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DEPT PLS PASS TO JUSTICE, ALSO FOR US MARSHALS
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TAGS: PINR, PGOV, TBIO, BR, GE
SUBJ: MENGELE INVESTIGATION - NO. 11 - BRAZILIAN FORENSIC
REPORT COMPLETED AND TUMA GOES TO GERMANY
REF: SAO PAULO 1627 AND PREVIOUS
1. (U) SUMMARY:
ON JULY 6, THE NINE FORENSIC EXPERTS OF SAO PAULO'S
MEDICO-LEGAL INSTITUTE (IML) DELIVERED THEIR FINAL REPORT
TO ROMEU TUMA, FEDERAL POLICE CHIEF IN SAO PAULO AND HEAD
OF THE MENGELE INVESTIGATION. THEIR CONCLUSION: IT IS
HIGHLY PROBABLE THAT THE REMAINS EXHUMED IN EMBU ON JUNE 6
ARE THOSE OF JOSEF MENGELE. ON JULY 7, TUMA LEFT SAO
PAULO FOR THE FRG AT THE INVITATION OF HANS EBERHARD
KLEIN, CHIEF PROSECUTOR OF FRANKFURT AND INTERNATIONAL
COORDINATOR OF THE HUNT FOR MENGELE. END SUMMARY.
2. (U) THE BRAZILIAN EXPERTS' 27-PAGE REPORT WITH SIX
ANNEXES AND 94 PHOTOGRAPHS CONCLUDED: QUOTE. THE SUM

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TOTAL OF COINCIDENCES VERIFIED IN THIS ANTHROPOLOGICAL EXAMINATION INDICATED THAT IT IS HIGHLY PROBABLE THAT THE SKELETON EXHUMED IS THAT OF JOSEF MENGELE. IN OTHER WORDS, IT IS HIGHLY IMPROBABLE THAT ANOTHER PERSON COULD HAVE THOSE COINCIDENT CHARACTERISTICS AND, AT THE SAME TIME, NOT PRESENT CONFLICTING POINTS IN THE IDENTIFYING ELEMENTS. UNQUOTE. THE COMMON TRAITS INCLUDE HEIGHT, AGE, SEX, SKULL SHAPE, HIP FRACTURE (MENGELE INJURED HIS HIP IN A MOTORCYCLE ACCIDENT IN 1943), CONGENITAL DEFECT OF THE LEFT HAND, AND GAP BETWEEN THE UPPER INCISORS.

3. (U) TUMA IS NOW IN THE FRG AT THE INVITATION OF FRANKFURT PROSECUTOR HANS EBERHARD KLEIN. TUMA TOOK WITH HIM, IN ADDITION TO THE BRAZILIAN FORENSIC REPORT, TWO MOLARS CONTAINING SILVER AMALGAM FILLINGS, THREE METACARPALS OF THE LEFT HAND, AND HAIR SAMPLES FOR ADDITIONAL FORENSIC STUDIES BY GERMAN EXPERTS. TUMA HAS SAID THAT SINCE MENGELE'S FAMILY HAS NOT CLAIMED HIS REMAINS, THEY WILL BE KEPT AT IML QUOTE FOR THREE OR FOUR MONTHS IN CASE SOMEONE WANTS TO REDO AN EXAMINATION UNQUOTE AND THEN REBURIED IN A PLACE YET TO BE DETERMINED.

4. (U) FEDERAL POLICE OFFICER MARCO ANTONIO VERONEZZI IS IN CHARGE OF A MONTH-LONG INVESTIGATION OF PRO-NAZI ACTIVITIES IN SAO PAULO WHICH BEGAN ON JULY 8. VERONEZZI SAID WOLFRAN AND LISELOTTE BOSSERT, WHO PROVIDED A HOUSE FOR MENGELE FROM 1974 UNTIL HIS DEATH IN 1979, MAY BE PROSECUTED FOR FALSE IDEOLOGY. THEY CANNOT BE PROSECUTED FOR HARBORING BECAUSE THEY DID NOT LIVE UNDER THE SAME ROOF WITH MENGELE OR PROVIDE HIM SUSTENANCE. NOR CAN THE BOSSERTS BE EXPELLED FROM BRAZIL BECAUSE THEY HAVE BRAZILIAN-BORN CHILDREN. AS FOR GEZA AND GITTA STAMMER, WHO SHELTERED MENGELE FOR 13 YEARS, THEY WILL NOT BE PROSECUTED AT ALL. THE EIGHT-YEAR STATUTE OF LIMITATIONS FOR THEIR ONLY CRIME, HARBORING, TOLLED IN 1982.

5. (C) THERE WAS SOME INDICATION DURING A MEETING WITH CONGEN ON JULY 3 THAT TUMA'S ENTHUSIASM FOR CHASING NAZIS IS WANING. REGARDING AN AGING NAZI WAR CRIMINAL REPORTEDLY LIVING IN SOUTHERN BRAZIL, TUMA SAID HE WAS NOT INTERESTED IN HUNTING DOWN ANOTHER SKELETON, ALIVE OR DEAD.

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