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LEGAT, BUENOS AIRES (199-10) (RUC)

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MARTA ALICIA PANERO, aka
Tana Zurbriggen
PCI-ARGENTINA-TERRORISM

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Title marked "Changed" to reflect subject's complete name including matronymic and nickname TANA.

Re Buenos Aires letter, 9/8/78.

Enclosed for the Bureau for forwarding to office of origin is xerox copy each of the following: Memorandum for file, dated 3/16/78, from Consul MICHAEL M. SHERMAN, classified Confidential. Letter from SHERMAN to TEX HARRIS, Chief Human Rights, 11/27/77. Memorandum for the record, dated 5/3/78, from SHERMAN classified Confidential and State Department Cable, Unclassified, dated 10/6/78, from SECSTATE, Washington, D.C. to American Embassy, Buenos Aires. Xerox copy of subject's booking record, including her photograph and xerox copy of visitor's card including photographs and names of the subject's parents, her two brothers and one sister. The arrest card shows the observations that the subject left Argentina using the option furnished by law 21.650 allowing non-Argentine citizens accused of anti-Government activities to leave the country.

On 10/16/78, ARTURO POIRE, Argentine Federal Police, (Protect, described as a confidential source abroad) advised that he had learned from the Intelligence Service at the prison where MARTA was held prior to her voluntary departure for the U.S. that she behaved very badly and was considered "dangerous". This was not further explained. ~~(S)~~ (U)

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~~(U)~~ ~~(S)~~ [The police in Cordoba orally advised that she was an activist in the Montoneros, a Marxist movement engaged in terrorist bombings in Argentina. The police in Cordoba also advised ARTURO that she took part in an attempted bombing "but they could not elaborate. Files of the Cordoba police (who requested confidentiality) by their file #24582,] show that MARTA ALICIA PANERO, daughter of CELESTINO ATILIO (Psychiatrist) and ALICIA ZULEMA ZURBRIGGEN (housewife), was born in Pennsylvania on May 12, 1957. She is single and a first year student in the faculty of Philosophy and Humanities. She resided at Calle Gregorio Velez, 645 Barrio Cerro de las Rosas in Cordoba. On 9/3/76, she was arrested by personnel of the Information Department of the Police of Cordoba when she was looking for her sister MARIA SUSANA, who had been taken from her residence on 8/26/76, by personnel of the Argentine Army and Air Force. In MARTA's purse at the time of her arrest was propaganda material pertaining to the anti-Government organization known as University Peronist Junta which is regarded as an anti-Government radical organization. In this organization her name was TANA..

Argentine Federal Police advised that they would furnish ~~the~~ additional information which comes to their attention regarding the subject. ~~(S)~~ (U)

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (199-211)
FROM: LEGAT, BUENOS AIRES (199-10)

MARTA ALICIA PANERO
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Re BU R/S 8/17/78 captioned as above.

Embassy records indicate subject and her sister, MARIA SUSANA PANERO, born 10/24/55, Reading, Pennsylvania, were both arrested on charges of subversive activities. Subject is a dual national, who opted for Argentine nationality at the age of 18. However, under U. S. law any U. S. citizen under 21 with dual nationality retains U. S. citizenship until age 21 regardless of whether he or she opted for another nationality. Therefore, the PANERO sisters still maintain U. S. citizenship despite the fact that they never returned to the U. S. following their birth when their father was a practicing medical doctor in Philadelphia, until 1978 when subject was expelled from Argentina to live in the U. S. (U)

Subject and her sister were both arrested in Argentina on 9/2/76 and 8/26/76 respectively, on subversive charges under the National Executive Power Decree. As U. S. citizens both filed written requests for option to leave Argentina and chose to return to the U. S. to establish their residence. On 10/11/77, the American Embassy at Buenos Aires furnished a written note to the Argentine Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Worship indicating that as U. S. citizens the subject and her sister have the right to return to the U. S. and could do so with no objection from the American Embassy. (U)

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According to American Embassy, Buenos Aires, records subject was released from ~~Willa Devoto~~ Penitentiary on 2/2/78 on the basis of "right of option to leave the country" granted by the Argentine government in 1977. Subject was one of eight granted permission to leave Argentina among approximately 700 persons released from Argentine Federal prisons. Subject departed Buenos Aires for Miami on 2/2/78 accompanied by her father. Subject's sister still remains imprisoned at the same penitentiary. (U)

It should be noted that in a recent confidential telegram from the U. S. Department of State headquarters, PATRICIA DERIAN of Human Rights fame wanted to use the MARIA SUSANA PANERO case in discussion before the House Subcommittee on Inter-American Affairs. ~~(C)~~ (U)

It is not known why subject's sister wasn't selected with subject for expulsion from Argentina. (U)

The exact charges under which both were arrested were never formalized in Argentine Government records. (U)

Records of CIA at Buenos Aires contain no derogatory information regarding subject. ~~(C)~~ (U)

Legat will pursue this matter with Argentine intelligence contacts. ~~(C)~~ (U)

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Te adjunto todo el material que pude conseguir de Marta Alicia Paveso Zurbriggen - alias "TANA"

- En la carcel, el servicio de Inteligencia me informo que fue una reclusa de muy mal comportamiento y de mucha peligrosidad.

- La Policía de Córdoba informo verbalmente que actuó en atentados con bombas y en varias acciones de guerrilla - que fue una activa integrante de Montoneros - grupo que como tu sabes es marxista.

Ahora te explicaré lo del material que te surtió:

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