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Re Timor

THE THREAT OF NEWS MEDIA ETC., I THOUGHT IT WAS TIME TO DIS-  
CUSS JACOBO TIMERMAN. I TOLD CAMPS THE GOOD LORD HAD GIVEN  
HIS COUNTRY MANY PLUSSES BUT YET THE MINUSES WERE EATING  
THE PLUSSES. I TOLD HIM ARGENTINA'S IMAGE ABROAD WAS A BLACK  
AND NEGATIVE ONE--A COUNTRY CATEGORIZED AS ONE OF THE WORST  
HUMAN RIGHTS VIOLATORS ON EARTH. BUT THIS TIME, CAMPS WAS  
TENSING UP LIKE A FIGHTING ROOSTER READY FOR BATTLE, BUT I  
HAD THE FLOOR AND WASN'T ABOUT TO RELINQUISH IT. I EXPLAINED  
ARGENTINA'S IMAGE COULD IMPROVE SUBSTANTIALLY BY THE RELEASE  
OF TIMERMAN. HE BEAT ME TO THE DRAW, AS HE BELLOUED "TIMERMAN  
WILL NEVER BE RELEASED." CAMPS PROCEEDED TO BERATE TIMERMAN  
AND USED EVERY ADJECTIVE AND EXPLETIVE TO PAINT HIM AS AN  
IMMORAL, AMORAL AND SUBVERSIVE TYPE. I ASKED CAMPS THAT IF  
TIMERMAN WAS SUCH A SCOUNDREL WHY DID THE MILITARY TRIBUNAL  
AND THE SUPREME COURT ABSOLVE HIM OF ALL WRONG DOING. HE  
DID NOT MEET THE ISSUE BUT INSTEAD REPLIED TIMERMAN WAS A  
DANGEROUS SUBVERSIVE AS HE HAD POISONED THE MINDS OF YOUNG  
PEOPLE BY HIS MARXISTS WRITINGS IN LA OPINION. HE THEN  
CONTINUED THAT SO LONG AS THOUSANDS OF PEOPLE DIED DUE TO  
TIMERMAN'S ENCOURAGEMENTS BY HIS TEACHINGS TO FIGHT AN  
ESTABLISHED GOVERNMENT, TIMERMAN CAN'T AND SHOULD NEVER BE  
RELEASED.

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1. ENTIRE TEXT)

2. THROUGH DAD, I WAS INVITED TO LUNCH BY BRIG GENERAL RAMON  
JUAN ALBERTO CAMPS, COMMANDER OF THE REMOUNT AND VETERINARY  
SERVICE, ON WEDNESDAY (JULY 25) AT HIS NEARBY HQTRS. I HAD  
NEVER MET GENERAL CAMPS, BUT HIS REPUTATION OF BEING ONE OF  
GENERAL SUAREZ HASON'S EXECUTIONERS HAD PRECEDED HIM. HE HAD  
HIS TROOP LINED UP IN FRONT OF HIS BUILDING FOR ME TO REVIEW,  
WHICH I DID WITH THE TRADITIONAL "BUENOS DIAS, TROPA DE LA  
REMONTA" AND THEY REPLIED IN UNISON "BUENOS DIAS SENOR  
EMBAJADOR." LT COL. DES REIS, ASST. ARMY ATTACHE, ACCOMPANIED  
ME TO THE LUNCH. WE WERE ESCORTED TO CAMPS'S OFFICE, WHERE HE  
STOOD IN MILITARY FASHION--GARBED IN WHAT COULD BE DESCRIBED  
AS A TAKE-OFF ON A GENERAL PATTON ENSEMBLE. THE "REMONTA" HAS  
NO RELATIONSHIP TO ANY TANK UNIT BUT IT IS THE LAST VESTIGE OF  
WHAT WAS ONCE KNOWN AS CAVALRY. JUDGING FROM PHOTOS OF HIMSELF  
ON HIS DESK, IT CAN BE SAID CAMPS HAS SEEN MUCH BETTER  
DAYS. IT IS APPARENT HE HAS LOST A GREAT DEAL OF WEIGHT,  
IS TENSE AND HAS A PIERCING LOOK.

3. CAMPS' EXCUSE FOR WANTING TO MEET ME WAS THE SHARING OF  
A COMMON INTEREST--HORSES. HE BROUGHT OUT SEVERAL CHARTS OF  
HIS HORSE OPERATIONS LINE, IN AND CROSS BREEDING. HE TOOK  
GREAT PRIDE IN TELLING ME HE WAS THE LARGEST HORSE BREEDER  
IN THE COUNTRY. WE THEN UNDERTOOK ANOTHER KEY PRIORITY--LUNCH.  
HE WAS SERVED A SPECIAL PLATE--FOR HEALTH REASONS. HE WOULDN'T  
TOUCH THE WINE--WHICH FOR AN ARGENTINE IS SACRILEGIOUS, BUT  
HE DID PARTAKE IN HIS SHARE OF PILLS. HE DIDN'T WASTE ANY  
TIME IN GETTING TO THE SUBJECT OF SUBVERSION, TERRORISM ETC.

4. SUBVERSION BY IDEOLOGY: CAMPS GOT GREAT RELIEF IN TELLING  
US HOW HE WOULD LECTURE TO PARENTS OF RECRUITS FROM TIME TO  
TIME. CAMPS' EXPLANATION TO THE PARENTS AND SONS WAS THAT THE  
DUTY OF THESE RECRUITS WAS NOT TO DIE FOR THE SALVATION OF  
THEIR COUNTRY BUT TO KILL FOR THEIR COUNTRY. HE EMPHASIZED  
STRONGLY TO RECRUITS THAT THEIR OBJECTIVE WAS TO LEARN TO  
KILL. AS HE MADE THESE STATEMENTS, HE WOULD TENSE UP AND  
BECOME IMPERVIOUS TO THE WORLD AROUND HIM. HE GESTURED WITH  
HIS HANDS WHILE HIS PIERCING EYES GAVE THE SEMBLANCE OF HIS  
TRYING TO LINE UP THE CROSS-HAIRS IN A TELESCOPIC RIFLE SIGHT  
ON HIS TARGET. HE THEN WENT INTO A DISSERTATION OF HOW PARENTS,  
NEWS MEDIA AND DISSIDENTS WERE CORRUPTING THE MINDS OF YOUNG,  
IMPRESSONABLE PEOPLE. HE WENT INTO WEIRD METAPHORS AND SAID  
HOW NO ONE SHOULD EVER QUESTION THE VIRTURE OF HIS COUNTRY.  
HE THEN DESCRIBED HOW MILITARY FORCES HAD DEFEATED  
TERRORISTS ON THE BATTLEFIELD, BUT NOW THERE WAS A NEW WAR  
ON THOSE OF FOREIGN IDEOLOGY, SUCH AS MARXISM AND THE  
DIFFERENT SHADES OF COMMUNISM. CAMPS MADE THE ANALOGY OF  
THESE PEOPLE WITH FOREIGN IDEOLOGIES BEING THE SAME AS  
HAVING A ROTTEN APPLE IN THE BARREL--THE ROTTEN APPLE HAD  
TO BE ELIMINATED. HE ALSO USED THE ANALOGY OF A STRONG TRUNK  
ON A TREE WITH SICK LIMBS ETC.

5. JACOBO TIMERMAN: INASMUCH AS CAMPS WAS ALL INVOLVED IN

6. TIMERMAN THE "CAUSE CELEBRE:" I THEN TOLD CAMPS IT WAS  
BEYOND MY COMPREHENSION OF HOW AND INTELLIGENT AND SOPHISTICATED  
COUNTRY LIKE ARGENTINA COULD ASSUME AN IMPORTANT ROLE IN THE  
CIVILIZED WORLD WHEN KEY GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS WERE FOREVER  
TELLING ME NO CHARGES EXISTED AGAINST TIMERMAN BECAUSE GOA  
COULDN'T PROVE ANYTHING AGAINST HIM. CAMPS WOULD REBUT BY  
STATING PROOF EXISTED TIMERMAN HAD INFLUENCED ARGENTINES BY  
HIS SUBVERSIVE WRITINGS. I THEN SUGGESTED TO CAMPS WITH  
TONGUE IN CHEEK--HE WAS A PATRIOTIC PERSON. I EXPLAINED  
IT WAS HIS DUTY TO CONSIDER THE WELFARE OF THE WHOLE NATION  
AND NOT ONLY MILITARY COLLEAGUES. I TOLD HIM IN MY EXPERIENCE  
IN TRAVELLING THROUGHOUT THE NATION OF ARGENTINA THE GENERAL  
POPULACE CARED LESS THAN ONE IOTA ABOUT TIMERMAN'S FATE. I  
TOLD HIM I FOUND ARGENTINES INDIFFERENT TO TIMERMAN. THEREFORE,  
HOW COULD IT BE POSSIBLE THAT ONE SCOUNDREL--AS HE CALLED  
TIMERMAN--COULD BE PERMITTED TO GIVE HIS COUNTRY SUCH A  
HORRIBLE IMAGE ABROAD. I TOLD HIM ONE PERSON WAS NOT WORTH  
SACRIFICING THE WELFARE OF 26 MILLION ARGENTINES. I TOLD HIM

Gen. Ramon Camps

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THAT SO LONG AS TIMERMAN WAS IN CUSTODY EVERY DAY WOULD PROVE TO BE AN IRRITANT FOR HIS COUNTRY ON A GLOBAL BASIS. I STATED EVEN IF TIMERMAN - IF RELEASED - WOULD WRITE ADVERSELY ON ARGENTINA HIS EXPOSURES WOULD PROBABLY BE OF A NON-RECURRING NATURE. ON THE OTHER HAND, SO LONG AS HE IS IN CUSTODY HIS STORY IS BEING REPEATED ON A DAILY BASIS ALL OVER THE WORLD. AT THIS POINT IT BECAME APPARENT WE WERE AT AN IMPASSE. IT WAS TIME TO GET TO THE OFFICE, SO I THANKED HIM FOR THE INVITATION. AS WE STARTED TO WALK AWAY, HE SAID "DON'T FORGET WE (GOA) HAVE AGREED TIMERMAN SHALL NOT BE FREED."

7. FUTURE MEETINGS WITH CAMPS: AS HE SAW US OFF, CAMPS TOLD ME HE WANTED ME TO RETURN TO HIS HQS. ON AUGUST 8 AS HE WAS HAVING A HORSE EXPOSITION ON THAT EVENING. HE ALSO STATED HE WANTED ME TO TRAVEL WITH HIM TO ENTRE RIOS TO SPEND THE DAY VISITING HIS HORSE FARM. HE THEN SMILED AND SAID "WE WON'T DISCUSS POLITICS." I REPLIED THAT IN ORDER TO BETTER UNDERSTAND PROBLEMS BETTER A DIALOGUE ABOUT THEM WAS ESSENTIAL.

8. COMMENT: GENERAL CAMPS MADE IT CLEAR HE WAS ONE OF GENERAL SUAREZ MASON'S GOOD FRIENDS AND SUPPORTERS. HE ALSO DESCRIBED SOME OF HIS EXPERIENCES WHEN HE WAS IN CHARGE OF THE POLICE IN BUENOS AIRES PROVINCE. WITH GREAT BRAVADO, HE TOLD ME HE WAS THE INVESTIGATOR OF THE TIMERMAN AND GRAVIER CASES. HE IMPLIED HE WAS THE TIMERMAN EXPERT. IN ALL MY SEVEN AND ONE HALF YEARS OF DEALING WITH "RIFF-RAFF" AND CRIMINAL ELEMENT AS A DISTRICT ATTORNEY, I HAVE NEVER SEEN ANYONE AS POTENTIALLY DANGEROUS AS THIS PERSON. I LEFT HIM WITH A FEELING HE WAS MENTALLY SICK. I ALSO LEFT WITH THE FEELING HE IS THE BIGGEST OBSTACLE TO TIMERMAN'S RELEASE. I HAVE HAD MANY SESSIONS WITH GENERAL SUAREZ MASON AND SHALL HAVE A FE MORE, BUT NEVER HAD I ENCOUNTERED AN EXPERIENCE AS THIS ONE. I SHALL CONTINUE TO TALK WITH SUAREZ MASON AND CAMPS AT EVERY OPPORTUNITY WITH THE HOPE I MIGHT WEAR THEM DOWN BEFORE THEY UNDO ME. CASTRO