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FOR ASSISTANT SECRETARY ROGERS, ARA, FROM AMBASSADOR HILL

~~E. O. 11652~~ GDS  
TAGS: ASEC, APER, AR  
SUBJECT: STAFF REDUCTION

REF: STATE 233589

1. I HAVE REVIEWED THE NEED TO CUT THE PRESENCE OF USG PERSONNEL IN ARGENTINA IN THE LIGHT OF CONTINUING AND INCREASINGLY DARING TERRORIS ACTS. THIS MATTER WAS DISCUSSED LAST WEEK (OCTOBER 28-31, 1974) BY DEPUTY ASST SECRETARY WILLIAM BOWLER AND COUNTRY DIRECTOR FRANK ORTIZ WITH ME, THE EMBASSY COUNTRY TEAM AND THE SECURITY WATCH COMMITTEE.

2. NOVEMBER 1, THE CHIEF OF FEDERAL POLICE, ALBERTO VILLAR, WAS ASSASSINATED, PRESUMABLY BY THE "MONTONERO" ORGANIZATION. THIS SERIOUS EVENT HAS LED ME TO REASSESS ONCE AGAIN THE VULNERABILITY OF THE EMBASSY AND THE EFFECTIVENESS OF THE PROTECTION AFFORDED TO OUR PREMISES.

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AND PERSONNEL BY LOCAL POLICE FORCES. THE LATE CHIEF OF POLICE PERSONALLY HAD ALLOCATED APPROXIMATELY ONE HUNDRED FEDERAL POLICE OFFICERS TO PROVIDE PROTECTIVE SERVICES TO THE CHANCERY, THE AMBASSADOR AND RANKING EMBASSY OFFICERS, AND THEIR RESIDENCES, UPON INSTRUCTIONS FROM THE LATE PRESIDENT JUAN D. PERON.

3. WHILE WE HAVE NO REASON TO BELIEVE THAT THE GOA'S INTEREST IN PROTECTING USG OFFICIALS AND PROPERTY WILL LESSEN, WE MUST CONCLUDE FROM THE SUCCESSFUL ASSASSINATION OF THE POLICE CHIEF THAT THE CAPABILITIES OF ORGANIZED TERRORIST GROUPS REMAIN VERY HIGH AND THAT THE POSSIBILITY EXISTS OF THEIR PENETRATION OF POLICE HEADQUARTERS.

4. ~~ASSUMING THIS POSSIBILITY AS WELL AS THAT OF A SPECTACULAR AND PERHAPS DESPERATE TERRORIST ACTIONS. I RECOMMEND AN EARLY AND SYSTEMATIC REDUCTION OF US PROGRAM AND DIRECT PROGRAM SUPPORT PERSONNEL TO THE LEVEL OF 73. THIS FIGURE DOES NOT INCLUDE SECURITY AND COMMUNICATIONS PERSONNEL, WHO UNDER EXISTING CIRCUMSTANCES BECOME MORE INDISPENSABLE THAN BEFORE. THE COMBINED SECURITY, MSG AND COMMUNICATIONS COMPLEMENT NOW TOTALS 23.~~

5. I RECOMMEND A TEMPORARY REDUCTION OF USG POSITIONS IN ARGENTINA BY 27, AS FOLLOWS:

REDUCTION SUMMARY

AGENCY	CEILING	PROPOSED REDUCTION	NEW CEILING
STATE			
PROGRAM	25	2	23
SHARED:			
SECURITY	3	0	3
C&R	4	0	4
OTHER	4	1	3
FBO	1	0	1
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PROGRAM	13	3	10
SHARED:			
TCU	3	0	3
OTHER	2	1	1
NON-INTEG.	1	0	1
	19	4	15
USIS	10	3	7
USAID	1	1	0
FAS	2	2	0
JUST/FBI	4	2	2
JUST/DEA	6	1	3
USDAO	11	4	7
USMILGRP	20	7	13
MSG	13	0	13
TOTAL	123	27	96

REDUCTION DETAILED BY AGENCY:

A. STATE

- (1) NARCOTICS COORDINATOR ROSENTHAL, E. B. (ABOLISH POSITION)
- (2) ECON/COMM OFFICER KNICKMEYER, R.
- (3) GENERAL SERVICES OFFICER PELEUGES, G. P., ETA 1/75  
(OFFER INDEF.)

B. STATE/SRF

(1-4) FOUR POSITIONS TO BE DETERMINED.

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- (1) AVO GORDON, R. ETA 1/75
- (2) CAO (VACANT)
- (3) ACAO GURVIN, ANNE

D. USAID

- (1) RTAC DIRECTOR ROGERS, D. S. (RELOCATE IN NEARBY  
POST UNTIL CONTRACTS COMPLETED)

E. FAS

- (1) AGATT WILSON, D. L. (RELOCATE MONTEVIDEO)
- (2) FPO (VETERINARY) CHASE, R. W. (RELOCATE BRASILIA)

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F. DEA

(1) SPECIAL AGENT PHILLIPS, G.

G. USDAO (TEMPORARY WITHDRAWAL OF PRESENT AIRATT AIRCRAFT  
AND CREW, WITHOUT PREJUDICING SCHEDULED ASSIGNMENT  
OF NEW BEECH KING AIRCRAFT IN JULY 1975, IF  
SECURITY SITUATION ALLOWS AT THAT TIME)

(1) AAIRA VASQUEZ, LTC. P.

(2) AIRCRAFT CREW BERGER, SMS R.

(3) AIRCRAFT CREW DANIEL, DANIEL, MSGT. J.

(4) BILINGUAL RESEARCH TECHNICIAN, MRSM E. BERGER

H. USMILGRP

(1-7) SEVEN POSITIONS TO BE DETERMINED.

I. LEGATT (JUST/FBI)

(1) LEGAL ATTACHE, WACHTER, J. J. (ABOLISH POSITION

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AFTER RETIREMENT EARLY 1975).  
(2) SECRETARY

6. IF DEPARTMENT CONCURS WITH ABOVE RECOMMENDATIONS, I SUGGEST THAT PERSONNEL ACTIONS BE EXPEDITED IN ORDER THAT AS MANY AFFECTED PERSONNEL AS POSSIBLE AND THEIR FAMILIES DEPART BUENOS AIRES BEFORE CHRISTMAS. THE AMERICAN SCHOOL'S FIRST SEMESTER ENDS DECEMBER 13 (THIRTEEN). I NEED NOT REMIND THE DEPARTMENT AND OTHER AFFECTED AGENCIES THAT THOSE OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES WHO MUST DEPART BEFORE THE END OF THEIR NORMAL TOUR ARE ENTITLED TO SPECIAL CONSIDERATION FOR THE HARDSHIPS AND SACRIFICES THAT AN UNEXPECTED EARLY DEPARTURE MAY CAUSE THEM.

7. I ALSO POINT OUT THAT BUENOS AIRES IS TO BE SEAT OF MEETING OF FOREIGN MINISTERS OF AMERICAN REPUBLICS IN MARCH 1975 AND THAT EMBASSY WORKLOAD WILL INCREASE VERY NOTICEABLY IN COMING MONTHS IN PREPARATION FOR EVENT. WHAT HAVE HERETOFORE BEEN DEEMED ESSENTIAL PROGRAMS MAY HAVE TO BE DRASTICALLY CURTAILED OR ELIMINATED.

8. I APPRECIATE SYMPATHETIC UNDERSTANDING AND SUPPORT OF DEPARTMENT AND OTHER US AGENCIES IN SEEING US THROUGH THIS DIFFICULT PERIOD. I HOPE THAT WHEN SECURITY SITUATION IMPROVES, EMBASSY WILL BE ABLE RESUME MORE NORMAL OPERATIONS, AND AGAIN BE STAFFED TO MEET OUR REQUIREMENTS.

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