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TO: WHITE HOUSE SITUATION ROOM

STATE DEPARTMENT, RCI
ATTENTION: MR. ROBERT DEAN, ARA/BRAZIL

FROM: CS/CIA

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ATTACHED IS A CIA UNOFFICIAL TRANSLATION
OF THE TEXT OF THE MANIFEST FOUND IN AMBASSADOR ELBRICK'S
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REVOLUTIONARY GROUPS TODAY DETAINED MR. BRUCE ELBRICK, U.S. AMBASSADOR, TAKING HIM TO ANOTHER PART OF THE COUNTRY WHERE THEY WILL HOLD HIM PRISONER.

THIS ACT IS NOT AN ISOLATED EPISODE. IT IS ONE OF NUMEROUS REVOLUTIONARY ACTIONS ALREADY IN PROGRESS: BANK ROBBERIES, WHERE WE GET MONEY FOR THE REVOLUTION, TAKING IN RETURN WHAT THE BANKERS TAKE FROM THE PEOPLE AND ITS EMPLOYEES; TAKING OVER ARMY QUARTELS AND POLICE STATIONS, WHERE ARMS AND AMMUNITION ARE ACQUIRED FOR THE STRUGGLE TO OVERTHROW THE DICTATORSHIP; LIBERATING REVOLUTIONARIES AND RETURNING THEM TO THE STRUGGLE OF THE PEOPLE; BOMBING OF BUILDINGS SYMBOLIZING OPPRESSION; AND SENTENCING EXECUTIONERS AND TORTURERS.

TRULY THE CAPTURE OF THE AMBASSADOR IS JUST ONE MORE ACT IN THE REVOLUTIONARY WAR THAT MOVES FORWARD EACH DAY AND WHICH THIS YEAR IS GOING TO BEGIN THE RURAL GUERRILLA STAGE. WITH THE CAPTURE OF THE AMBASSADOR AND TO SHOW THAT IT IS POSSIBLE TO OVERCOME THE DICTATORSHIP AND EXPLOITATION, WE ARE ARMED AND WELL ORGANIZED. WE WILL APPEAR WHERE THE ENEMY LEAST EXPECTS US AND IMMEDIATELY DISAPPEAR, WEAKENING THE DICTATORSHIP, BRINGING TERROR AND FEAR TO THE EXPLOITERS AND BRINGING HOPE OF CERTAIN VICTORY TO THE EXPLOITED.

MR. ELBRICK REPRESENTS IN OUR COUNTRY THE INTEREST OF IMPERIALISM WHICH IS ALLIED WITH THE BIG BOSSES, THE BIG LANDOWNERS, AND THE BIG NATIONAL BANKS TO MAINTAIN THE REGIME OF OPPRESSION AND EXPLOITATION.

THE INTERESTS OF THESE PARTNERS LAY IN MAKING THEMSELVES EVER MORE RICH AND IN CREATING AND MAINTAINING WAGE FREEZES, THE UNJUST AGRARIAN STRUCTURES AND INSTITUTIONALIZED REPRESSION. HOWEVER, THE KIDNAPPING OF THE AMBASSADOR IS A CLEAR WARNING THAT THE BRAZILIAN

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PEOPLE WILL NOT GIVE THEM (BIG BOSSES, ETC.) REST AND AT ANY TIME WILL MAKE THEM FEEL OUR WEIGHT IN THIS STRUGGLE. THEY ALL KNOW THAT THIS IS A STRUGGLE. THEY ALL KNOW THAT THIS IS A STRUGGLE WITHOUT TRUCE, A LONG AND DIFFICULT STRUGGLE WHICH WILL NOT END WITH THE EXCHANGE OF ONE GENERAL FOR ANOTHER BUT WILL ONLY END WITH THE TERMINATION OF THE REGIME OF THE BIG EXPLOITERS AND WITH THE CONSTRUCTION OF A GOVERNMENT WHICH LIBERATES THE WORKERS OF THE COUNTRY FROM THE SITUATION IN WHICH THEY FIND THEMSELVES.

THIS IS INDEPENDENCE WEEK, THE PEOPLE AND THE DICTATORSHIP OBSERVE THIS WEEK IN DIFFERENT MANNERS. THE DICTATORSHIP HAS PARTIES AND PARADES, SETS OFF FIREWORKS AND PUTS UP POSTERS, WITH THIS THE DICTATORSHIP REALLY DOES NOT WISH TO COMMEMORATE ANYTHING; WHAT IT WANTS TO DO IS THROW SAND IN THE EYES OF THE EXPLOITED, GIVING THEM A FALSE JOY WITH THE OBJECT OF HIDING THEIR LIFE OF MISERY, EXPLOITATION AND REPRESSION. BUT CAN YOU BLOT OUT THE SUN WITH A DOT? CAN YOU HIDE FROM THE PEOPLE THEIR MISERY WHEN THEY FEEL IT INSIDE THEM?

IN THE WEEK OF INDEPENDENCE THERE ARE TWO CELEBRATIONS:

THAT OF THE DICTATORSHIP,

THAT OF THE PEOPLE.

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THAT OF THOSE WHO ORGANIZE PARADES AND THAT OF THOSE WHO KIDNAPPED THE AMBASSADOR, SYMBOL OF EXPLOITATION. THE LIFE AND DEATH OF THE AMBASSADOR ARE IN THE HANDS OF THE DICTATORSHIP.

IF THEY WILL RESPOND TO TWO DEMANDS, MR. ELBRICK WILL BE LIBERATED. IF NOT, WE WILL BE OBLIGED TO CARRY OUT REVOLUTIONARY JUSTICE. OUR TWO DEMANDS ARE:

A. THE LIBERATION OF 15 POLITICAL PRISONERS. THEY ARE 15 REVOLUTIONARIES IN THE THOUSANDS WHO SUFFER TORTURE IN THE PRISONS AND MILITARY HEADQUARTERS OF THE COUNTRY, WHO ARE BEATEN, ABUSED AND SUFFER THE HUMILIATIONS IMPOSED BY THE MILITARY. WE ARE NOT DEMANDING THE IMPOSSIBLE, WE ARE NOT DEMANDING THAT LIFE BE RESTORED TO THE INNUMERABLE FIGHTERS KILLED IN THE PRISONS. THEY WILL NOT BE LIBERATED OF COURSE; THEY WILL BE CATTLE ONE DAY. WE DEMAND ONLY THE LIBERATION OF THESE 15 MEN, LEADERS IN THE STRUGGLE AGAINST THE DICTATORSHIP. EACH ONE OF THESE ARE WORTH A 100 AMBASSADORS FROM THE PEOPLES POINT OF VIEW. BUT AN AMBASSADOR OF THE US IS ALSO VERY VALUABLE FROM THE POINT OF VIEW OF THE DICTATORSHIP AND OF EXPLOITATION;

B. THE PUBLICATION OR READING OF THE ENTIRE MESSAGE IN THE MAJOR NEWSPAPER AND RADIO STATIONS THROUGHOUT

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THE COUNTRY. THE 15 POLITICAL PRISONERS MUST BE FLOWN IN A SPECIAL PLANE TO A PARTICULAR COUNTRY - ALGERIA, CHILE AND MEXICO - WHERE THEY WILL BE GIVEN ASYLUM. NO REPRISALS MUST BE ATTEMPTED AGAINST THEM UNDER PAIN OF RETALIATION.

THE DICTATORSHIP HAS 48 HOURS TO REPLY PUBLICLY IF IT ACCEPTS OR REJECTS OUR PROPOSAL. IF THE RESPONSE IS POSITIVE WE WILL PUBLISH A LIST OF THE 15 REVOLUTIONARY LEADERS AND WE WILL WAIT 24 HOURS FOR THEM TO BE TAKEN TO A SAFE COUNTRY. IF THE REPLY IS NEGATIVE OR IF THERE IS NO REPLY BY THIS TIME MR. ELBRICK WILL BE EXECUTED. THE 15 COLLEAGUES MUST BE LIBERATED WHETHER OR NOT THEY HAVE BEEN SENTENCED; THIS IS AN "EXCEPTIONAL SITUATION", AND IN "EXCEPTIONAL SITUATIONS", THE JURISTS OF THE DICTATORSHIP ALWAYS WORK OUT A WAY TO SETTLE THINGS AS WE CAN SEE NOW IN THE RISE OF THE MILITARY JUNTA.

THE CONVERSATIONS WILL ONLY BE BEGUN AFTER THE PUBLIC AND OFFICIAL DECLARATION OF THE DICTATORSHIP THAT IT WILL RESPOND TO OUR DEMANDS. THE METHOD WILL ALWAYS BE PUBLIC ON THE PART OF THE AUTHORITIES AND ALWAYS UNPREDICTABLE ON OUR PART.

WE WISH TO REMIND THAT THE DEADLINES CANNOT BE EXTENDED AND THAT WE WILL NOT HESITATE TO FULFILL OUR PROMISES.

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FINALLY, WE WANT TO WARN ALL THOSE WHO TORTURE, BEAT UP
AND KILL OUR COLLEAGUES THAT WE ARE NOT GOING TO TOLERATE
THE CONTINUATION OF THIS HATED PRACTISE. WE ARE GIVING YOU
THE LAST WARNING. WHO CONTINUES TORTURING, BEATING UP AND
KILLING - BE ON YOUR GUARD.

NOW IT IS EYE FOR EYE, TOOTH FOR TOOTH.

SIGNED: NATIONAL LIBERATION ACTION
REVOLUTIONARY MOVEMENT 8
OCTOBER

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BACKGROUND ON THE MOVIMENTO REVOLUCIONARIO-8

THE FOLLOWING IS BACKGROUND INFORMATION ON THE MOVIMENTO REVOLUCIONARIO-8 (THE 8 REFERS TO THE DATE OF "CHE" GUEVARA'S DEATH IN OCTOBER), ONE OF THE NUMEROUS TERRORIST ORGANIZATIONS IN BRAZIL WHICH, ALTHOUGH INDEPENDENT, HAVE INFORMAL LINKS,

IN LATE JULY AND EARLY AUGUST BRAZILIAN POLICE BROKE UP A RIO DE JANEIRO BASED SUBVERSIVE GROUP, KNOWN AS THE MR-8, WHICH HAD STAGED NUMEROUS BANK ROBBERIES AND CAR THEFTS IN RIO DE JANEIRO TO FINANCE A RURAL GUERRILLA WARFARE OPERATION IT PLANNED TO BEGIN IN THE STATE OF PARANA. THE GROUP REPORTEDLY HAD CONNECTIONS WITH SIMILAR GROUPS IN PARAGUAY AND ARGENTINA. ALTHOUGH ONE OF ITS MEMBERS HAD GIVEN MONEY TO THE REVOLUTIONARY BRAZILIAN COMMUNIST PARTY (A DISSIDENT COMMUNIST GROUP DEDICATED TO REVOLUTION) THE GROUP APPEARED TO BE INDEPENDENT.

FOUNDED IN NITEROI, CAPITAL OF RIO DE JANEIRO STATE (ACROSS THE BAY FROM RIO DE JANEIRO) IN MID-1968 BY NITEROI STUDENTS, THE GROUP EVENTUALLY WAS COMPOSED OF SOME 30 MEMBERS, AT LEAST 14 OF WHOM WERE STUDENTS.

THE GROUP HOPED TO ESTABLISH A SOCIALIST REGIME BY FORCE, BEGINNING WITH GUERRILLA WARFARE IN RURAL AREAS, SELECTING THE SOUTHWEST CORNER OF PARANA STATE NEAR THE PARAGUAYAN AND ARGENTINE BORDERS. TO GET FUNDS FOR GUERRILLA WARFARE

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THE GROUP BEGAN A SERIES OF BANK ROBBERIES IN THE RIO DE JANEIRO AREA. THE BANK ROBBERIES WERE SUSPENDED AFTER THE GROUP RECRUITED JORGE MEDEIROS VALE, ASSISTANT MANAGER OF A BRANCH OF THE BANK OF BRAZIL WHO, ACCORDING TO HIS OWN ACCOUNT, SUCCEEDED IN EMBEZZLING THE EQUIVALENT OF MORE THAN TWO MILLION U.S. DOLLARS FROM THE BANK.

FUNDS RECEIVED FROM VALE AND FROM THE ROBBERIES WERE USED TO ESTABLISH A SYSTEM OF SAFE HOUSES FOR ITS MEMBERS IN SEVERAL STATES, 18 HOUSES OR APARTMENTS IN GUANABARA STATE ALONE.

POLICE STUMBLED ON THE GROUP AFTER POLICE FOUND ARMS IN THE CAR OF AN MR-8 MEMBER INVOLVED IN A TRAFFIC ACCIDENT.

VALE, WHO ADMITTED DONATING \$100,000 TO THE MR-8 AND \$150,000 TO THE PCBR, SAID THAT HE HAD UNSUCCESSFULLY ATTEMPTED TO CONTACT REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ALGERIAN NATIONAL LIBERATION FRONT AND EXILED BRAZILIAN POLITICIANS IN PARIS. HE SAID THAT HE HAD INTENDED EVENTUALLY TO JOIN THE TERRORIST GROUP LED BY DISSIDENT COMMUNIST CARLOS MARIGHELLA.

DURING THE QUESTIONING OF ARRESTED MR-8 MEMBERS, ALLEGATIONS WERE MADE THAT MEMBERS OF THE GROUP HAD CONTACTS WITH THE FORMER SYRIAN AMBASSADOR TO BRAZIL, JAMIL CHAYA, FROM WHOM THEY SAID THEY OBTAINED INFORMATION ON THE ACTIVITIES AND METHODS OF THE AL FATAH, ARAB TERRORIST GROUP, AS WELL AS

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A PROMISE OF ASSISTANCE IN OBTAINING ARMS. THE SYRIAN EMBASSY DENIED THIS, SAYING THAT THE CONTACTS WERE NORMAL AND NOT CONNECTED WITH SUBVERSION.

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