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TAGS: PHUM, PINR, AR, GW, PA
SUBJECT: THE SEARCH FOR JOSEF MENGELE
1. SECRET - ENTIRE TEXT.
2. THE DEPARTMENTS OF STATE AND JUSTICE HAVE MOUNTED A MAJOR EFFORT, DRAWING ON ALL AVAILABLE RESOURCES, TO LOCATE NAZI WAR CRIMINAL JOSEF MENGELE--IF HE IS STILL ALIVE--AND ENDEAVOR TO HAVE HIM BROUGHT TO TRIAL, MOST LIKELY IN THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF GERMANY, WHICH HAS A LONG-STANDING WARRANT OUT FOR HIS ARREST. TO ACCOMPLISH THIS, THE DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE IS UNDERTAKING AN APPROACH INVOLVING PARALLEL INITIATIVES CARRIED OUT BY ITS OFFICE OF SPECIAL INVESTIGATIONS (OSI) AND THE US MARSHALS' SERVICE.
3. OSI'S MANDATE IS TO CONDUCT A THOROUGH SEARCH FOR USG AND OTHER DOCUMENTS PERTAINING TO MENGELE IN ORDER TO COMPILE A DEFINITIVE SEUIARCHIVE OF ALL THAT IS KNOWN ABOUT MENGELE TO DATE. STATE AND OTHER USG AGENCIES ARE CONTRIBUTING TO THIS EFFORT, AS ARE THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF GERMANY AND ISRAEL. OSI PLANS TO SOLICIT SIMILAR COOPERATION FROM A NUMBER OF SOUTH AMERICAN COUNTRIES. A JUSTICE/OSI TEAM WILL VISIT ASUNCION AND OTHER CAPITALS IN JULY FOR THIS PURPOSE.
4. CHANCELLOR KOHL HAS INVITED PARAGUAYAN PRESIDENT ALFREDO STROESSNER TO VISIT THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC EARLY IN JULY, AND WE UNDERSTAND THAT THE MENGELE QUESTION IS ON KOHL'S AGENDA. BEARING IN MIND THAT THE VISIT MAY BE

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CANCELLED OR POSTPONED (FOR ONE THING, IT APPEARS THAT THE FEDERAL PRESIDENT WILL BE IN THE CANARY ISLANDS DURING THE PERIOD SCHEDULED FOR STROESSNER'S VISIT), WE BELIEVE THAT IT WOULD BE VERY HELPFUL TO THE OSI EFFORT IF THE CHANCELLOR WERE STRONGLY TO URGE STROESSNER TO COOPERATE FULLY BY FACILITATING ACCESS TO ALL PERTINENT DOCUMENTS AND SOURCES SO AS TO AID THE ENDEAVOR TO DEVELOP INFORMATION CONCERNING MENGELE'S POST-WORLD WAR II HISTORY AND HIS PRESENT WHEREABOUTS, ASSUMING THAT HE IS STILL ALIVE.

5. THE DEPARTMENT WOULD APPRECIATE IT, THEREFORE, IF EMBASSY BONN WOULD MAKE AN APPROACH TO THE APPROPRIATELY HIGH LEVEL OF THE GERMAN GOVERNMENT, ASKING THAT THE CHANCELLOR RAISE THE MENGELE MATTER WITH STROESSNER IN THE TERMS OUTLINED IN PARAGRAPH 4 ABOVE. SHULTZ

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