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E.O. 12065 GDS, 9/22/85 (VAKY, VIRON P.)

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SUBJECT: TIMERMAN CONDITIONAL REQUEST FOR REFUGE

REF: (A) BUENOS AIRES 7849; (B) STATE 249264

1. (C-ENTIRE TEXT)

2. WE NOTE THAT EMBASSY CONSIDERS IT HIGHLY UNLIKELY THAT THE CONTINGENCY FEARED BY TIMERMAN WILL OCCUR AND HOPE THAT THE NEW REPRESENTATIONS AMBASSADOR HAS BEEN REQUESTED TO MAKE (REF B) WILL FURTHER DIMINISH ANY PROPENSITY THAT MIGHT EXIST IN THE GOA TO RESORT TO SUCH A SCENARIO TO SOLVE TIMERMAN CASE. MOREOVER, WE WOULD HOPE AMBASSADOR'S REPRESENTATIONS WOULD SUCCEED IN DISSUADING GOA, NOT ONLY FOR REASONS OF TIMERMAN'S SAFETY BUT ALSO FOR THE GOA'S STANDING INTERNATIONALLY AND FOR US-ARGENTINE RELATIONS.

3. IF CONTINGENCY REFERRED TO IN REFTEL NEVERTHELESS SEEMS POSSIBLE, WE REQUEST, IN VIEW OF US POLICY OF NOT GRANTING ASYLUM IN EMBASSIES, THAT EMBASSY SEEK ALTERNATIVES TO TEMPORARY REFUGE IN THE AMBASSADOR'S RESIDENCE THAT WOULD ENSURE AN EQUIVALENT LEVEL OF SAFETY FOR TIMERMAN. POSSIBILITIES WOULD PRESUMABLY INCLUDE TEMPORARY RESIDENCE AT SOME LATIN AMERICAN EMBASSY OR THE ISRAELI

EMBASSY. IF SATISFACTORY ARRANGEMENTS COULD BE WORKED OUT THROUGH OTHER GOVERNMENTS OR INSTITUTIONS, AND IF TIMERMAN AGREES TO SUCH ARRANGEMENTS, AMBASSADOR IS AUTHORIZED TO LEND APPROPRIATE ASSISTANCE, SUCH AS TRANSPORTING TIMERMAN IN HIS VEHICLE AND MAKING REPRESENTATIONS TO GOA AS RECOMMENDED REFTEL.

4 IF THE ACTIONS OUTLINED IN PARAS : AND 3 ARE UNAVAILABLE AND THE AMBASSADOR AT THAT TIME CONSIDERS TIMERMAN TO BE IN IMMINENT PERSONAL DANGER, AMEASSADOR, CONSISTENT WITH 2 FAM228.3 REGULATIONS, MAY GRANT TIMERMAN TEMPORARY REFUGE AT HIS RESIDENCE AND TAKE THE OTHER STEPS OUTLINED IN REFTEL. VANCE
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