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SUBJECT: SUPREME COURT CONFIRMS EXTRADITION OF WWII

WAR CRIMINAL FRANZ SCHWAMMBERGER

REF: 89 BUENOS AIRES 767

THE ARGENTINE SUPREME COURT ON MARCH 22 CONFIRMED THE EXTRADITION TO WEST GERMANY OF FORMER SS OFFICER FRANZ SCHWAMMBERGER (REFTEL). THE 82-YEAR OLD SCHWAMMBERGER IS CHARGED BY WEST GERMAN COURTS WITH WAR CRIMES COMMITTED WHILE HE WAS IN CHARGE OF POLISH CITIES DURING WORLD WAR TWO. HE ENTERED ARGENTINA IN 1949 AND BECAME AN ARGENTINE CITIZEN IN 1965 UNDER HIS OWN NAME. IN LATE 1987 HE WAS ARRESTED AT

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THE REQUEST OF THE WEST GERMAN GOVERNMENT, AND ORDERED EXTRADITED IN 1988, BUT HIS FINAL EXTRADITION WAS DELAYED BY VARIOUS COURT APPEALS. AT PRESENT HE IS UNDER CUSTODY IN A HOSPITAL.

- 2. CONTACTS IN THE WEST GERMAN EMBASSY SAY THEY EXPECT SCHWAMMBERGER TO BE SENT TO GERMANY WITHIN THE NEXT FEW WEEKS. THEY CLAIM HE IS WELL ENOUGH TO TRAVEL BUT HIS TRIAL IN GERMANY MAY BE DELAYED BECAUSE OF HIS FAILING HEALTH. IF HE CAN'T BE TRIED, HE WILL BE KEPT UNDER GUARD IN A HOSPITAL IN GERMANY.
- 3. COMMENT: THIS LATEST DECISION RECEIVED LIMITED COVERAGE IN THE BUENOS AIRES PRESS.
  ONE WEEKLY MAGAZINE, HOWEVER, CLAIMS SCHWAMMBERGER IS THE FIRST FORMER NAZI OFFICER TO BE EXTRADITED FROM ARGENTINA TO GERMANY BY A PERONIST GOVERNMENT, NOTING THAT A NUMBER OF THESE OFFICERS HAD BEEN PERMITTED TO ENTER ARGENTINA IN THE LATE 1940S BY THEN PRESIDENT JUAN PERON. THE DECISION CONFIRMS, HOWEVER, THAT THE ARGENTINE GOVERNMENT HAS CHANGED ITS ATTITUDE ON THE SUBJECT OF EXTRADITIONS.

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TEXT

SUBJ: LETELIER ASSASSINATION: CASE CONTINUES TOP STORY IN CHILE: LILIANA WALKER IS "DISCOVERED," CONTRERAS IS INTERVIEWED, SUAREZ IS MOVED, PASSPORT CASE IS REOPENED, GOC MAKES STATEMENTS

1. SUMMARY: SINCE THE ARREST OF JOSE DIONISIO SUAREZ IN FLORIDA ON APRIL 11, EACH DAY THE SANTIAGO PRESS HAS PROVIDED BANNER HEADLINES ANNOUNCING A NEW SENSATION IN THE LETELIER CASE. ON APRIL 17, THE FRONT PAGE OF "LA EPOCH" OFFERED YET ANOTHER REVELATION -- THIS TIME THE STORY OF LILIANA WALKER, THE MYSTERY WOMAN WHO ACCOMPANIED MAJOR FERNANDEZ LARIOS TO THE UNITED STATES SHORTLY BEFORE THE MURDER OF ORLANDO LETELIER AND RONNIE MOFFITT IN 1976. ON THE PRECEDING WEEKEND OF APRIL 14 AND 15, CHILEAN READERS WERE INUNDATED WITH EDITORIALS, INTERVIEWS WITH THE WIFE OF SUAREZ AND WIDOW OF LETELIER, STATEMENTS BY THE CHILEAN FOREIGN MINISTER, DEPUTY FOREIGN MINISTER, PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE,

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DETAILED ANALYSES OF THE PASSPORTS CASE, AND REPORTS THAT CONTRERAS IS WILLING TO TESTIFY IN CHILE. AN INTERVIEW WITH CONTRERAS APPEARED ON TELEVISION OF APRIL 14, AND APRIL 16 SAW THE REPUBLICATION OF A 1986 INTERVIEW WITH HIM, IN WHICH HE PLACED THE BLAME FOR THEIR ASSASSINATION ON "CASTRO CUBANS" AND THE CIA. END SUMMARY.

- 2. THE 1976 MURDER OF ORLANDO LETELIER AND RONNIE MOFFITT IN WASHINGTON, D.C. FOURTEEN YEARS AGO CONTINUES TO RIVET THE ATTENTION OF THE CHILEAN MEDIA. THIS TELEGRAM PROVIDES, IN REVERSE CHRONOLOGICAL ORDER, A BRIEF AND PARTIAL LISTING OF HEADLINES AND STORY LEADS FROM APRIL 14 TO 17.
- 3. APRIL 17:
- 1) CHRISTIAN DEMOCRAT PRO-GOVERNMENT "LA EPOCA:"

FULL FRONTPAGE HEADLINE, WITH 1976 PHOTOGRAPH OF WOMAN IDENTIFIED BY THE NEWSPAPER AS LUISA LAGOS, ALIAS LILIANA WALKER: "'I AM LILIANA WALKER' -- FOR ALMOST FOURTEEN YEARS LILIANA WALKER, WHO COULD TURN OUT TO BE KEY IN THE LETELIER CASE, HAS BEEN SHADOWED IN MYSTERY. THE COMPANION OF ARMANDO FERNANDEZ LARIOS IN HIS TRIP TO THE U.S. SHORTLY BEFORE THE CRIME IN WASHINGTON HAS DISCOVERED BY 'LA EPOCA..." FULL PAGE STORY IDENTIFIES "LILIANA WALKER" AS LUISA LAGOS AND RELATES HER LIFE AS A FEARFUL SEMI-RECLUSE, BUT PROVIDES LITTLE DETAIL LINKING HER DIRECTLY WITH THE ASSASSINATION.

FULL PAGE OF STORIES UNDER HEADLINES: "DIONISIO SUAREZ ASKS FOR URGENT FINANCIAL HELP TO MEET COSTS OF TRIAL." "JUAN PABLO LETELIER ASKS GENERAL CONTRERAS TO PROVIDE 'DINA' DATA."

FULL PAGE STORY UNDER HEADLINES: "CONFESSION OF FERNANDEZ LARIOS BEFORE U.S. JUSTICE" (SUMMARY OF FERNANDEZ LARIOS TESTIMONY).

2) DEMOCRATIC LEFTIST "FORTIN MAPOCHO:"

BANNER FRONTPAGE HEADLINES: "WE ARE NOT AFRAID OF CONTRERAS, HE STATES -- SON OF LETELIER DEFIES CONTRERAS -- JUAN PABLO LETELIER CHALLENGES CONTRERAS TO TURN OVER ALL OF THE DOCUMENTATION THAT HE HAS ABOUT 'DINA' -- PINOCHET DEFENDS HIMSELF BY SAYING THAT HE HAS 80 THOUSAND ARMED MEN TO HANDLE THE HUMAN RIGHTS ISSUE."

LEAD EDITORIAL CONCLUDES THAT "EVERYTHING INDICATES THAT THE HOUR HAS COME TO TAKE UP IN ITS FULL DIMENSION THE TOPIC OF JUSTICE" IN THE LETELIER CASE.

HALF PAGE STORY UNDER HEADLINE: "JUAN PABLO

LETELIER, SON OF ASSASSINATED DIPLOMAT -- 'WE ARE NOT AFRAID OF CONTRERAS.'"

CHAPTER FOUR OF CONDENSED VERSION OF "LABYRINTH."

3) INFLUENTIAL CONSERVATIVE "EL MERCURIO" HEADLINES:

"SUAREZ ABOUT TO BE MOVED TO WASHINGTON --LETELIER WIDOW ISABEL MOREL CALLS HIS ARREST 'GOOD UNCLAS SECTION 02 OF 05 SANTIAGO 03060

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4) TOP CIRCULATION "LA TERCERA:"

FULL PAGE OF STORIES UNDER HEADLINES "FBI SEEKING ANOTHER CUBAN -- FUGITIVE VIRGILIO PAZ HAS DIRECT PARTICIPANT" "PROVISION OF PASSPORTS -- FOREIGN MINISTRY INVESTIGATION TO TAKE SEVEN WEEKS" "SON OF LETELIER CHALLENGES CONTRERAS."

5) GOVERNMENT-OWNED "LA NACION:"

FULL PAGE OF STORIES UNDER HEADLINES "SON OF EX-FOREIGN MINISTER -- INVESTIGATION OF 'LETELIER CASE' SHOULD BE BROUGHT BEFORE CIVIL JUSTICE" "FOREIGN RELATIONS UNDERSECRETARY -- TOTAL SUPPORT FOR PROSECUTOR TO INVESTIGATE PASSPORTS CASE."

TWO-COLUMN STORY UNDER HEADLINE "CHILEAN AMBASSADOR TO U.S. 'OUR COUNTRY WANTS JUSTICE TO BE DONE."

6) POPULAR TABLOID "LAS ULTIMAS NOTICÍAS:"

FRONTPAGE BANNER HEADLINES: "DOCUMENT REVEALS DETAILS OF PROCESS -- FIVE DEATHS IN CHILE OVER LETELIER CASE -- COMPLETE STUDY OF PASSPORT FALSIFICATION TRIAL REVEALS UNKNOWN DETAILS."

FULL TWO PAGE SPREAD, UNDER HEADLINE "FIVE DEATHS IN CHILE," REPORTS THAT --

"THREE EX-OFFICIALS OF THE FOREIGN MINISTRY AND ONE MUNICIPAL EMPLOYEE COMMITTED SUICIDE BETWEEN 1977 AND 1985. A NON-COMMISSIONED ARMY OFFICER DISAPPEARED AFTER TRYING TO OBTAIN ASYLUM IN A FOREIGN EMBASSY. ALL HAD A RELATION WITH THE

PASSPORTS GIVEN TO 'DINA' AGENTS...THE DEAD ARE --

- "-- CARLOS GUILLERMO OSORIO MARDONES, EX-DIRECTOR OF THE CONSULAR DEPARTMENT OF THE FOREIGN MINISTRY, DEAD FROM A SHOT IN THE BROW, FIRED FROM ABOVE, CHARACTERIZED AS A 'SUICIDE;'
- "-- GUILLERMO JORQUERA GUTIERREZ, ARMY
  NON-COMMISSIONED OFFICER, OF THE DEPARTMENT OF
  SECURITY OF THE FOREIGN MINISTRY, WHO DISAPPEARED
  AFTER TRYING TO OBTAIN ASYLUM IN THE EMBASSY OF
  VENEZUELA;
- "-- JOSE MAZA LYON, FOREIGN MINISTRY OFFICIAL IN CHARGE OF THE SUB-DEPARTMENT OF PASSPORTS, STRUCK DOWN BY A VEHICLE BEFORE TESTIFYING;
- "-- VICTOR ADRIAZOLA, ALSO A FOREIGN MINISTRY OFFICIAL, KILLED IN A PRESUMED STREET ASSAULT:
- "-- IVAN MOYA CONCHA, EX-OFFICIAL OF THE MUNICIPALITY OF CONCHALI, SUICIDE."

ADDITIONAL HALF-PAGE OF STORIES COVER DEMAND BY JUAN PABLO LETELIER THAT "GENERAL CONTRERAS SHOULD TURN OVER 'DINA' ARCHIVES," CLAIM BY CONTRERAS (IN TESTIMONY TAKEN FROM ARCHIVES) THAT 'DINA' AGENTS USED FALSE NAMES AT REQUEST OF THE CIA, STATEMENTS (TAKEN FROM ARCHIVES) BY FERNANDEZ LARIOS.

- 4. APRIL 16:
- 1) CHRISTIAN DEMOCRAT PRO-GOVERNMENT "LA EPOCA:"

FRONTPAGE BANNER HEADLINE: "LETELIER CASE -FOREIGN MINISTRY INVESTIGATING DOCUMENTS USED BY THE
'DINA' -- FALSE PASSPORTS REGISTERED IN TWO BOOKS -MISSING BOOK REGISTERED THE NAMES OF PERSONS WHO USED
THEM IN CONFIDENTIAL MISSIONS -- OFFICIALS IN THE
KNOW DIED TRAGICALLY WHEN THE CASE WAS INVESTIGATED
-- FIRE DESTROYED DOCUMENTS A FEW DAYS BEFORE THE NEW
GOVERNMENT TOOK OFFICE." STORIES OCCUPY FULL PAGE.

2) DEMOCRATIC LEFTIST "FORTIN MAPOCHO:" UNCLAS SECTION 03 OF 05 SANTIAGO 03060

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"SOCIALIST LEADER OSVALDO PUCCIO: 'GENERAL

CONTRERAS SHOULD APPEAR BEFORE JUSTICE -- EVEN THE CHIEFS OF THE NAZI CONCENTRATION CAMPS DENIED THAT THEY HAD ANYTHING TO DO WITH THEM.'"

CHAPTER THREE OF CONDENSED VERSION OF "LABYRINTH."

3) INFLUENTIAL CONSERVATIVE "EL MERCURIO:"

"FABIOLA LETELIER: 'THERE IS EVIDENCE THAT SUAREZ WAS IN CHILE.'"

4) TOP CIRCULATION "LA TERCERA:"

FRONTPAGE HEADLINE: "AMBASSADOR TO THE U.S. STATES UPON HIS DEPARTURE: 'CHILE SEEKS THE TRUTH IN THE LETELIER CASE.'" STORY OF SANTIAGO DEPARTURE REMARKS BY CHILEAN AMBASSADOR TO U.S. RECEIVES FULL PAGE.

INSIDE PAGE HEADLINES: "CONTRERAS, UPON REFUSING TO BE TRIED IN THE U.S., 'IN THE U.S. I WOULD BE CONDEMNED FROM THE OUTSET.'" "IN STATEMENTS MADE UPON HIS DETENTION IN 1979 -- GENERAL CONTRERAS: 'DINA DID NOT KNOW LETELIER."

5) POPULAR TABLOID "LAS ULTIMAS NOTICIAS:"

THE NEWSPAPER DEVOTES HALF A PAGE TO REVIEW OF MAIN POINTS IN BOOK "LABYRINTH" AND FULL PAGE TO REPRINT OF 1986 INTERVIEW OF CONTRERAS.

- 5. APRIL 15:
- 1) CHRISTIAN DEMOCRAT PRO-GOVERNMENT "LA EPOCA:"

FRONTPAGE BANNER HEADLINE: "DEFENDER OF THE CUBANS OFFERS HIS HELP TO SUAREZ." TWO FULL PAGES OF STORIES..

2) DEMOCRATIC LEFTIST "FORTIN MAPOCHO:"

FRONTPAGE BANNER HEADLINES: "CALLED FOR IN CHILE AND THE U.S. -- TRIAL OF THE BRAINS BEHIND THE LETELIER CRIME -- SENATOR SULE CALLS FOR PARLIAMENTARY COMMISSION TO INVESTIGATE MURDER -- 'MIAMI HERALD' SAYS THAT THE INSTIGATORS ARE ON THE LOOSE IN CHILE."

HEADLINE: "CAN IT BE TRUE? CONTRERAS SAYS HE IS NOT AFRAID OF JUSTICE." THREE FULL PAGES OF STORIES INCLUDE CHAPTER TWO OF CONDENSED VERSION OF "LABYRINTH."

LEAD EDITORIAL CONCLUDES THAT "IT IS IN JUST

THESE DAYS THAT IT IS BECOMING EVEN MORE EVIDENT THAT IT IS ESSENTIAL TO TACKLE THIS PROBLEM...THIS WOULD BE FOR THE GOOD OF THE GOVERNMENT AND HEALTHFUL FOR THE NATION AS A WHOLE..."

3) INFLUENTIAL CONSERVATIVE "EL MERCURIO:"

HEADLINES: "GENERAL CONTRERAS SAID THAT HE DID NOT KNOW SUAREZ -- CUBAN MOVED TO ANOTHER PRISON."

- 4) TOP CIRCULATION "LA TERCERA:"
  FRONTPAGE BANNER HEADLINE: "SUAREZ PLANNED TO
  MURDER VALDES -- THE CUBAN IMPLICATED IN THE LETELIER
  CASE WANTED TO ASSASSINATE THE CHRISTIAN DEMOCRAT
  LEADER WHILE IN THE U.S." THREE FULL PAGES OF
  STORIES.
- 5) GOVERNMENT-OWNED "LA NACION:"

HEADLINES: "CONTRERAS DENIES LINKS TO LETELIER CASE: 'I NEVER HAD ANYTHING TO DO WITH THIS MATTER.' -- SENATOR DOES NOT DISMISS POSSIBILITY OF CONGRESSIONAL ACTION IN LETELIER CASE."

6) POPULAR TABLOID "LAS ULTIMAS NOTICIAS:" UNCLAS SECTION 04 OF 05 SANTIAGO 03060

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FRONTPAGE BANNER HEADLINES: "THE GENERAL SAYS THAT HE DOES NOT KNOW THE CUBAN SUAREZ -- CONTRERAS WILLING TO MAKE A DEPOSITION." FULL PAGE OF STORIES INCLUDES DIGEST OF "MIAMI HERALD" REPORT.

7) POPULIST TABLOID "LA CUARTA:"

FRONTPAGE BANNER HEADLINE: "VALDES: 'THE CUBAN WANTED TO KILL ME.'" INSIDE FULL PAGE UNDER HEADLINES: "THE FBI GAVE DAY AND NIGHT PROTECTION TO THE CURRENT PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE -- THE CUBAN WHO ACTED AGAINST LETELIER HAD HIS EYE ON GABRIEL VALDES."

- 6. APRIL 14:
- 1) CHRISTIAN DEMOCRAT PRO-GOVERNMENT "LA EPOCA:"

FRONTPAGE BANNER HEADLINES: "EXCLUSIVE: INTERVIEW IN TAMPA ABOUT THE KEY FIGURE IN THE

LETELIER CASE -- THE WIFE OF SUAREZ SPEAKS -- ACCUSES 'THE CHILEANS WHO THEMSELVES ASKED FOR HIS HELP IN 19745 TODAY TURN THEIR BACKS'." TWO FULL PAGES OF STORIES. EDITORIAL SUPPORTS REOPENING OF PASSPORTS INVESTIGATION, NOTES "STRANGE SUICIDES" OF KEY FOREIGN MINISTRY OFFICIALS.

2) DEMOCRATIC LEFTIST "FORTIN MAPOCHO:"

CHAPTER ONE OF CONDENSED VERSION OF "LABYRINTH."

HEADLINES: "FABIOLA LETELIER: 'THE CONDITIONS ARE RIGHT FOR A SOLUTION FOR THE CRIME.'"

- 3) INFLUENTIAL CONSERVATIVE "EL MERCURIO:"
- 4) TOP CIRCULATION "LA TERCERA:"

FRONTPAGE BANNER HEADLINES: "LETELIER WIDOW: 'THE CRIME IS BEING CLEARED UP." FULL PAGE OF STORIES.

5) GOVERNMENT-OWNED "LA NACION:"

FRONTPAGE BANNER HEADLINES: "WIDOW GIVES EXCLUSIVE STATEMENTS TO 'LA NACION:' 'SUAREZ IS AN INTERNATIONAL TERRORIST." INSIDE HEADLINES: "'SUAREZ IS THE BRAINS OF A DANGEROUS INTERNATIONAL TERRORIST GROUP." FULL PAGE STORY.

6) POPULAR TABLOID "LAS ULTIMAS NOTICIAS:"

HEADLINES: "LETELIER WIDOW CALLS FOR CHILEANS TO TRY THE CRIME." TWO FULL PAGES OF STORY.

- 7. APRIL 13:
- 1) CHRISTIAN DEMOCRAT PRO-GOVERNMENT "LA EPOCA:"

FULL PAGE OF STORIES. HALF PAGE EDITORIAL ANALYSIS.

2) DEMOCRATIC LEFTIST "FORTIN MAPOCHO:"

FRONTPAGE BANNER HEADLINE "U.S. AND CHILEAN AUTHORITIES IN FULL AGREEMENT -- IMMINENT SOLUTION TO THE LETELIER CASE." THREE FULL PAGERS OF STORIES.

- 3) INFLUENTIAL CONSERVATIVE "EL MERCURIO:" TWO PAGES OF STORIES.
- 4) TOP CIRCULATION "LA TERCERA:"

TWO FULL PAGES OF STORIES.

5) GOVERNMENT-OWNED "LA NACION:"

TWO FULL PAGES OF STORIES. LEAD EDITORIAL CALLS THE LETELIER CASE "SOMETHING WHICH CANNOT BE FORGOTTEN BECAUSE IT IS A PAINFUL EXAMPLE WITH EFFECTS BEYOND JUST THOSE TO FAMILIES OR INDIVIDUALS. IT MUST NOT BE FORGOTTEN THAT THIS CASE UNCLAS SECTION 05 OF 05 SANTIAGO 03060

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EVEN HAS CONSTANTLY CLOUDED THE INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS OF CHILE."

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