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SUBJECT: KIDNAPPING OF ARGENTINE IN BRAZIL

SUMMARY: CRISTINA GLORIA FIORI DE VINA WAS KIDNAPPED ON NOVEMBER 17 BY TWO RIO GRANDE DO SUL (RS) POLICEMEN ACCOMPANIED BY AN ARGENTINE POLICE OFFICER AND TAKEN ACROSS THE BORDER.

1. THE TWO IMPLICATED BRAZILIAN POLICEMEN HAVE BEEN INDICTED FOR QUOTE ABUSE OF AUTHORITY UNQUOTE.
2. THE CASE HAS BEEN AMPLY REPORTED IN THE LOCAL PRESS AND ELECTRONIC MEDIA. THE CASE WAS UNCOVERED WHEN THE FEDERAL POLICE RECEIVED A REQUEST FOR THE EXTRADITION OF CRISTINA ON NOVEMBER 23 AND, UPON INVESTIGATION, DISCOVERED AND REPORTED THAT SHE HAD DEPARTED UNDER CIRCUMSTANCES SUGGESTING THAT SHE HAD QUOTE POSSIBLY BEEN TAKEN CLANDESTINELY TO ARGENTINA UNQUOTE. CRISTINA'S COMPANION, A SPANISH CITIZEN, WAS ALLOWED TO LEAVE BRAZIL FOR SPAIN ON DECEMBER 1.
3. THE GOVERNOR OF RS (RIO GRANDE DO SUL) HAS ASKED FOR A FULL INVESTIGATION.
4. CRISTINA GLORIA FIORI DE VINA, AN ARGENTINE CITIZEN, REPORTEDLY MARRIED TO AN ARGENTINE POLICE OFFICER WAS ARRESTED ON NOVEMBER 17 BY TWO BRAZILIAN RIO GRANDE DO SUL STATE CIVIL POLICE OFFICERS AND AN ARGENTINE POLICE OFFICER AT THE HOTEL WHERE SHE HAD BEEN STAYING SINCE OCTOBER IN THE BORDER TOWN OF URUGUAIANA (637 KILOMETERS WEST OF PORTO ALEGRE, ACROSS FROM PASSO DE LOS LIBRES, ARGENTINA). THE ARREST/KIDNAPPING WAS WITNESSED BY THE OWNER OF THE HOTEL AND HIS DAUGHTER AS WELL AS BY A VETERINARIAN WHO CLAIMED TO HAVE OBSERVED THAT THE ARGENTINE POLICE OFFICER WAS IN UNIFORM.
5. ACCORDING TO THE COMMUNIQUE ISSUED BY COMMISSIONER OF THE BRAZILIAN FEDERAL POLICE IN URUGUAIANA, THE ARREST/KIDNAPPING CAME TO LIGHT WHEN THE FEDERAL POLICE OFFICE IN URUGUAIANA RECEIVED A TELEGRAM FROM INTERPOL ON NOVEMBER 23 REQUESTING THAT CRISTINA GLORIA FIORI DE VINA, BORN IN BUENOS AIRES, AGE 33, AND MARGARITA MENGOL VINAS DE MORROZ, BORN IN PALMA DE MALLORCA, SPAIN, AGE 27, BE LOCATED FOR

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EXTRADITION. THE REQUEST FOR EXTRADITION WAS BASED ON A BUENOS AIRES COURT ORDER TO ARREST THE TWO SUBJECTS FOR REPEATED THEFT, UNLAWFUL ASSOCIATION, USE OF WEAPONS AND SERIOUS INJURIES. UPON INVESTIGATION, THE FEDERAL POLICE COMMISSIONER REPORTED, IT WAS FOUND THAT CRISTINA HAD BEEN ILLEGALLY ARRESTED ON NOVEMBER 17 UNDER CIRCUMSTANCES SUGGESTING THAT SHE MIGHT HAVE BEEN CLANDESTINELY TAKEN TO ARGENTINA. THE FEDERAL POLICE CLOSED ITS COMMUNIQUE STATING THAT, SINCE IT IS NOT ITS FUNCTION TO INVESTIGATE THE ACTIVITIES OF THE RS CIVIL POLICE, IT HAS SENT COPIES OF ITS REPORT TO THE PUBLIC PROSECUTOR FOR APPROPRIATE ACTION.

6. MARGARITA MENGAL VINAS DE MOROZ, THE COMPANION OF CRISTINA, WAS ARRESTED (ACCORDING TO ANOTHER VERSION, SHE PLACED HERSELF UNDER THE PROTECTION OF) BY THE FEDERAL POLICE REGIONAL HEADQUARTER IN PORTO ALEGRE ON NOVEMBER 30. AFTER BEING DOCUMENTED BY THE SPANISH CONSULATE IN PORTO ALEGRE, SHE WAS GIVEN THREE DAYS TO LEAVE BRAZIL AND DEPARTED ON DECEMBER 1 FOR MADRID. MARGARITA IS MARRIED TO AN ARGENTINE POLICE OFFICER AND HAS TWO SMALL CHILDREN WHO CURRENTLY RESIDE WITH THEIR PATERNAL GRANDPARENTS. MARGARITA STATED THAT SHE WAS NOT INVOLVED IN CRISTINA'S AFFAIRS AND THAT SHE INTENDED TO REMAIN IN SPAIN, WHERE SHE INTENDS TO RAISE HER CHILDREN.

7. ACCORDING TO PRESS REPORTS, THE TWO RS POLICE OFFICERS IMPLICATED IN THE AFFAIR ADMITTED THAT THEY HAD OPERATED JOINTLY WITH AN UNIDENTIFIED ARGENTINE POLICE OFFICER, BUT CLAIMED THAT CRISTINA HAD BEEN FREED AFTER SHE HHTDC

TAKEN TO T E NOTICE FOR VERIFICATION AND THAT THEY WERE UNAWARE OF HER CURRENT WHEREABOUTS. AN ANOMOLOUS FACT REPORTED BY THE PRESS IS THAT THE ACTION OF THE RS OFFICERS WAS NOT REGISTERED IN THE PRECINCT LOG BOOK AND THAT THE DISTRICT POLICE CHIEF CLAIMED NOT TO BE A W YM OF THE OCCURRENCE, ONLY LEARNING ABOUT THE EVENT THROUGH THE PRESS.

8. FOLLOWING THE COMMUNIQUE OF THE FEDERAL POLICE COMMISSIONER, THE SUPERINTENDENT OF THE RS CIVIL POLICE ANNOUNCED THAT THE TWO IMPLICATED OFFICERS HAD BEEN SUSPENDED AND INDICTED UNDER ARTICLE 350 OF THE POLICE CODE WHICH DEALS WITH ABUSE OF AUTHORITY.

9. GOVERNOR OF RS AMARAL DE SOUZA MET WITH STATE SECRETARY OF SECURITY JOB AND REQUESTED THAT THE REPORT OF INVESTIGATION BE SENT IMMEDIATELY TO THE APPROPRIATE COURT.

17. COMMENTS: ACCORDING TO SAME REPORTS THE HUSBAND OF MARGARITA IS ALSO AN ARGENTINE POLICE OFFICER. IF TRUE, THIS COULD INVALIDATE HER STATEMENT TO THE PRESTLOMAT SHE HAS NO INVOLVEMENT IN CRISTINA'S AFFAIRS.

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