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WESTERN HEMISPHERE BRIEF 046-74.4

ITEMS MARKED & HAVE BEEN COORDINATED WITH THE DEPARTMENTS OF STATE AND DEFENSE.4

81. //MEXICO: US VICE CONSUL JOHN PATTERSON WAS REPORTEDLY KIDNAPED IN HERMOSOLLO ON MARCH 22 AND IS BEING HELD FOR \$500,000 RANSOM BY THE PEOPLE'S LIBERATION ARMY OF MEXICO, ACCORDING TO A NOTE IN PATTERSON'S OWN HANDWRITING.//4

//UNLIKE DEMANDS MADE IN PREVIOUS KIDNAPINGS CARRIED OUT FOR POLITICAL PURPOSES BY MEXICAN DISSIDENT GROUPS, THE NOTE CALLED FOR NO PUBLICITY AND DID NOT DEMAND THE RELEASE OF PRISONERS HELD BY THE MEXICAN GOVERNMENT.//4

//MOREOVER, A TIGHT SCHEDULE FOR PAYMENT OF THE RANSOM--HALF TO BE TURNED OVER TO PATTERSON'S WIFE IN NOGALES ON SUNDAY MORNING AND THE OTHER HALF, AGAIN BY HIS WIFE, IN MEXICO CITY SUNDAY NIGHT-- SUGGESTS THAT THE PERPETRATORS' MAIN INTEREST MAY BE IN OBTAINING THE MONEY. [REDACTED]

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//HERMOSILLO IS IN THE STATE OF SONORA, WHERE MEXICAN  
AUTHORITIES RECENTLY ARRESTED FOUR MEMBERS OF THE 23RD OF SEPTEMBER  
COMMUNIST LEAGUE. ALTHOUGH THERE IS NO EVIDENCE TO LINK YESTERDAY'S  
KIDNAPING TO THE COMMUNIST LEAGUE, [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] THE GROUP HAD INTENDED TO KIDNAP A US CITIZEN  
RESIDING IN MEXICO. ONE OF THE FOUR HAD PARTICIPATED IN THE KID-  
NAPING OF US CONSUL GENERAL TERRANCE LEONHARDY IN GUADALAJARA IN  
MAY 1973. ~~SECRET~~ [REDACTED] //4