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SUBJECT: DISAPPEARANCE OF RAYMUNDO CLEYZER

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1. THE DEPARTMENT CONTINUES TO RECEIVE PUBLIC AND
CONGRESSIONAL INQUIRIES REGARDING THE CASE OF RAYMUNDO
CLEYZER, MOSTLY ON BEHALF OF THE "EMERGENCY COMMITTEE TO
SUPPORT LATIN AMERICAN FILMMAKERS." RECENT INQUIRIES REFER
TO THE REPORT ISSUED BY SAMFORD KATZ FOLLOWING HIS FIVE-DAY
VISIT TO ARGENTINA TO LOOK INTO THE CLEYZER CASE. KATZ
SAYS HE VISITED THE AMERICAN EMBASSY, WHERE HE SAYS HE
WAS TOLD THAT THE EMBASSY HAD PREPARED A REPORT INDICATING
THAT "MR. CLEYZER HAD PERMITTED CHILEAN REFUGEES TO USE HIS
HOME IN HIS ABSENCE AND THAT HE HAD GIVEN HIS SUPPORT AND
ASSISTANCE TO FILM WORK ABROAD IN OPPOSITION TO THE CHILEAN
JUNTA." KATZ SAYS THE EMBASSY ARRANGED FOR HIM TO MEET
WITH INTERIOR SECRETARY RICARDO YOFRE, WHO "DENIED ANY
KNOWLEDGE OR CONTROL OVER THE FATE OF MR. CLEYZER." HE
CALLED THE EMBASSY'S QUERIES TO THE FOREIGN MINISTRY
OFFICIALS RECEIVED A SIMILAR NEGATIVE RESPONSE.
2. Several inquirers have seen or heard of a letter said to have been written by an Argentine now residing in Lima stating that Gleyzer is being held in "The Special Torture Camp in the vicinity of the Autopista General Richieri and the Camino de Cintupa (near the Ezeiza International Airport in Buenos Aires)."

3. Does the Embassy have any information concerning Gleyzer further to that reported in Reftel? The Department has been no report, from the Embassy or any other source, indicating that Gleyzer had been supporting film work in opposition to the Chilean junta.

4. The Department is pouching to the Embassy a copy of the Katz report, the substantive points of which are outlined in para. 1 above. Kissinger