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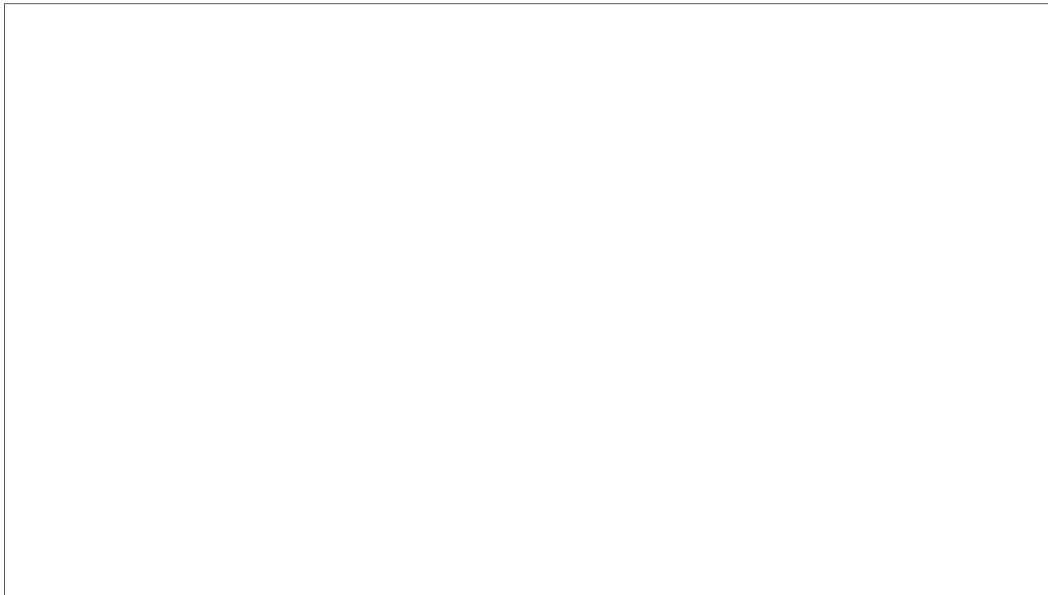
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Argentine Terrorists Take Hostage to Force Release of Chilean Ally

In late April the Argentine People's Revolutionary Army (ERP) kidnapped an Argentine air force commodore, believed to be Robert Moises Echegoyen, and has subsequently demanded the release from prison of one Enriquez--probably Edgardo Enriquez, a leader of the Chilean Movement of the Revolutionary Left (MIR) and member of the Revolutionary Coordinating Junta (JCR). Enriquez reportedly was arrested by Argentine authorities when they raided a JCR meeting on 29 March.

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[Redacted] The Argentine air force has told the ERP that unless Echegoyen is returned unharmed, action will be taken against five members of the ERP now in custody.

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[Redacted] Enriquez is dead; however, the Argentine government has not yet acknowledged the fact that it captured Enriquez nor has it reported his death.

The incident marks the first time that an Argentine terrorist group has conducted a kidnap operation to free a terrorist from another country. Kidnapping to force the release of prisoners is rare but not unknown in Argentine terrorism. The Montoneros kidnapped and later murdered Honorary U.S. Consul John P. Egan in Cordoba in February 1975 to secure the release of prisoners, and the Armed Forces of Liberation (FAL) kidnapped the Chief Justice of the Provincial Supreme Court of Buenos Aires to secure the release of Sergio Schneider, an imprisoned FAL leader.

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[Redacted] the Argentine air force is maintaining maximum security over the whole affair in order to maximize the chance for the safe return of Echegoyen.

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I. Terrorist Threats and Plans:

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Target: Business Executives

Place: Argentina

Date: Unknown

* In late April it was reported that the Montoneros planned to renew operations to kidnap executives of large and wealthy firms in order to obtain funds. On 8 May the U.S. embassy reported that Dow Chemical and Chrysler Corporation, as well as nine other U.S. companies, have received identical threatening form letters from the Montoneros. The embassy and local police take the threats seriously and have so advised the company representatives.

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* Indicates a revision of a threat reported in previous issues.

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