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SUBJECT: THE SEARCH FOR JOSEF MENGELE

REF: STATE 92234

1. (S - ENTIRE TEXT)

2. WHILE WE CANNOT RULE OUT MENGELE'S PRESENCE IN ARGENTINA, WE KNOW OF NO REPEAT NO EVIDENCE OF SUCH PRESENCE. WE BELIEVE GOA WOULD BE COOPERATIVE IF EVIDENCE DEVELOPED OF MENGELE'S PRESENCE IN ARGENTINA.

3. ABOUT TWO MONTHS AGO, USIS HERE WAS CONTACTED BY A LAWYER, GERALD POSNER (521 FIFTH AVENUE, NEW YORK, 212 557-5205) WHO SAID HE WAS WRITING A BOOK ON

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JOSEF MENGELE. HE ASKED FOR ASSISTANCE IN CONTACTING MEMBERS OF THE GOA WHO MIGHT BE ABLE TO HELP HIM IN HIS RESEARCH. WE REFERRED HIM TO ALBINO GOMEZ OF THE FOREIGN OFFICE AND CARLOS CASTRO OF THE PRESIDENT'S OFFICE. THEY WERE SYMPATHETIC TO HIS REQUEST AND DURING THE COURSE OF ABOUT TEN DAYS IN BUENOS AIRES, HE TALKED WITH A WIDE RANGE OF GOA OFFICIALS ABOUT MENGELE.

4. POSNER WAS PARTICULARLY EAGER TO GAIN ACCESS TO WHAT HE SAID WERE EXTENSIVE FEDERAL POLICE FILES ON MENGELE. HE TOLD USIS THAT A NUMBER OF RADICAL OFFICIALS IN THE GOA WERE EAGER TO HAVE THOSE RECORDS GIVEN TO HIM BUT THE FINAL DECISION WAS NEGATIVE. NEVERTHELESS, HE FELT HIS TALKS HERE HAD BEEN FRUITFUL AND HE HAD OBTAINED VALUABLE INFORMATION FOR HIS BOOK.

5. POSNER WENT TO ASUNCION TO DO SIMILAR RESEARCH AND SAID HE WOULD BE IN CONTACT WITH THE EMBASSY THERE. BUSHNELL UNQUOTE SHULTZ

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