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E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: PINT, SHUM, AR, UY
SUBJECT: REQEUST FOR U.S. ASSISTANCE IN FINDING MISSING PARLIAMENTARIAN

1. AMBASSADOR HAS RECEIVED LETTER FROM PAPAL NUNCIO IN ROME SEEKING U.S. ASSISTANCE IN FINDING JAIME FELICIANO DRI LODI, AN ARGENTINIAN PARLIAMENTARIAN APPARENTLY MISSING IN URUGUAY. ATTACHED TO NUNCIO'S LETTER IS PLEA FOR HELP FROM DRI LODI'S BROTHER, A PRIEST IN ROME, STATING THAT DRI LODI WAS A DEPUTY TO THE ARGENTINE PARLIAMENT FROM THE SOCIAL-CHRISTIAN "JUSTICIALISTA" PARTY WHO WENT INTO HIDING, APPARENTLY IN URUGUAY. DRI LODI HAS STAYED IN TOUCH WITH FAMILY MEMBERS, WHO LAST RECIEVED LETTER FROM HIM DATED DEC. 8, 1977 FROM MONTEVIDO. HE FAILED TO GET IN TOUCH WITH FAMILY AS PROMISED ON DEC. 24.

(1) Bill - We have nothing on Dri Lodi in our files; of course he was in Uruguay which is where the request is. Assume we should simply keep our ears open. I'll see what he knows about this next [illegible]

2. FOLLOWING INFORMATION ON DRI LODI INCLUDED IN LETTER: BORN JAN. 24, 1942 IN CHAJARI, PROVINCE OF ENTRE RIOS, ARGENTINA. PARENTS: PEDRO DRI AND SARA ANNA LODI. DRI LODI IS MARRIED TO A PANAMANIAN CITIZEN AND HAS TWO SMALL CHILDREN. ACCORDING TO LETTER, ARGENTINE AUTHORITIES, IN EFFORT TO FORCE DRI LODI OUT OF HIDING, SEIZED CHILDREN (AGED 4 AND 2) AND HELD THEM IN JAIL FOR NEARLY THREE MONTHS. CHILDREN WERE RELEASED AFTER REPEATED REPRESENTATIONS BY PANAMANIAN GOVERNMENT. DRI LODI FAMILY IS DESCRIBED AS PERSONAL FRIENDS OF PANAMANIAN PRESIDENT.

3. NUNCIO'S LETTER REQUESTS THAT AMBASSADOR CONSIDER WHETHER U.S. EMBASSY IN MONTEVIDEO COULD MAKE INQUIREIES ABOUT DRI LODI. EMBASSY WOULD APPRECIATE DEPARTMENT GUIDANCE AND ANY INFORMATION WE COULD APSS ON TO NUNCIO.
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