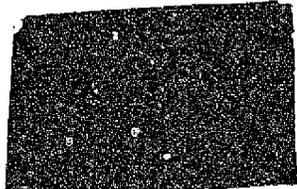
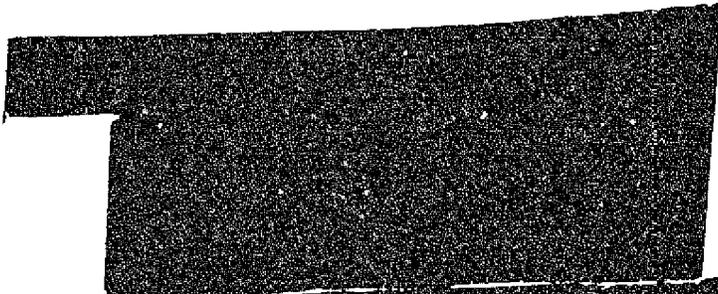


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## BRAZIL FEARS REPERCUSSIONS FROM TERRORISTS' RELEASE

Government and military officials fear that terrorists' successes in obtaining the freedom of comrades by kidnaping foreign diplomats may stimulate similar operations. The abduction last week of the Japanese consul general in Sao Paulo and his exchange for five Brazilian prisoners came only six months after 15 prisoners were released to secure the safe return of US Ambassador Elbrick.

The consul general was kidnaped in Sao Paulo on 11 March by youthful, armed members of the Popular Revolutionary Vanguard (VPR) terrorist organization and was released on 15 March after the government flew five prisoners designated by the abductors to exile in Mexico. Three of the prisoners admitted to reporters in Mexico that they had worked with terrorist groups in Sao Paulo; all had received training in Cuba. Of the two who claimed they were activists with the VPR, one reportedly was involved in three major terrorist operations in Sao Paulo during 1968: the bombing of the US Consulate, the bombing of the Second Army headquarters; and the assassination of US Army Captain Charles Chandler. He was also implicated in several bank robberies, as was the other VPR prisoner, a second generation Japanese-Brazilian. A third terrorist was formerly a bodyguard of Carlos Marighella, the National Liberating Action chief killed by police

last November. He also fabricated machine guns for Marighella's group.

