS KNOWLEDGE, AS OF NOVEMBER 21 THE SUSPECT WAS NOT UNDER DETENTION. THE DUTCH HAD NOT PRESENTED FORMAL REQUEST FOR PREVENTIVE DETENTION (FIRST STEP IN AN EXTRADITION PROCEEDING) WHEN THE STORY BROKE NOVEMBER 20. HE FEARED THE SUSPECT MIGHT DISAPPEAR BEFORE DUTCH JUSTICE AND FOREIGN MINISTRIES COMPLETED PAPERWORK AND FORMALLY REQUESTED EXTRADITION. EVEN THEN, HE NOTED, EXTRADITION WAS NOT CERTAIN. THE SUSPECT WAS AN ARGENTINE CITIZEN AND THE 1983 DUTCH-ARGENTINE EXTRADITION TREATY DID NOT PERMIT EXTRADITION OF ONE'S OWN CITIZENS. IF KIPP WERE A WAR CRIMINAL, HE COULD BE STRIPPED OF HIS ARGENTINE CITIZENSHIP UNDER FRAUD CHARGES AND THEN EXTRADITED, BUT THE PROCESS WOULD BE LONG AND UNCERTAIN. FACT THAT HE DID NOT CONCEAL HIS IDENTITY AT TIME OF NATURALIZATION WOULD COMPLICATE CASE FURTHER.

6. COMMENT. IF THE SUSPECT IS ABRAHAM KIPP, HE WILL BE THE THIRD CASE INVOLVING ARGENTINE EXTRADITION OF A NAZI WAR CRIMINAL IN THE PAST THREE YEARS. EXPERIENCE ON THE PREVIOUS TWO DOES NOT SUGGEST A RAPID OR SMOOTH EXTRADITION. SUSPECTED NAZI WAR CRIMINAL KUTSCHMANN, ARRESTED IN 1986 UNDER AN FRG WARRANT, DIED IN CUSTODY BEFORE EXTRADITION PROCEEDINGS ADVANCED BEYOND PRELIMINARY STAGE. FRG'S EXTRADITION REQUEST FOR

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JOSEF SCHWAMMBERGER, ARRESTED NOVEMBER 1987,  
IS FROZEN IN FEDERAL COURT PENDING  
TIME-CONSUMING RESOLUTION OF HIS ARGENTINE  
CITIZENSHIP STATUS. DUTCH EMBASSY SKEPTICISM  
TOWARDS SPEEDY EXTRADITION OF KIPP IS PROBABLY  
WARRANTED. SINCE RETURN OF DEMOCRACY IN 1983,  
ADMINISTRATION OF JUSTICE IN ARGENTINA HAS  
BECOME SOMEWHAT MORE SURE, BUT CERTAINLY NOT  
SWIFT.

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