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REPRESENTATIVES FROM ALL MEMBER COUNTRIES OF THE CONDOR ORGANIZATION

MET IN BUENOS AIRES 13-16 DECEMBER 1976 TO REVIEW PAST ACTIVITIES

AND DISCUSS FUTURE PLANS. THE PRINCIPAL ITEM ON THE AGENDA WAS THI

DISCUSSION AND PLANNING OF COORDINATED PSYCHOLOGICAL WARFAGE OPERA
TIONS DIRECTED AGAINST LEFTIST AND RADICAL GROUPS IN THE VARIOUS

MEMBER COUNTRIES. OPERATION CONDOR IS A COOPERATIVE ARRANGEMENT AMONG

SECURITY SERVICES OF CHILE, ARGENTINA, BOLIVIA, PARAGUAY, URUGUAY, AND

BRAZIL TO COUNTER TERRORISM AND SUBVERSION.)

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TO OPERATION CONDOR-AS WELL AS THE

SAID HE WAS NOT AWARE OF ANY OPERATIONS REING

RUN IN EITHER THE UNITED STATES OR EUROPE BY CONDOR COUNTRIES.

CAUTIONED, HOWEVER. THAT SECURITY HAD BEEN STRENGTHENED AT THE

OPERATIONS CENTER IN BUENOS AIRES AND COMPARTMENTATION INCREASED AFTER

CONDOR REPRESENTATIVES FOUND OUT IN SEPTEMBER 1976 THAT THE FRENCH

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INTELLIGENCE SERVICE WAS AWARE OF THE EXISTENCE AND SOME OBJECTIVES OF OPERATION CONDOR; THUS, HE COULD NOT BE SURE ABOUT OPERATIONS ELSEWHERE, ALTHOUGH HE EMPHASIZED THAT DISCUSSION OF OPERATIONS IN EITHER THE U.S. OR EUROPE WAS NOT SURFACED AT THE MEETING HELD 13-16 DECEMBES...

EXTREMELY HARSH IN ARGENTINA WHICH RESULTED IN THE FIRING OF THE THEM

DIRECTOR OF THE ARGENTINE STATE SECRETARIAT FOR INTELLIGENCE (SIDE) AND

REPLACING HIM WITH GENERAL CARLOS ENRIQUE L A I D L A W, THE CURRENT

DIRECTOR. HE ADDED THAT THE FOREGOING INCIDENT MADE CONDOR REPRESENTATIVES REALIZE THAT THE OTHER INTELLIGENCE SERVICES ARE PROBABLY AWARE

OF THEIR ORGANIZATION AND, THEREFORE, EVERYTHING IS HANDLED ACCORDINGLY,

I.E.; WITH A MAXIMUM OF CAUTION.

COMMENT: GENERAL OTTO

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BELIEVED THE EXCHANGE OF INFORMATION ON SUBVERSIVES AND TERRORISTS HAS BEING CONDUCTED MOSTLY BILATERALLY BETWEEN INTELLIGENCE SERVICES OF MEMBER COUNTRIES. IN THE COVERT ACTION FIELD, -THAT BOTH ARGENTINA AND CHILE WERE MAKING EXTENSIVE USE OF THE COMMUNICATIONS

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MEDIA FOR PROPAGANDA PURPOSES. HE ADDED THAT THE THRUST OF THESE PROPAGANDA EFFORTS WAS TWOFOLD: TO REFUTE CRITICISM LEVELLEDAT THE 1.5 (C) RESPECTIVE GOVERNMENTS BY THE FOREIGN COMMUNICATIONS MEDIA AND INTURNA-TIONAL FORA AND TO INSTILL A NEW SENSE OF NATIONAL PRIDE IN THE THAT CHILE HAD RECENTLY COMPLETED TWO FILMS POPULATION. ON "CHILE AFTER ALLENDE" WHICH IT WAS ASKING CONDOR REPRESENTATIVES TO SHOW ON TELEVISION IN THEIR COUNTRIES. TO DATE, ONLY URUGUAY AND ARGENTINA HAVE AGREED TO SHOW THEM. ACCORDING TO PARAGUAY HAD ONLY MADE USE OF THE PRESS, THE DAILY NEWSPAPER "PATRIA" IN WHICH PROPAGANDA WAS PERIODICALLY INSERTED. HE SAID THAT A REQUEST TO !'SE TELEVISION FOR THIS PURPOSE WAS UNDER CONSIDERATION BY HIS SUPERIORS A REQUEST FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A NATIONAL NEWS AGENCY. AS WAS THAT THE LATTER WOULD PROBABLY NEVER COME TOPASS FECAUSE FUNDS SIMPLY WERE NOT AVAILABLE FOR SUCH AN UNDERTAKING.

THAT THE MEETING THAT WAS TO BE HELD
IN ASUNCION IN MARCH 1977 ON "PSYCHOLOGICAL WARFARE TECHNIQUES AGAINST
TERRORISTS AND LEFTIST EXTREMISTS" WAS CANCELLED BECAUSE OF THE
INABILITY OF ARGENTINA AND PARAGUAY TO PARTICIPATE.

BOTH COUNTRIES' INTELLIGENCE SERVICES HAD BEEN DEEPLY INVOLVED IS

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SECURITY ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE THIRD CONGRESS OF THE LATIN-AMERICAS ANTI-COMMUNIST CONFEDERATION HELD 28-30 MARCH, AS WELL AS IN THE PREPARATION FOR THE 20 APRIL STATE VISIT OF ARGENTINE PRESIDENT JORGE V I D E L A TOPARAGUAY: THAT A NEW DATE FOR 1.5 (c) THE NEXT CONDOR MEETING HAD NOT BEFN SET.

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