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SUBJ: U.S. EMBASSY ACCUSED OF ATTACKS ON "FRENTE AMPLIO"

1. DECEMBER 5 EDITION OF COMMUNIST DAILY, "EL POPULAR," ACCUSED U.S. EMBASSY OF "LAUNCHING NEW WAVE OF TERROR AND VIOLENCE, MACHINESGUNNING SIX OTHER "FRENTE" CLUBS AT DAYBREAK YESTERDAY." ARTICLE CLAIMS JUP (RIGHTIST YOUTH GROUP) RESPONSIBLE FOR THESE ATTACKS AND THREE OTHERS ON DECEMBER 1, ACTING ON ORDERS OF EMBASSY.

2. "EL POPULAR" ALSO ACCUSES EMBASSY OF HAVING PAID FOR FULL PAGE, UNSIGNED ADVERTISEMENT WHICH APPEARED IN MOST PAPERS DECEMBER 4 WHICH DEPICTS URUGUAY AS HAVING SHATTERED SOVIET BOOT WHICH HAS JUST TRAMPLED CHILE. ATTACKS ON "FRENTE," BOTH AGAINST CLUBS AND IN PRESS, SAID TO BE RESULT OF EMBASSY'S FEAR OF 300,000 VOTES "FRENTE" WILL OBTAIN AFTER FINAL COUNT.

3. COMMENT: LEFTIST PRESS HAS REPEATEDLY ATTEMPTED IN PAST ATTRIBUTE TO U.S. EMBASSY RESPONSIBILITY FOR ATTACKS AGAINST "FRENTE AMPLIO" AND SUPPORT OF ONE OR ANOTHER OF TRADITIONAL PARTIES AND OF "REPRESSIVE FORCES" (POLICE). THIS LATEST CHARGE AND OTHERS WHICH WILL SOON FOLLOW ARE EVIDENTLY EFFORTS TO

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BLAME FAILURE IN ELECTIONS UPON US. AS THIS CHARGE, LIKE OTHERS, COULD BE USED TO JUSTIFY ATTACKS AGAINST US PERSONS AND PROPERTY WE HAVE AGAIN REITERATED TO STAFF NEED TO MAINTAIN SECURITY PRECAUTIONS, GP-3.