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SUBJECT: ARGENTINA: SAKIC EXTRADITION DECREE SIGNED

REFS: (A) BUENOS AIRES 2427
(B) BUENOS AIRES 2093

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SAKIC

1. (U) LATE ON MAY 15 PRESIDENT MENEM SIGNED THE DECREE AUTHORIZING THE EXTRADITION TO CROATIA OF ALLEGED WAR CRIMINAL DINKO SAKIC. SAKIC, WHO IS NOT RESISTING EXTRADITION, IS IN POLICE CUSTODY IN THE TOWN OF DOLORES, SOUTH OF BUENOS AIRES. ACCORDING TO FOREIGN MINISTRY SOURCES, HE WILL REMAIN IN CUSTODY UNTIL CROATIAN

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AUTHORITIES ARRIVE TO ACCOMPANY HIM BACK TO ZAGREB. THE DECREE AUTHORIZES THE IMMEDIATE TRANSFER TO CROATIA OF "NATURALIZED ARGENTINE CITIZEN DINKO SAKIC" FOR PURPOSES OF STANDING TRIAL IN ZAGREB CITY COURT, ON CONDITION THAT HE BE DETAINED BY CROATIAN POLICE AND NOT RELEASED DURING THE COURSE OF HIS TRIAL.

2. (C) MFA LEGAL AFFAIRS OFFICER ANA MARIA CHIODI TOLD US MAY 15 THAT THE GOA HAS ALSO RECEIVED AN EXTRADITION REQUEST FROM THE GOVERNMENT OF "YUGOSLAVIA." SHE SAID HER OFFICE IS CURRENTLY REVIEWING IT. (COMMENT: WE EXPECT SAKIC TO BE EXTRADITED TO CROATIA IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PRESIDENT'S MAY 15 DECREE.)

ROJNICA

3. (U) ANOTHER ALLEGED USTASHA LEADER NOW LIVING IN ARGENTINA, IVO ROJNICA (REF A), IS APPARENTLY BACK IN THE COUNTRY AFTER VISITING CROATIA. THE DAILY "CLARIN," IN A MAY 14 ARTICLE BY ITS TEL AVIV CORRESPONDENT, QUOTES EFRAIM ZUROFF, DIRECTOR OF THE JERUSALEM OFFICE OF THE SIMON WIESENTHAL CENTER, AS SAYING THAT CROATIA SHOULD ASK **ARGENTINA** TO EXTRADITE ROJNICA AND THAT THE CASE SHOULD BE INVESTIGATED BY THE GOA'S "COMMISSION TO CLARIFY **NAZI** ACTIVITIES IN THE ARGENTINE REPUBLIC," FORMED LAST YEAR (REF B). THE MAY 16 EDITION OF THE DAILY "LA NACION" CARRIES A LETTER FROM ROJNICA CALLING A MAY 4 STORY ABOUT HIM INACCURATE AND SAYING THAT HE WAS ONLY AN "ADMINISTRATIVE" OFFICIAL IN DUBROVNIK FROM MAY TO AUGUST 1941. THE LETTER IS SIGNED "JUAN ROJNICA" AND GIVES AN ADDRESS IN THE PROVINCE OF BUENOS AIRES.

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