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SUBJECT: RUBEN DE GREGORIO

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1. BEGIN CONFIDENTIAL
INFORMATION AVAILABLE HERE ON OSCAR RUBEN DE GREGORIO
MARCONI IS THAT CONTAINED IN [REDACTED] REFTEL B.
OUR FILES HAVE NO EARLIER REPORTS ON DE GREGORIO
ANTECEDENTS. LOCAL PRESS REPORTS CARRIED BRIEF WIRE
SERVICE STORES ON ROUND-UP OF MONTONEROS IN URUGUAY,
BUT DID NOT REFER TO DE GREGORIO OR OTHERS BY NAME.

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2. IT DOES NOT APPEAR TO BE COMMONLY KNOWN HERE
THAT DE GREGORIO HAS BEEN RETURNED TO ARGENTINA. IN
JANUARY 3 CALL ON NEW NUHCR REPRESENTATIVE KEVIN
LYONETTE, LYONETTE SAID HE KNEW DE GREGORIO'S ARREST
AND DETENTION IN URUGUAY AND COULD MAKE AVAILABLE TO
HIM AN OPPORTUNITY TO APPLY FOR REFUGEE STATUS AND
THUS, PROTECTION UNDER UNHCR MANDATE. LYONETTE VOICED SOME
SKEPTISM THAT DE GREGORIO WOULD QUALIFY FOR REFUGEE STATUS,
BUT MENTIONED THAT MERE MEMBERSHIP IN THE MONTONEROS

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ORGANIZATION WOULD NOT BE ENOUGH TO DISQUALIFY HIM. LYONETTE'S
COMMENTS MAKE IT CLEAR HIS OFFICE IS NOT PRESENTLY INVOLVED IN
DE GREGORIO CASE AND THAT HE IS UNAWARE OF DE GREGORIO'S
RETURN TO BUENOS AIRES. HOW THE UNHCR WILL VIEW THE RETURN OF
AN IDENTIFIED TERRORIST FROM URUGUAY TO ARGENTINA IS UNKNOWN.
UNHCR HAS OFFICIALLY BUT QUIETLY PROTESTED THE REFOULEMENT OF
REFUGEE STATUS PERSONS BOTH TO ARGENTINA FROM NEIGHBORING
COUNTRIES AND FROM ARGENTINA TO THESE SAME COUNTRIES. AS AN
ARGENTINE CITIZEN IN ARGENTINA, HOWEVER, DE GREGORIO WOULD
NOT QUALIFY AS A REFUGEE UNDER UNHCR PROTECTION AT PRESENT.
END CONFIDENTIAL.

3. BEGIN SECRET NOFORN
FYI NOT FOR PASSAGE TO AMNESTY INTERNATIONAL: ACCORDING TO
[REDACTED] A USUALLY RELIABLE SOURCE WHO IS IN CLOSE
TOUCH WITH [REDACTED] STATED
ON DECEMBER 19, 1977 THAT DE GREGORIO WAS A HIGH-RANKING
OFFICIAL OF THE MONTONEROS AND WAS BEING HELD AT THE NAVY

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