ARGENTINA PROJECT (S20000044)  
U.S. DEPT. OF STATE, A/RPS/IPS  
Margaret A. Graetzl, Director  
( ) Release ( ) Excise ( ) Deny  
Exemption(s): B-1  
Declassify: ( ) In Part ( ) In Full  
(Date 5/1/81) Classify as ( ) Extend as ( ) Downgrade to ( )  
Reason: 25X1

E.O. 11652: GDS  
TAGS: SHUM, PINAS, AR, UY  
SUBJECT: RUBEN DE GREGORIO  
REF: (A) 77 STATE 306334, (B) MONTEVIDEO 0022

1. BEGIN  
INFORMATION AVAILABLE HERE ON OSCAR RUBEN DE GREGORIO  
MARCONI IS THAT CONTAINED IN 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.

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  
 Skepticism That DE GREGORIO Would QUALIFY For REFUGEE STATUS,  
But Mentioned That Mere Membership In The Montoneros  
ORGANIZATION WOULD NOT Be ENOUGH To DISQUALIFY Him. LYONETTE'S  
COMMENTS Make It CLEAR His OFFICE Is NOT Presently Involved In

Current Class:

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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

3. BEGIN

A USUALLY RELIABLE SOURCE STATED THAT DE GREGORIO WAS A HIGH-RANKING OFFICIAL OF THE MONTONEOS AND WAS BEING HELD AT THE NAVY MECHANICS SCHOOL. END CASTRO

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