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## WESTERN HEMISPHERE

### Brazil: *Negotiations for Diplomat's Release*

Negotiations continue for the release of Swiss Ambassador Bucher, kidnaped a month ago by terrorists.

Late last week, the Popular Revolutionary Vanguard terrorists sent the government a new list of 70 names, including 24 new ones for those prisoners on the first list the authorities had refused to release for various reasons. On Monday the justice minister said that nine of the 24 replacements were unacceptable because they had been sentenced to long prison terms, or had participated in previous kidnappings; he said that one already was free. The government communique asked the abductors to submit substitute names for these prisoners; the terrorists complied on Tuesday. On Wednesday, the government accepted five of the nine substitutes, leaving only four names to be resolved.

The terrorists have backed down at every crucial point since they kidnaped the bachelor diplomat on 7 December. They dropped their original demands for publication of communiques in the press and for free railroad transportation, and have yielded when the administration refused to release prisoners they originally wanted freed.



Ambassador Bucher Prior to Abduction