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ON OPERATION CONDOR

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ACQ PARAGUAY, ASUNCION (28 JANUARY 1977)

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THE NEW CHIEF FOR OPERATION CONDOR IS THE CURRENT DIRECTOR OF THE ARGENTINE STATE SECRETARIAT FOR INTELLIGENCE (SIDE). (HEADQUARTERS COMMENT: GENERAL CARLOS ENRIQUE LAIDLAW IS THE CURRENT DIRECTOR OF SIDE.)

[Redacted] THE NEW DIRECTOR OF SIDE HAD SO BEEN NAMED AT THE LAST MEETING OF CONDOR COUNTRY REPRESENTATIVES IN BUENOS AIRES WHICH WAS HELD 13-17 DECEMBER 1976. THE OUTGOING CHIEF HAD BEEN A CHILEAN OFFICER WHO HAD OCCUPIED THE POSITION SINCE THE INCEPTION OF OPERATION CONDOR SOME TEN MONTHS AGO. [Redacted] IT HAD BEEN DECIDED TO ROTATE ANNUALLY THE LEADERSHIP OF OPERATION CONDOR AMONG MEMBER COUNTRIES.

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[Redacted] WHILE THE POSITION OF CHIEF WAS MOSTLY A FORMALITY, IT DID SERVE THE PURPOSE OF HAVING ONE INDIVIDUAL ULTIMATELY RESPONSIBLE FOR PROPER ADMINISTRATION AND COORDINATION OF CONDOR MATTERS AS WELL AS TO SERVE AS MODERATOR AT MAJOR MEETINGS WHICH INCLUDE THE INTELLIGENCE SERVICE CHIEFS OF ALL MEMBER COUNTRIES.

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2. CONCERNING PARAGUAY'S CURRENT ROLE WITHIN OPERATION CONDOR,

[Redacted] ITS AREA OF RESPONSIBILITY CENTERED ON FOREIGN INTELLIGENCE AND PSYCHOLOGICAL WARFARE. [Redacted]

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[Redacted] IN THE FIELD OF PSYCHOLOGICAL WARFARE, [Redacted]

OPERATION CONDOR WAS MAKING EXTENSIVE USE OF THE COMMUNICATIONS MEDIA
OF THE MEMBER COUNTRIES. [Redacted] THIS WAS ESPECIALLY TRUE IN
ARGENTINA WHERE EFFORTS WERE MOST HEAVILY CONCENTRATED IN TELEVISION.

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[Redacted] THE THRUST OF THE PSYCHOLOGICAL PROGRAM IN ARGENTINA
IS TO GRAPHICALLY SHOW THE PUBLIC THE HEINOUS CRIMES AND ATROCITIES
BEING COMMITTED BY TERRORISTS AND OTHER EXTREMISTS AGAINST CITIZENS AND,
AT THE SAME TIME, APPEAL TO THE PEOPLE'S NATIONAL PRIDE IN ORDER TO GET
THEM TO SUPPORT THE AUTHORITIES BY REPORTING SUSPICIOUS OCCURRENCES IN
THEIR NEIGHBORHOODS.

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3. [Redacted] A MEETING OF CONDOR REPRESENTATIVES WAS
SCHEDULED TO BE HELD IN ASUNCION IN MARCH 1977. THE TOPIC FOR DIS-
CUSSION AT THIS MEETING WILL BE "PSYCHOLOGICAL WARFARE TECHNIQUES
AGAINST TERRORISTS AND LEFTIST EXTREMISTS." (HEADQUARTERS COMMENT:

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OPERATION CONDOR, WHICH WILL BE ATTENDED BY CONDOR CHIEFS OF EACH
COUNTRY, IS SCHEDULED TO BE HELD IN BUENOS AIRES IN FEBRUARY 1977.)

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REPRESENTATIVES FROM ALL MEMBER COUNTRIES OF THE CONDOR
ORGANIZATION MET IN BUENOS AIRES 13-16 DECEMBER 1976 TO REVIEW PAST
ACTIVITIES AND DISCUSS FUTURE PLANS. THE PRINCIPAL ITEM ON THE AGENDA
WAS THE DISCUSSION AND PLANNING OF COORDINATED PSYCHOLOGICAL WARFARE
OPERATIONS DIRECTED AGAINST LEFTIST AND RADICAL GROUPS IN THE VARIOUS
MEMBER COUNTRIES. OPERATION CONDOR IS A COOPERATIVE ARRANGEMENT AMONG
SECURITY SERVICES OF CHILE, ARGENTINA, BOLIVIA, PARAGUAY, URUGUAY, AND
BRAZIL TO COUNTER TERRORISM AND SUBVERSION.)

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