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~~SECRET~~~~NOFORN/NOCONTRACT/ORCON~~Ex-President of Bolivia Kidnapped and Murdered in Argentina

On the morning of 2 June, the body of Juan Jose Torres, the ex-President of Bolivia, was found in San Andres De Giles, a town about 120 kilometers from Buenos Aires. Torres had been shot twice in the neck and once in the head. His wife stated that the last time she saw Torres alive was on the morning of 1 June, when he left home to make a few calls. Apparently he made the first call and then disappeared. As far as is known, there were no witnesses to the disappearance. No leftist or rightist terrorist organization in Argentina or elsewhere has come forth to claim credit for the murder. Torres, who has been described as a leftist populist, ruled Bolivia during 1970 and 1971 before his government was overthrown by a military coup. Bolivia has refused to accept his body, and arrangements have been made for his burial in Mexico, according to press reports.

Speculation is rife as to who actually was responsible for Torres' death. Some sources feel that he was murdered by a rightwing death squad and that since his death closely follows the murders of two prominent Uruguayan exiles, the Argentine government is engaged in a clandestine campaign to eliminate leftist exile leaders in Argentina. On the other hand, the Argentine government points to the fact that Torres was involved in the death of Cuban guerrilla leader Che Guevara, which indicates that Torres' death could be connected with the 11 May assassination of General Joaquin Zenteno, the Bolivian ambassador to France. The group responsible for Zenteno's death stated that they shot Zenteno primarily because of his involvement in Guevara's death.

It has been reported that General Videla, head of the Argentine Junta, is very concerned over Torres' death and has given orders that the matter must be fully investigated and that those guilty of the crime must be brought to justice. There have also been reports, however, that the Argentine government felt that Torres was directly involved with Bolivian extremists such as the National Liberation Army (ELN) and the Argentine Montoneros, which would definitely make him a possible target for rightwing terrorists, acting with or without the tacit acquiescence of the government.

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Much has been made of the fact that the modus operandi of Torres' murder was the same as that of Argentine right-wing terrorists, but actually the methods differed in some important ways. The rightwing death squads approach their victim quite openly, usually at the victim's home and abduct him from there. Torres was abducted while away from his home, with no witnesses. The death squads have a tendency to mutilate their victims' bodies, usually riddling them with bullets. Again, this was not the case with Torres. It also should be pointed out that Torres' murder does not match the modus operandi of Zenteno's murderers or that of Argentine leftist terrorists.

A third possibility is that Torres was slain by a political or personal enemy to settle some old score. The current Argentine political milieu, charged with violence and counterviolence, is ideal for covering personal or political vendettas. Until a more extensive investigation is made and more facts are known, the identity of Torres' murderers will remain a mystery. ~~(SECRET)~~

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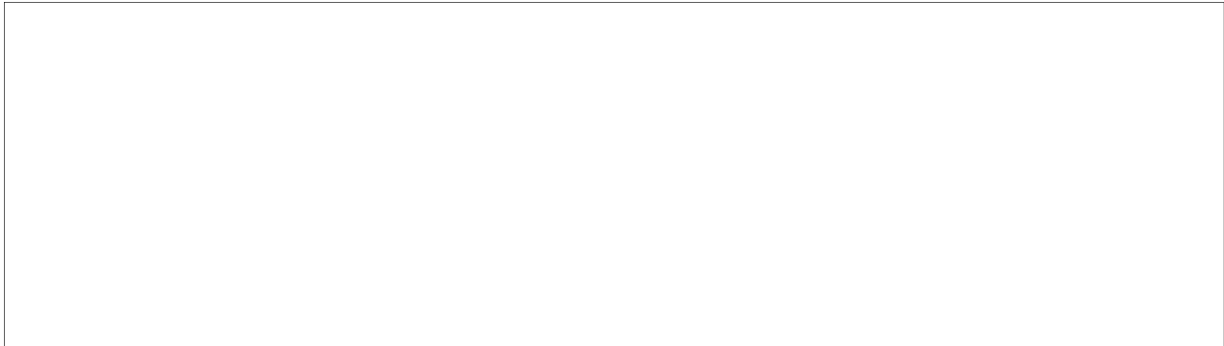
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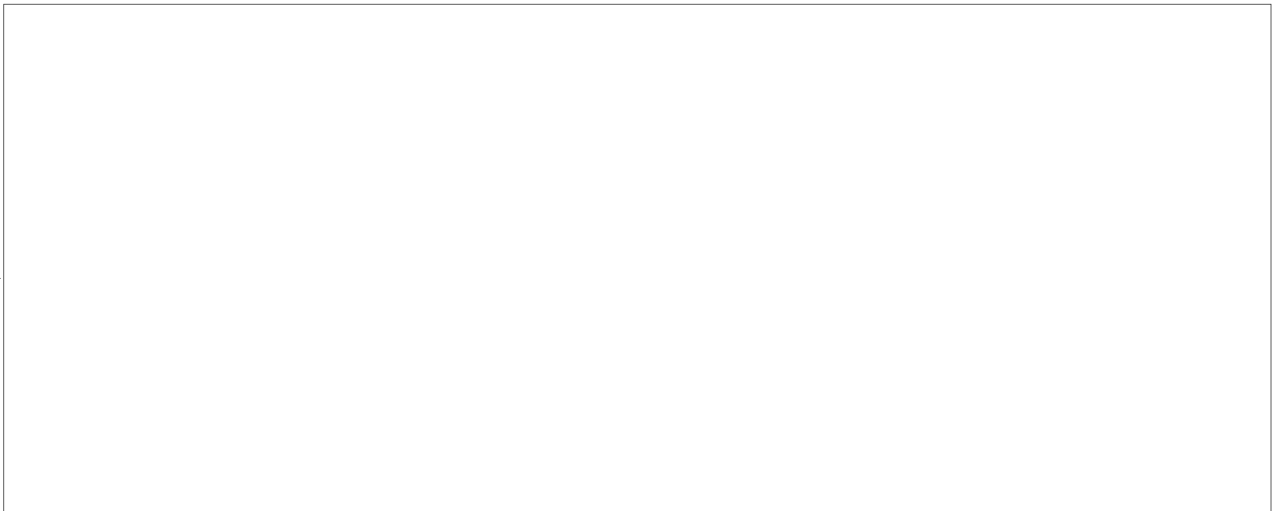
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Date: 1-2 June 1976

Place: Argentina,
Buenos Aires

Ex-President of Bolivia
Assassinated

General Juan Jose Torres,
former President of Bolivia,
was found dead on 2 June
after having been reported
missing the previous day.
He was found blindfolded
and shot three times in the
head. Torres had been living
in Argentina as a political
exile. (See Articles.)
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Political Refugees Abducted Then Freed in Argentina

On 11 June 25 refugee exiles, 23 from Chile and one each from Uruguay and Paraguay, were abducted from their hotels in Buenos Aires by 40 heavily armed men in a commando-style raid. All 25 were released at various points around the city one day after their abduction. The raiders, who showed no credentials, roughed up some of the refugees, smashed belongings and furniture, stole money and documents, and used the same type of cars that the right-wing terrorists used in other operations. The abducted exiles were given 48 hours to leave the country and threatened with death if they talked about their abduction to the local press. The Argentine government has stated that the mass abduction was not the work of the armed forces, and it promised to investigate the case.

According to the New York Times of 15 June, the deadline set by the terrorists for the exiles' departure passed without incident, but the refugees intended to leave Argentina as soon as possible. The United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees is seeking countries that will grant asylum to these and other political exiles now in Argentina, as the UN fears for their future safety. Files containing the names and addresses of several thousand exiles living in Argentina under UN protection were stolen in Buenos Aires on 3 June by several unidentified armed men. (UNCLASSIFIED)

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Date: 11 June 1976

Place: Argentina,
Buenos Aires

Exiles Kidnapped in Buenos
Aires

Twenty-three Chileans, one
Uruguayan and one Paraguayan,
all political exiles, were
kidnapped from two hotels
in Buenos Aires by a band of
terrorists. They were re-
leased on 12 June. (See
Notes.) (UNCLASSIFIED)

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** Indicates a new threat reported for the first time.

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I. Western Hemisphere, Including the United States

Target: Swedish
Ambassador

Place: Argentina,
Buenos Aires

Date: Unspecified

** The Swedish ambassador to Argentina received a telephone call on 6 June from an unidentified person who claimed that the AAA, an extreme right-wing terrorist group, was planning to kidnap him. (Comment: The ambassador had recently made official inquiries about two missing Swedish citizens. It is not known if there is any connection between this inquiry and the threatening telephone call. However, terrorism by both the right and left has been rampant in Argentina.) ~~(CONFIDENTIAL)~~

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I. Western Hemisphere, Including the United States

<u>Target:</u>	Swedish Ambassador	The Swedish ambassador to Argentina received a threatening telephone call that the AAA, an extreme right-wing terrorist group, was planning to kidnap him. (See the 15 June issue, page B-I-1.) (CONFIDENTIAL)
<u>Place:</u>	Argentina, Buenos Aires	
<u>Date:</u>	Unspecified	

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Against Terrorism and Subversion

Representatives of the intelligence services of Argentina, Bolivia, Brazil, Chile, Paraguay and Uruguay met in Santiago, Chile from 31 May to 2 June to discuss the exchange of intelligence by their services and to arrange for long-range cooperation in countering terrorist and subversive operations, according to a senior Latin American military official. The system established to implement this cooperation is to be known as "Operation Condor." (According to another Latin American official, the early June meeting was not the first meeting under the Condor arrangement, but one of a series of conferences which have been held over the last several months.)

Condor will establish a central computerized data bank in Santiago, containing biographic cards and files from each of the intelligence registries. The Brazilian service, which attended the meeting as an observer, agreed to join Condor as a fully participating member and also to provide communications equipment for "Condortel," the communications network which is to be established to facilitate the exchange of information.

The Uruguayan service, in a separate agreement in line with Condor objectives, agreed to cooperate with the Argentine and Chilean intelligence services in carrying out covert operations in Paris against the Revolutionary Coordinating Junta (JCR) (see the issue of 22 December 1975) and other terrorists located there. ~~-(SECRET/NOFORN/NOCONTRACT)-~~

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