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Developments in Kidnap Cases in Guatemala

The first specific demand from the Central American Workers Revolutionary Party (PRTC), the self-proclaimed kidnapers of U.S. citizen Richard W. Newman, was received by his employer, the Central America and Panama Nutrition Institute (INCAP) on 10 July. It was for publication of the political manifesto which accompanied it, with a deadline date of 17 July. The manifesto consists of some 13 and one-half legal-size pages, double-spaced. The statements are standard rhetoric for such incidents. The PRTC asks for publication in eight Guatemalan newspapers (one of which went out of business months ago), nine other Central American newspapers, and some 14 Guatemalan radio and television newscasts, twice daily in the case of the radio broadcasts. The demand also includes publication in The New York Times and Newsweek in the U.S. [REDACTED]

The accompanying letter addressed both to the INCAP and to the families of Newman and Carlos Tejada, his Guatemalan co-worker who was kidnaped at the same time, warns again against bringing in the police, threatening that this would force the kidnapers to take "appropriate measures" that would have a bearing on the captives "life or death and length of their imprisonment". The letter repeats two earlier demands--a "war tax" and "a political demand" but without further clarification. [REDACTED]

According to an INCAP representative there has been frequent contact by the kidnapers with the families, largely through the Tejada family, and efforts to reassure them that the captives are being well treated. The captors have urged the families to select a "trusted priest". This would presumably be for some eventual role as intermediary. [REDACTED]

In communications from the kidnapers since the letter accompanying the manifesto there has been no reference to the 17 July deadline for publication of the manifesto. [REDACTED]

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