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SUBJECT: CONCLUSION OF RUSSELL TRIBUNAL II ON LATIN AMERICA

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1. BEGIN SUMMARY. RUSSELL TRIBUNAL II ENDED ITS EIGHT-DAY ROME SESSION APRIL 6 BY CONDEMNING THE GOVERNMENTS OF BRAZIL, CHILE, URUGUAY AND BOLIVIA FOR OPPRESSION AND USE OF TORTURE. THE TRIBUNAL ALSO OUTLINED A SIX-POINT PROGRAM FOR FURTHER LATIN AMERICAN ACTIVITIES. ITALIAN PRESS COVERAGE CENTERED ON INDIVIDUAL ACCOUNTS OF ATROCITIES NOT POLEMICS. END SUMMARY.

2. IN ITS FINAL SESSION APRIL 6, THE RUSSELL TRIBUNAL II FORMALLY CONDEMNED THE GOVERNMENTS OF BRAZIL, CHILE, URUGUAY AND BOLIVIA OF "SYSTEMATIC VIOLATION OF THE RIGHTS AND FUNDAMENTAL LIBERTIES OF MAN." ALTHOUGH WITNESSES HAD APPEARED ALSO AGAINST THE
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GOVERNMENTS OF GUATEMALA, SANTO DOMINGO, HAITI AND PARAGUAY,

THESE GOVERNMENTS WERE NOT INCLUDED IN THE LONG "SENTENCE" READ BY TRIBUNAL PRESIDENT ITALIAN SEN. LELIO BASSO. ONLY DIRECT REFERENCE TO THE U.S. WAS AS "INSPIRATION" OF BRAZILIAN GOVERNMENT'S INTERNAL POLICIES, WHICH THE TRIBUNAL TERMED USING TORTURE "AS A METHOD OF GOVERNING."

3. IN ADDITION, RUSSELL TRIBUNAL II OUTLINED FOLLOWING SIX-POINT PROGRAM FOR FURTHER LATIN AMERICAN ACTIVITIES. 1.) TO KEEP INTEREST AGAINST OPPRESSION ALIVE BY DEMONSTRATIONS, ARTICLES AND MEETINGS, 2.) RAISE FUNDS. 3.) SEEK END TO ECONOMIC AND MILITARY AID TO COUNTRIES CONDEMNED BY TRIBUNAL. 4.) LAUNCH INTENSIVE CAMPAIGN TO LIBERATE POLITICAL PRISONERS IN BRAZIL, CHILE, URUGUAY, BOLIVIA. 5.) LOBBY FOR SAFE-CONDUCT ABROAD FOR CHILEANS STILL REMAINING IN FOREIGN EMBASSIES IN SANTIAGO. 6.) BOYCOTT FLOW OF ARMS TO "REPRESSIVE" GOVERNMENTS.

4. MOST MAJOR DAILIES AND ITALIAN NATIONAL TELEVISION (RAI) REPORTED TRIBUNAL'S PROCEEDINGS, GIVING GREATEST COVERAGE TO INDIVIDUAL ACCOUNTS OF ATROCITIES IN CHILE. IN PARTICULAR, THE DEATH OF CHILEAN GUITARIST VICTOR JARA AS RECOUNTED BY WIFE JOANNA JARA WAS REPORTED WIDELY IN DETAIL AS WELL AS TELEVISED. MAJOR NON-COMMUNIST PAPERS DID NOT CARRY PROMINENT ARTICLES ON THE FINAL "SENTENCE" PASSED BY THE TRIBUNAL.VOLPE

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