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TEXT  
E.O. 12356: DECL: OADR  
TAGS: SHUM, PA  
SUBJECT: (U) PARAGUAYAN INVESTIGATION INTO CASE OF JOSEF MENGELE  
REF: (A) 84 ASUNCION 7526, (B) 84 ASUNCION 7658  
1. (CONFIDENTIAL - ENTIRE TEXT. -- THIS IS AN ACTION MESSAGE.)  
2. INTERIOR MINISTER MONTANARO TOLD THE AMBASSADOR FEBUARY 22  
THAT THE GOP HAS UNDERWAY WHAT HE CALLED AN INVESTIGATION INTO  
THE JOSEP MENGELE CASE. MONTANARO SAID THIS EFFORT WAS LAUNCHED  
ON THE BASIS OF THE REQUEST BY THE GROUP WHICH VISITED ASUNCION  
LAST NOVEMBER LED BY BROOKLYN DISTRICT ATTORNEY ELIZABETH  
HOLTZMAN. MONTANARO SAID HE HAS ASKED THE POLICE NATIONWIDE FOR ANY  
INFORMATION THEY HAD ON MENGELE, BUT THAT THEY HAD TURNED UP  
NOTHING ABOUT HIS WHEREABOUTS.  
3. THE AMBASSADOR ASKED IF THE MINISTER HAD RECEIVED ANY  
FURTHER COMMUNICATION FROM THE HOLTZMAN GROUP SINCE THEIR  
VIST, NOTING THAT MONTANARO REPORTEDLY HAD AGREED TO ANSWER  
ANY FOLLOW-UP QUESTIONS AND PURSUE ANY LEADS WHICH THEY  
MIGHT PROVIDE. MONTANARO SAID HE HAD NOT HEARD FURTHER  
FROM THE GROUP. HE DID SAY THAT AT THE TIME OF ITS VISIT  
THE GROUP HAD PROVIDED HIM WITH NAMES OF ALLEGED ASSOCIATES  
OF MENGELE TAKEN FROM THE 1978 BRITISH TELEVISION DOCUMENTARY  
ON HIM BY GRANADA TV PRODUCTIONS. THESE, HE SAID, WERE  
ALREADY KNOWN TO THE GOP.  
4. IF THE HOLTZMAN GROUP SUBMITS QUESTIONS OR SUGGESTS OTHER  
LEADS TO THE PARAGUAYANS, IT WOULD BE MOST HELPFUL TO THE  
EMBASSY TO HAVE A COPY OF SUCH INFORMATION.

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5. ACTION REQUESTED: WE SUGGEST THE DEPARTMENT CONTACT MS. HOLTZMAN TO ASK IF SHE WOULD BE WILLING TO PROVIDE US WITH SUCH MATERIAL.  
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