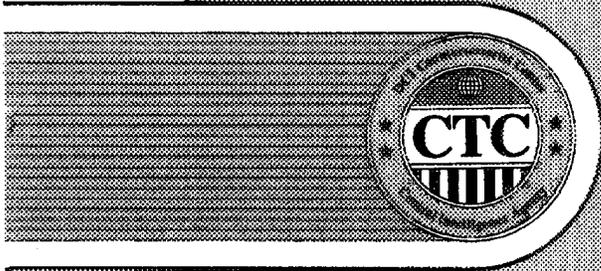


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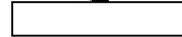
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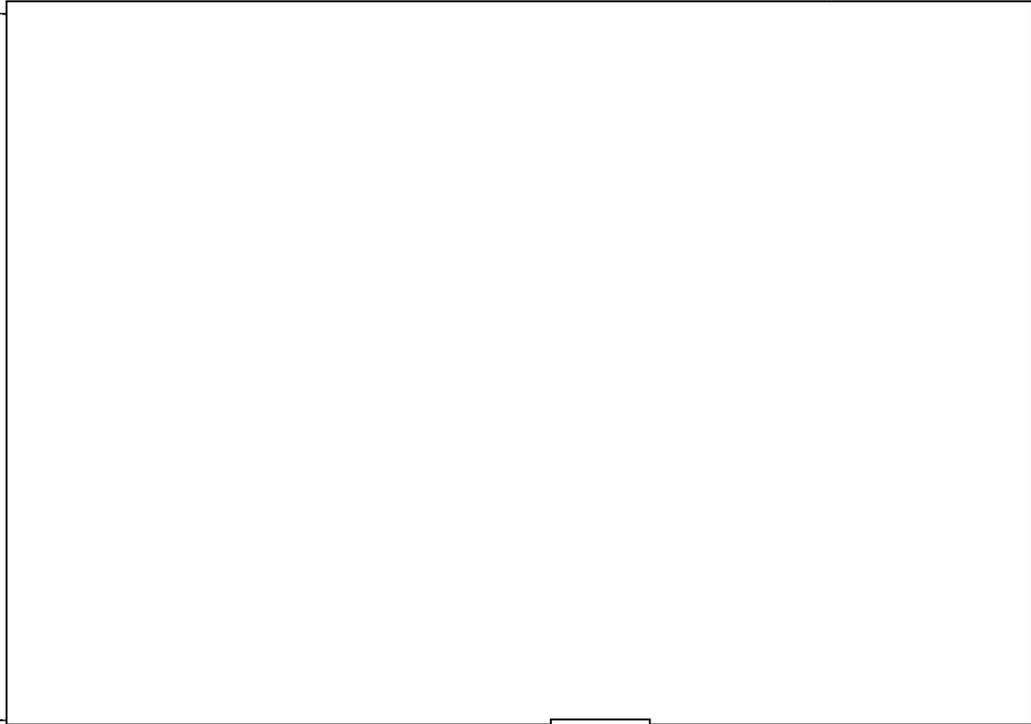


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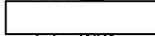
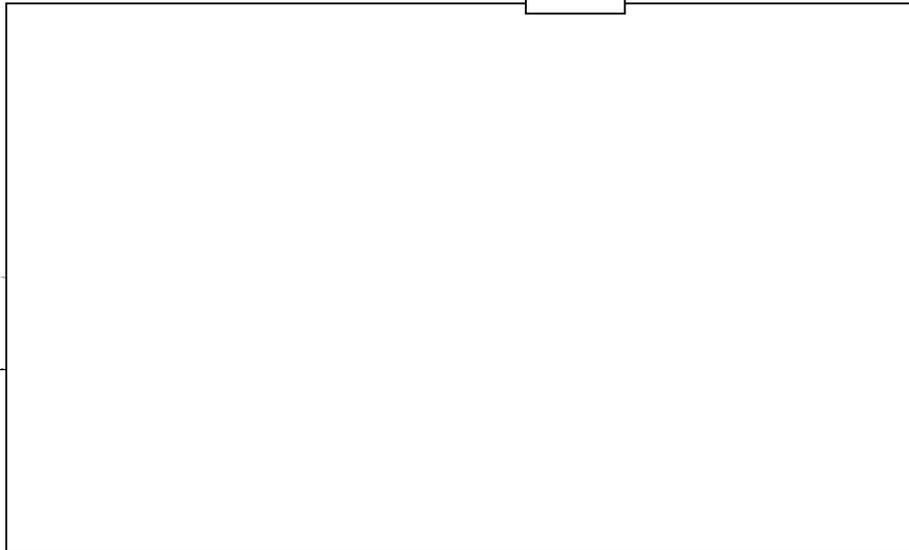
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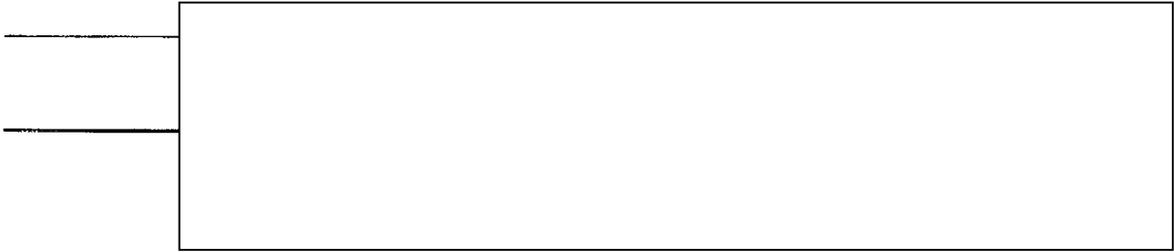
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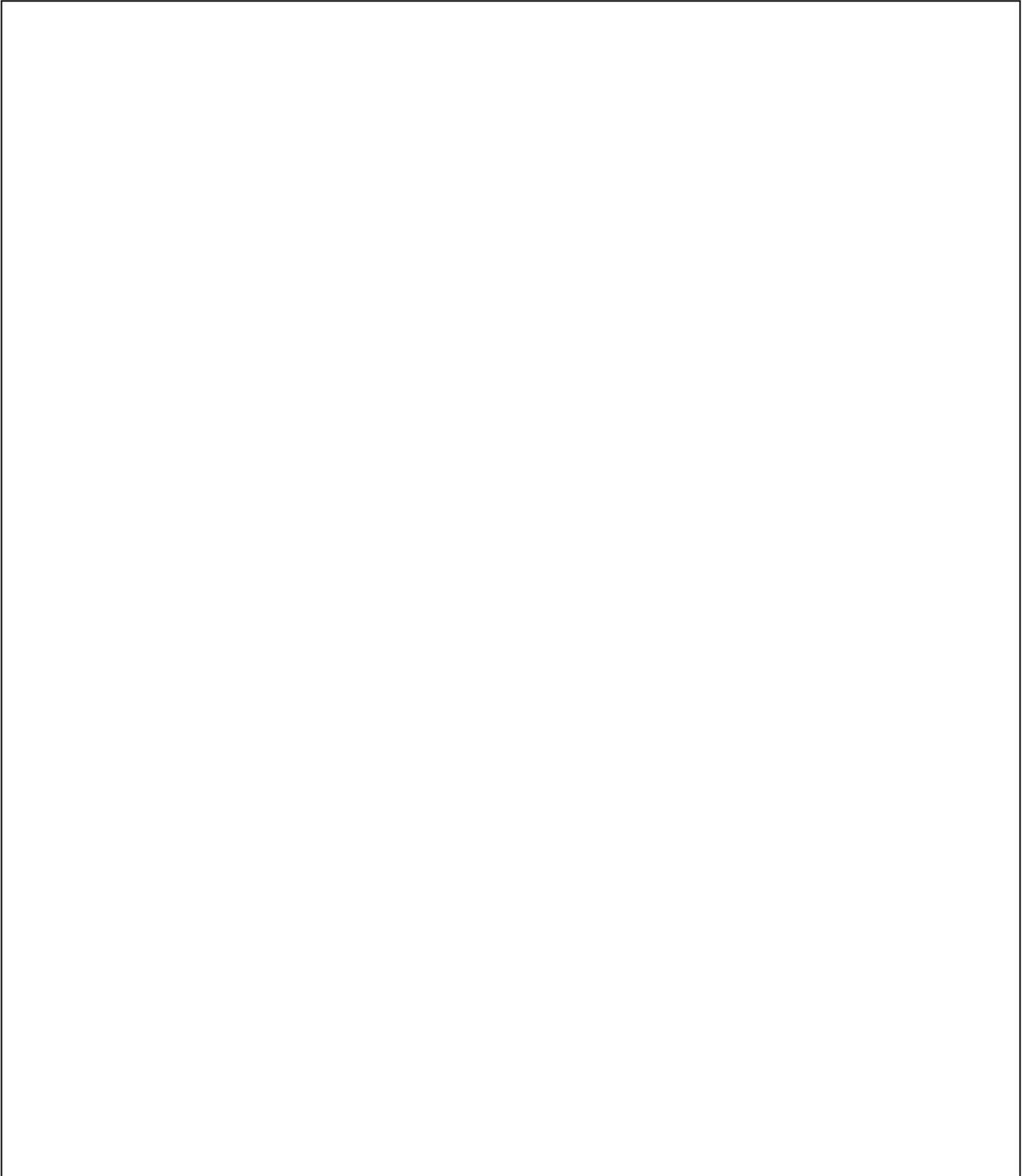


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**FARC Kills Two US Missionaries** [ ]

The Marxist Revolutionary Armed Forces of Colombia (FARC) killed two American missionaries, Steve Welsh and Timothy Van Dyke, after a firefight with the Colombian military on 19 June. Both men were kidnapped by FARC guerrillas in January 1994. The guerrillas apparently assassinated the two hostages in an attempt to facilitate their escape from a military patrol. [ ] The Minister of Defense said the patrol engaged the terrorists during "normal" antiguerrilla operations. [ ]

The Colombian military and national antiskidnapping unit dropped a joint plan to rescue the two hostages in early June, [ ] because the [ ] operation would place the hostages in greater jeopardy. The Colombian military has been criticized in the past for its heavyhanded rescue methods that often have led to serious injuries or death to kidnap victims. In October 1992, FARC killed a British businessman during a botched rescue attempt by the military. [ ]

Undefended foreign and religious workers in rural sections of Colombia remain in danger of being kidnapped by FARC, which frequently kidnaps US citizens. Foreigners at greatest risk include missionaries, petroleum engineers, or employees of evangelical organizations, who work in rural areas near guerrilla-occupied territories. FARC currently is holding four US missionaries and a public relations employee. The group usually releases hostages unharmed after its demands for substantial ransom payments are met. [ ]

