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MEMORANDUM FOR: National Intelligence Officer for Counterterrorism  
FROM: Director of Central Intelligence  
SUBJECT: Terrorism

See Santiago [redacted] You may have it on your production schedule but I think we need as soon as possible a complete and comprehensive picture of terrorism in Latin America which deals with what this cable from Ambassador Theberge in Chile so nicely conveys the flavor of.

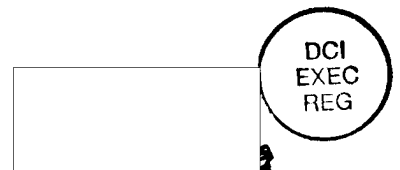
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FROM THE AMBASSADOR

E.O. 12356: DECL: OADR  
TAGS: ASEC, CI  
SUBJECT: CHILE; TERRORIST VIOLENCE AGAINST US CITIZENS AND PROPERTY

1. SECRET-~~NOINTEL~~-~~NOFORN~~-~~NOCONTACT~~-~~ORCON~~-~~ENTIRE~~ TEXT.
2. ON JULY 19 A CAR BOMB WITH OVER 40 KILOS OF EXPLOSIVES WAS DETONATED IN FRONT OF THE US CONSULATE IN SANTIAGO AT APPROXIMATELY 2100 HOURS. IT DID DAMAGE TO THE CONSULATE AND TEN ADJOINING BUILDINGS. IT KILLED ONE CHILEAN WOUNDED TWO POLICEMEN, AND TWO OTHER CHILEANS. FORTUNATELY, NO US CITIZENS WERE HARMED. THIS BOMBING WAS CLEARLY INTENDED TO BE PERCEIVED

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AS AN ATTACK ON THE US CONSULATE. PHONE CALLS ATTRIBUTED TO THE MANUEL RODRIGUEZ PATRIOTIC FRONT (MRPF), AN ARMED TERRORIST UNIT OF THE CHILEAN COMMUNIST PARTY (PCCH), WERE RECEIVED BY THE POLICE AND NEWS SERVICES. THESE EARLY WARNINGS MAY HAVE BEEN INTENDED TO BRING THE POLICE TO THE SITE OF THE BOMBING IN ORDER TO KILL OR WOUND POLICE OFFICERS.

SUBSEQUENT TO THE EXPLOSION, CONFIRMATION WAS RECEIVED OF THE MRPF'S RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE BOMBING (SEE TDFIRDR-3151-----85 HCS-12387.)

3. FOUNDED IN 1983, THE MRPF IS ANOTHER LINK IN A GROWING TERRORIST NETWORK SPONSORED BY CUBA, NICARAGUA AND THE SOVIET UNION IN THE WESTERN HEMISPHERE. THE MRPF RECEIVES TRAINING AND OTHER SUPPORT FROM CUBA, WHICH IS OF COURSE A CLOSE ALLY OF NICARAGUA'S SANDINISTA GOVERNMENT. THE MRPF OPERATES IN COORDINATION WITH THE MARXIST-LENINIST MOVEMENT OF THE REVOLUTIONARY LEFT (MIR), A TERRORIST FACTION WITH FOREIGN HEADQUARTERS IN HAVANA. THE MIR, IN TURN, HAS RECEIVED TRAINING IN CUBA, LIBYA AND ELSEWHERE, USUALLY BY CUBAN INSTRUCTORS. THE MRPF IS THE TERRORIST ARM OF THE PRO-MOSCOW PCCH, WHOSE PARTY LEADER, LUIS COVALAN, LIVES IN MOSCOW. THE PCCH, ONE OF THE MOST SERVILE PRO-MOSCOW PARTIES IN THE WORLD, HAS FOLLOWED THE SOVIET LINE WITHOUT DEVIATION FOR HALF A CENTURY. THUS, IN THE CASE OF CHILE AS IN OTHER COUNTRIES IN LATIN AMERICA, THE LOCAL TERRORISTS ARE MARXIST-LENINIST IN IDEOLOGY, AND RECEIVE TRAINING, FINANCIAL SUPPORT, AND POLITICAL GUIDANCE FROM CUBA AND THE USSR. THIS TERRORIST NETWORK IN CHILE ALSO HAS EXTENSIVE EXTRA-HEMISPHERE SUPPORTERS SUCH AS LIBYA, ALGERIA, FRANCE (MITTERRAND'S SOCIALIST GOVERNMENT HAS GIVEN MORAL, POLITICAL AND SAFEHAVEN SUPPORT TO THE MIR IN RECENT YEARS), SPAIN'S ETA, THE POLO AND SOVIET BLOC COUNTRIES. THE TERRORIST NETWORK IN LATIN AMERICA IS CENTERED IN CUBA, AND INCREASINGLY NICARAGUA, AND THE UNITED STATES, ITS CITIZENS AND PROPERTY, ARE BEING TARGETTED IN CHILE AS THEY ARE ELSEWHERE.

4. FURTHERMORE, FIDEL CASTRO HAS STEPPED UP THE NUMBER OF CHILEAN TERRORISTS BEING TRAINED IN CUBA AND THIRD COUNTRIES (LIKE LIBYA AND ALGERIA) IN THE PAST TWO YEARS

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AND THEY ARE RETURNING TO CHILE, AUGMENTING THE POOL OF PROFESSIONALLY TRAINED TERRORISTS AT WORK. IT IS, THEREFORE, NOT SURPRISING THAT TERRORIST INCIDENTS HAVE QUADRUPLED IN 1984 COMPARED TO 1982. IN ADDITION THE MIR AND MRPF HAVE INCREASED THE LEVEL OF VIOLENCE (CAR BOMBS AND ROCKETS ARE NOW IN USE, WHEREAS THEY WERE NOT EMPLOYED TWO AND THREE YEARS AGO) DIRECTED AT THE CHILEAN GOVERNMENT AND OTHER TARGETS. FINALLY, THE TARGETTING OF U.S. GOVT QUASI-OFFICIAL (LIKE BINATIONAL CULTURAL CENTERS), AND PRIVATE INSTALLATIONS (U.S. COMPANIES, THE MORMON CHURCH, BANKS AND THE LIKE) HAS ALSO UNDERGONE A QUANTITATIVE LEAP IN THE PAST TWO YEARS. U.S.-RELATED INSTALLATIONS WERE IN SUBJECT OF ONE TERRORIST INCIDENT IN 1982, FIVE IN 1983, FIFTEEN IN 1984 AND NINETEEN THUS FAR IN 1985. THE CAR BOMBING IN FRONT OF THE U.S. CONSULATE IN SANTIAGO IS ONLY THE MOST RECENT EVENT IN A TREND TOWARDS GREATER FOCUS ON U.S. INSTALLATIONS IN CHILE. WE STRONGLY EXPECT THAT THIS TREND WILL CONTINUE WE CAN ALSO ANTICIPATE AN INCREASE IN NICARAGUAN SUPPORT FOR, AND COORDINATION OF, TERRORIST STRIKES AGAINST U.S. PERSONNEL AND INSTALLATIONS IN THE FUTURE, AS NICARAGUA'S MARXIST-LENINIST REGIME BECOME MORE CLOSELY INTEGRATED INTO THE NETWORK OF TERRORIST STATES HOSTILE TO THE UNITED STATES.

5. CUBAN AND SOVIET-SUPPORTED TERRORISM IN CHILE AND ELSEWHERE WILL CONTINUE AND THERE IS NO REASON WHY IT SHOULD NOT. VIOLENT ATTACKS AGAINST U.S. GOVT BUILDINGS, THE ASSASSINATION OF U.S. DIPLOMATS AND MARINES, THE KIDNAPPING AND MURDER OF U.S. OFFICIALS AND CITIZENS IN LATIN AMERICA INDEED IN THE ENTIRE WORLD, ARE VIRTUALLY COST-FREE TO TERRORIST STATES LIKE CUBA AND LIBYA, AND THE TERRORIST WHOM THEY TRAIN, ARM AND FINANCE. TERRORISTS RUN THE RISK OF BEING KILLED OR CAPTURED BY LOCAL SECURITY FORCES BUT THEY ARE SECURE IN THE KNOWLEDGE THAT NEITHER THE UNITED STATES NOR OTHER COUNTRIES (ISRAEL EXCEPTED) WILL TAKE ANY FORCEFUL ACTION AGAINST THEM OR THEIR FOREIGN SUPPORT BASES. THIS SITUATION, AS PRESIDENT REAGAN AND SECRETARY SHULTZ HAVE POINTED OUT, IS INTOLERABLE. WE MUST CHANGE THIS REALITY, AND SOON.

6. THE DEFENSIVE MEASURES BEING TAKEN AT THIS AND OTHER

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EMBASSIES IN THE WESTERN HEMISPHERE ARE IMPORTANT BUT THEY DO NOTHING TO DOUNTER OR REVERSE THE RISING TERRORIST TREND AND TARGETTING OF U.S. OFFICIALS AND PROPERTY. THE TRADITIONAL PASSIVE APPROACH TOWARDS THE EXPANDING TERRORIST NETWORK AND TERRORIST STATES DOES NOTHING TO DISCOURAGE TERRORISM. AS WE HAVE SEEN OVER THE PAST DECADE OR MORE, DEFENSIVE ACTION DOES NOT, IN THE LONG RUN, PROVIDE THE DESIRED GREATER SECURITY FOR EMBASSY PERSONNEL AND PROPERTY. IT PROVIDES THE TEMPORARY ILLUSION, NOT THE REALITY OF GREATER SAFETY.

7. A SEPRATE, MORE DETAILED TELEGRAM FOLLOWS ENUMERATING SPECIFIC EMBASSY REQUIREMENTS FOR ADDITIONAL SECURITY PERSONNEL AND EQUIPMENT WHICH WILL BE REQUIRED TO IMPLMENT THE ENHANCED SECURITY PROGRAMS AND PROCEDURES NEEDED TO COUNTER THE INCREASED THREAT. WE APPRECIATE THE DEPARTMENT'S SUPPORT FOR POST SECURITY IN THE PAS AND WE URGE THAT IT PROVIDE THE EMBASSY WITH THE REQUIRED RESOURCES NOW. HOWEVER, DEFENSIVE ACTIONS MUST BE COMBINED WITH DIRECT ACTION AGAINST TERRORIST STATES (THE DESTRUCTION OF GUERRILLA TRAINING CAMPS, FOR EXAMPLE) STRIKES AGAINST THE TERRORIST INFRASTRUCTURE (DISRUPT COMMUNICATIONS, SEIZURE AND TRIAL OF TERRORISTS INVOLVED IN CRIMES AGAINST THE UNITED STATES), AND ANTI-TERRORIST ASSISTANCE TO FRIENDLY COUNTRIES. U.S. SPECIAL FORCES PROVIDED INVALUABLE ASSISTANCE TO THE BOLIVIAN ARMY WHICH LED TO THE CAPTURE OF CHE GUEVARA IN BOLIVIA IN 1968. COOPERATION WITH SELECTED FRIENDLY COUNTRIES IN THE TARGETTING OF THE LEADERS OF TERRORIST AND GUERRILLA GROUPS WOULD BE A SALUTARY WARNING THAT THOSE INVOLVED IN ASSASSINATIONS AND OTHER VIOLENCE WHICH AFFECTS U.S. INTERESTS ARE NOT IMMUNE FROM RETRIBUTION, AS THEY HAVE BEEN UP TO NOW.

8. IN SHORT, A SWITCH FROM A LARGELY DEFENSIVE TO A JOINT DEFENSIVE/OFFENSIVE STRATEGY AGAINST INTERNATIONAL TERRORISM IS TRAGICALLY OVERDUE AND ESSENTIAL IF WE WISH TO LIVE IN RELATIVE TRANQUILITY IN OUR OWN COUNTRY AND IN THIS HEMISPHERE. THEREFORE

END OF MESSAGE

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