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SUBJ: CASE OF ARGENTINE NATIONAL ADOLFO PEREZ ESQUIVEL

REF: STATE 81425

ADOLFO PEREZ ESQUIVEL WAS ARRESTED ON APR 4 BY ORDER OF EXECUTIVE DECREE NO. 929. HE IS IN DETENTION AT FEDERAL SECURITY OFFICES IN BUENOS AIRES, HAS BEEN CORRECTLY TREATED AND RECEIVES DAILY VISITS FROM HIS WIFE WHO BRINGS HIM FOOD AND CLOTHING. HIS NAME APPEARED ON THE INTERIOR MINISTRY'S APRIL 6 LIST OF ALLEGED SUBVERSIVES DETAINED BY THE EXECUTIVE UNDER STATE OF SIEGE PROVISIONS. EMBOFF WAS INFORMED BY A STAFF MEMBER OF ESQUIVEL'S MAGAZINE THAT NUMEROUS GROUPS AND PERSONS HAVE EXPRESSED INTEREST AND CONCERN IN THIS CASE TO THE FAMILY AND GOA AUTHORITIES, INCLUDING THE PAPAL NUNCIO AND WORLD COUNCIL OF CHURCHES. A LOCAL BISHOP HAS VISITED HIM IN JAIL. SOURCE SAID HE BELIEVES ESQUIVEL'S ARREST WAS A MISTAKE AND HE IS OPTIMISTIC THAT THE MISUNDERSTANDING WILL BE RESOLVED SHORTLY. ESQUIVEL HAS BEEN EDITOR OF THE ECUMENICAL MAGAZINE PAZ Y JUSTICIA FOR FOUR YEARS.

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