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SUBJ: SERENNI PRO-"FRENTE" PRESS LINK U.S. TO
ATTACKS ON "FRENTE" CANDIDATES

REF: A1 MVD-2662 AND B1 MVD-2616

1. IN TEN-MINUTE NATIONWIDE RADIO AND TV ADDRESS EVENING
OF NOVEMBER 8, "FRENTE AMPLIO" PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATE LIBER
SERENNI LINKED U.S. AND BRAZILIAN "ADVISORS" TO WEEKEND
ATTACKS ON HIMSELF AND "FRENTE AMPLIO" BUS CARAVAN (REFTEL A1).
OPERATIVE PARAGRAPH OF HIS ADDRESS AS FOLLOWS: BEGIN QUOTE
THE AUTHOR OF THE MURDER OF THE YOUTH HAS NOT BEEN IDENTIFIED.
BUT IN THIS CASE IT IS NOT ENOUGH TO POINT OUT THE
RESPONSIBLE INDIVIDUAL. BEHIND HIM ARE THE TRULY GUILTY
ONES WHO DIRECT THE JUP, AN ORGANIZATION WHICH HAS NOT
HIDDEN ITS ULTRA-RIGHT CHARACTER. THEY DIRECT OTHER
FASCIST PARA-POLICE GROUPS, CLEARLY ASSISTED BY

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AMERICAN AND BRAZILIAN EXPERTS: THESE ARE THE INSTRUMENTS. THE TRULY GUILTY ONES ARE THE REPRESENTATIVES OF A REGIME WHICH IS SHAKEN AND WHICH IN ITS AGONY WANTS TO DRAG DOWN THE WHOLE COUNTRY. END QUOTE.

2. ALSO IN COURSE OF SPEECH, SRENGNI CHARGED "FRENTE" CANDIDATES BEING ATTACKED BECAUSE IT'S OBVIOUS THAT PREVIOUS CLOSURE OF NEWSPAPERS, ARRESTS OF PARTY WORKERS, BOMBINGS OF POLITICAL CLUBS, ETC. WERE NOT SUFFICIENT TO STOP "FRENTE" MARCH TO VICTORY. HE ALSO DENOUNCED NON-LEFTIST PRESS AND CANDIDATES OF TRADITIONAL PARTIES FOR FAILURE TO REPUDIATE VIOLENCE AGAINST "FRENTE AMPLIO". HE PLEDGED TO CONTINUE CAMPAIGN OF "PEACEFUL DIALOGUE" WITH THE PEOPLE.

3. "FRENTE" PRESS TODAY (NOVEMBER 9) HEADLINES SRENGNI CHARGES: COMMUNIST PARTY'S "EL POPULAR" AMPLIFIES CHARGES WITH ARTICLE HEADLINED "CIA TEAM DIRECTS CAMPAIGN AGAINST FRENTE AMPLIO". ARTICLE GOES BEYOND EARLIER ATTACK ON EMBASSY PERSONNEL IN AFTERNOON TABLOID "EL ECOS" (REFTEL B), AND CHARGES SPECIAL TEAM OF CIA AGENTS DIRECTING "PSYCHOLOGICAL WARFARE" AGAINST THE "FRENTE AMPLIO". ARTICLE ALLEGES RSO ANTHONY G. BARBERI IS PANAMERICAN CITIZEN ATTACHED TO U.S. EMBASSY WHO HAS OFFICE IN POLICE HEADQUARTERS NEXT TO BRAZILIAN MEMBER OF "DEATH SQUAD". IT AGAIN NAMES USIS DIRECTOR GOUDE AS CIA MEMBER RESPONSIBLE FOR MISINFORMATION AND FORMER LABOR ATTACHE IRWIN RUBENSTEIN AS RESPONSIBLE FOR ANTI-LABOR ACTIVITIES. ARTICLE ALSO IDENTIFIES FSO JEFFREY CUNNINGHAM AS "CIA AGENT", ALLEGING HE SON OF JAMES CUNNINGHAM, "FORMER DIRECTOR OF CIA ESPIONAGE ACTIVITIES" IN URUGUAY WHO LEFT HIS "SON" IN URUGUAY TO CARRY ON WORK WHEN HE RETURNED TO WASHINGTON. IT ALSO REHANSES CIA ALLEGATIONS AGAINST FORMER EMBASSY OFFICERS HARRY CAHILL AND JOHN HENNESSY.

COMMENT: SRENGNI ATTACK IS FIRST TIME HE HAS PUBLICLY IDENTIFIED HIMSELF WITH CHARGES OF DIRECT U.S. INTERVENTION IN ELECTION. "EL POPULAR" ATTACK MOST VICIOUS AND SPECIFIC ATTACK ON EMBASSY BY THE PCU MOUTHPIECE IN RECENT YEARS. WE EXPECT ATTACKS OF THIS NATURE WILL CONTINUE THROUGHOUT THE PERIOD REMAINING BEFORE THE ELECTION.

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