

Consul sent plea for help before execution

By Abel Dimant

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CORDOBA, Argentina

— American consular official John P. Egan, executed by left-wing guerrillas, pleaded with the American ambassador to save his life only hours before he died, a published text of his note showed yesterday.

Officials said Egan's widow was fighting pressure from Argentine authorities for a quick funeral for her husband. She wants the funeral delayed until Egan's family from the United States can arrive.

Shortly before the Montonero guerrillas executed him Friday night, Egan sent a note to Ambassador Robert C. Hill from the "People's Prison" where he was held, urging him to persuade authorities to comply with his captors' demands. But the note ap-

"I believe you have enough power to request the Argentine government and the army to comply with the request of the Montoneros," Egan wrote.

It was published by the Los Principios newspaper of Cordoba which found it after a telephoned tipoff from the Montoneros.

The Montoneros vowed to execute Egan unless the Argentine government showed by 7 p.m. Friday that four missing guerrillas believed held by security forces were alive and well.

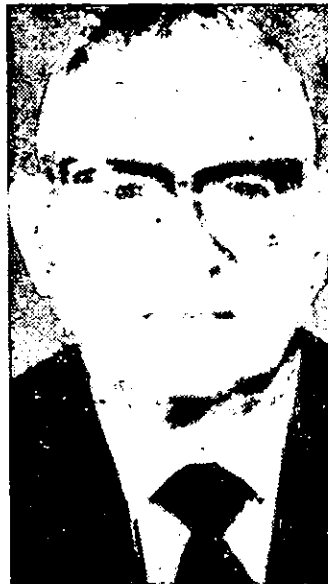
The government did not comply and Egan's body was dumped along a lonely dirt road. He had been shot once between the eyes.

"If the request of the Montoneros is not completed in time, I will suffer," said Egan's note. "If these people are not dead, please use your influence to have them released."

Meanwhile, the US Em-



The body of honorary consul John Patrick Egan is found wrapped in a flag that says "muerte" (death) after he was killed by Argentine guerrillas. (UPI)



bassy, worried that attacks on Americans might follow Egan's slaying, has put stringent new security precautions into effect, embassy sources said yesterday.

"I think the guerrillas will keep killing us until they feel they can get leverage," one diplomat said.

The precautions include strict control over embassy

staffers' social functions. They also rigorously enforce measures taken last April after another American diplomatic representative was kidnaped here and critically wounded.

To The
Ambassador of the
United States of America
Robert F. Hill

Mr Ambassador

As you know I am in the
People's Prison of the Montoneros
in Cordoba.

As my wife is living a life of
uncertainty and would like to live
tranquillo and as you know
perfectly the conditions of my
liberty, the Montoneros who have
disappeared are Mr. SLENFERN-
Silva - Diaz - Medina and Toso,
who were kidnapped in the last few
months by the Police Forces of the
Government and Army.

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to request from the Argentine
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with the request of the Montoneros.

If these people are not dead
Please use your influence to
have them released.
If the request is not complete
I will suffer.

At this time my life is in your
Hands and the Hands of the
Friendly Government ISABEL
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Thank You

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CONSULOR AGENT OF
The United States
IN Cordoba Argentina

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John P. Egan

CONSULOR AGENT OF
THE UNITED STATES
IN CORDOBA ARGENTINA

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SUBJECT: Vignes' Statement re Negotiations with Terrorists
ACTION: SecState WASHDC IMMEDIATE

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REF: Ortiz-Ambassador Hill telcon of March 7, 1975

- On Feb. 28, FonMin Vignes made following statement re negotiating with Egan kidnappers in response to question from newsmen. QUOTE There are positively no negotiations with the kidnappers of Consul Egan. UNQUOTE
- Above statement is entire statement attributed to FonMin Vignes by newsmen present.
- Statement was dictated to Department during Smith-Felder telcon March 1, 1975.

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 Copley Press, which skedded appear today or tomorrow in
 San Diego Union Tribune. Item.

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1. IN VIEW OF THE LAMENTABLE KIDNAPPING AND MURDER BY TERRORISTS OF JOHN P. EGAN, CONSULAR AGENT IN CORDOBA, EMBASSY RECOMMENDS NO REPEAT NO SUCCESSOR BE CONSIDERED AND THAT AGENCY BE CLOSED.

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2. EMBASSY FURTHER RECOMMENDS THAT OFFICIAL CLOSING DATE BE MONDAY MARCH 18, 1975 FOR PROTECTION PURPOSES AND ARRANGEMENT TO RETRIEVE FILES AND EQUIPMENT.

3. REQUEST CONCURRENCE IN FOREGOING AND GUIDANCE AS TO WHETHER FORMAL PRESS ANNOUNCEMENT OF CLOSING SHOULD BE ISSUED.

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FOR EXECUTIVE ASST LAWRENCE EAGLEBURGER(S); ASST SECY JOHN THOMAS (A); ~~XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX~~ FROM AMBASSADOR HILL

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TAGS : AWRD
SUBJECT : Award for John P. EGAN

1. Ambassador recommends that the Secretary's Award be bestowed posthumously upon John Patrick EGAN with following citation:

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QUOTE. For bravery above and beyond the call of duty in volunteering to act as U.S. Consular Agent in Cordoba, Argentina, where he had chosen to live after retirement from an American company. While patriotically fulfilling his duties, he was kidnapped on February 26, 1975 from his Consular Agency Office by an Argentine terrorist organization and brutally assassinated on February 28.

Mr. EGAN's unusual devotion to duty under trying and adverse conditions which led to the sacrifice of his life

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deserves the highest ecomiums of the Department of State and of the United States Government. UNQUOTE.

2. In recommending this Award, the Ambassador believes it would be fitting that the widow be awarded a monetary stipend equal to one year's salary, which was \$3,400 at the time of Mr. Egan's death.

3. Should it be impossible to consider the above compensation, the Ambassador recommends that the Department extend invitational travel(roundtrip Cordoba-Washington) to allow Mrs. Egan to receive personally the Award from the Secretary's hand.

4. Prompt consideration of the above proposals would be most appreciated.

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Heavy weekend coverage assassination Consul Egan, including Ford, Kissinger remarks, Embassy communiqué, GOA and Interior Minister's statements, FoMin Vignes signing condolence book Embassy premises, burial in Córdoba Sunday.

PRENSA editorial Saturday: "Abduction and murder U.S. Consular Agent in Córdoba not isolated incident but rather manifestation of recrudescing terrorism and subversion in area, also of significant dimension such activity again reached there..Regrettably, Córdoba province been living in vortex of violence and crime since 1969..."

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NACION Sunday on editorial page: "Assasination of policemen and U.S. Consular Agent, plus abduction of Baires Province Supreme Court President... caused tragedy and confusion --also served to confirm that subversives know exactly what they want and are moving forcefully towards their objectives with no respect for human life."

BUENOS AIRES HERALD editorial Monday said Egan murder "all sadder because so senseless. He was retired business executive whose love of Argentina made him decide settle here. As honorary representative USG in Córdoba had no hand in anything even vaguely connected with politics at any level. Had no connection with, nor involvement in, demands made by his kidnapers. Could have brought no influence to bear on any issue even remotely connected with terrorist organization which kidnapped him. Yet, knowing all this, Montoneros murdered him. Slaughtered innocent man, quite knowingly and quite callously. It this despicable lack concern for elementary human life that arouses anger. It would seem society not only has to deal with terrorism, but also has confront intellectual perversion expressed in form of murder for murder's sake. One consolation for his widow must be that he died upholding

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principle of honor."

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1) Minister Montllor returned to Buenos Aires afternoon of March 2 after attending Egan ~~funeral~~. No incidents.

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2) Consul General Huey, Diggle USIS, and Beckett due to arrive Buenos Aires early this evening on Defense Attache aircraft.

3. Full report on this tragedy will be prepared soonest.

4. This is the final sitrep.

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Would appreciate Department's providing Embassy soonest

detailed accounts of New York Times and Washington Post

coverage of the tragic death of John Egan.

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3. Embassy strongly recommends means to provide Mrs. Egan assistance she has requested be found. We Believe this would be only appropriate in view of fact that Egan's abduction and murder resulted directly from his association with and service to the USG.

4. It would be very useful if DCM Montllor, who will be flying to Cordoba/^{early on March 2nd}to represent USG at funeral along with ConGen Huey, could have a response for Mrs. Egan. Mrs. Egan is a very determined and aggressive young woman and she is likely to press us hard on this issue. The funeral is currently scheduled to take place at 1000 local March 2.

5. On a related subject: ConGen Huey has informed Mrs. Egan that relatives would not be able to attend funeral. She gives every appearance of having accepted this decision, and is planning to go ahead with funeral as indicated above. She has not mentioned GOA pressures reportedly alleged in US press.


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Reuters, as well as all major wire services, contacted the Embassy regarding the kidnapping and received no rpt no such statement. IO Diggle in Cordoba had no rpt no contact with Reuters. The Embassy made no statements except those cleared by the Department and contained in reftels.

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SUBJ: Kidnapping of Egan
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SITREP # 28

Foreign Minister Vignes, accompanied by Ambassador Molina Salas and Giraldes, called at Chancery 1215 today to sign book of condolences and express official regrets of GOA. Vignes was most warm and sincere in latter expressions. Ambassador Hill and Foreign Minister Vignes agreed that Ambassador Giraldes and U. S. Minister Counselor Montllor fly to Cordoba early tomorrow morning via Argentina Air Force plane to attend funeral. Ambassador Hill will not rpt not attend. because of publicity and serious security problem. DCM will be accompanied by ~~two PSUs~~ one PSU and 1 Argentine Federal Police.

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SITREP 27

E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: PINS, ASEC, AR
SUBJECT: EGAN MURDER

1. AMBASSADOR HILL CALLED ON FOREIGN MINISTER AT 0915 AT LATTER'S REQUEST. VIGNES EXPRESSED GOA'S DEEP REGRET OVER DEATH OF MR EGAN. HE INDICATED LATTER WOULD BE GIVEN FULL PROVINCIAL HONORS. FLAG WILL BE FLOWN AT HALFMAST IN CORDOBA PROVINCE DURING DAY OF THE FUNERAL. VIGNES INDICATED AMBASSADOR GIRALDES, CHIEF OF PROTOCOL, WILL REPRESENT FEDERAL GOVERNMENT AT FUNERAL; INTERVENTOR LACABANNE AND PROVINCIAL CABINET WILL REPRESENT GOVERNMENT OF PROVINCE OF CORDOBA.

2. VIGNES AGREED THAT WE MUST RESPECT MRS EGAN'S WISHES, BUT HE BELIEVED IT WAS BY FAR DESIRABLE THAT FUNERAL BE HELD AS SOON AS POSSIBLE, I.E. ON SUNDAY (MARCH 2). IN PRESENCE OF AMBASSADOR HE CALLED INTERVENTOR LACABANNE AND ASKED LATTER TO ASSIST CONSUL GENERAL HUEY IN EVERY WAY WITH ARRANGEMENTS FOR FUNERAL. AMBASSADOR HILL AGREED TO INFORM FOREIGN MINISTRY OF COMPOSITION OF EMBASSY CONTINGENT TO FUNERAL, DETAILS OF TRAVEL, ETC. AS SOON AS AVAILABLE.

3. VIGNES ASSURED AMBASSADOR THAT GOA WILL PROVIDE MAXIMUM SECURITY FOR FUNERAL. THIRD ARMY CORPS AS WELL AS PROVINCIAL POLICE WILL BE DEPLOYED. NONETHELESS, VIGNES POINTED OUT THAT CORDOBA IS "PROVINCE IN TURMOIL," AND THERE WILL BE RISKS. HE STRONGLY RECOMMENDED AGAINST ATTENDANCE BY FAMILY FROM U.S., SUGGESTING INSTEAD A MEMORIAL SERVICE LATER, PERHAPS IN BUENOS AIRES. HE ALSO INDICATED THAT WHILE GOA WOULD DO EVERYTHING POSSIBLE TO ASSURE AMBASSADOR HILL'S SECURITY SHOULD HE ATTEND FUNERAL IN CORDOBA, IT IMPOSSIBLE TO TUARANTEE HIS SAFETY (SEE SEPTTEL).

4. IN CLOSING, VIGNES AGAIN EXPRESSED GOA'S REGRETS AND INDICATED LETTERS OF CONDOLENCES BEING SENT FROM MRS PERON TO PRESIDENT FORD AND FROM HIM TO SECRETARY KISSINGER, IN ADDITION TO LETTERS TO MRS EGAN. VIGNES WILL ALSO COME TO CHANCERY BEFORE NOON TODAY (MARCH 1) TO OFFICIALLY EXPRESS GOA'S CONDOLENCES.

5. AMBASSADOR HILL INFORMED FOREIGN MINISTER OF LETTER ALLEGEDLY FROM EGAN ADDRESSED TO AMB HILL WHICH FOUND IN BAR IN CORDOBA ABOUT 2100 LAST NIGHT, THRUST OF WHICH IS AS FOLLOWS:

MY WIFE IS GOING THROUGH VERY INTRANQUIL PERIOD DUE TO CIRCUMSTANCES WHICH YOU WILL UNDERSTAND. THE MONTONEROS WHO DISAPPEARED, KIDNAPPED BY THE POLICE, ARE PROBABLY DEAD. I THINK YOU HAVE THE POWER TO ASK THE GOA TO COMPLY WITH THE MONTONEROS' REQUEST. IF THEY ARE NOT DEAD, USE YOUR INFLUENCE TO HAVE THEM RELEASED. IF REQUEST IS NOT FULFILLED, I WILL DIE. MY LIFE IS IN YOUR HANDS, IN ISABELITA'S AND THE FRIENDLY ARMY.

6. LETTER WAS PRINTED AND WAS UNDATED BUT SIGNED BY EGAN.
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FOR AMBASSADOR HOFFACKER FROM AMBASSADOR HILL

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SUBJ: Egan Funeral

REF: BA 1416

1. As reported in reftel I am ready to proceed to Cordoba on Sunday to attend Egan funeral, accompanied by Mrs. Hill. Others in my party would be Congen and Mrs. Huey (he is already there) and Col. and Mrs. Stapleton (DAO Attache). However, RSO Beckett informs me that Cordoba police point out there is still large security problem in area and my presence would present problem.

2. In conversation this morning Foreign Minister also seemed nervous about increasing current Embassy presence in Cordoba. Foreign Minister said he had been told by

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that tension remains high in area.

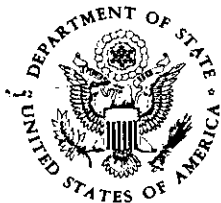
3. The military would be in charge of local security for any Embassy delegation to Egan funeral but they are not making any recommendations on attendance.

4. Ambassador Jorge A. Giraldes, Argentine Chief of Protocol, is proceeding to Cordoba in representation of GOA to present condolences to Egan family.

5. Request your advice as to my personal participation in Egan funeral, as well as presence of wives. Will abide by your guidance.

Warm regard.


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SITREP #26

ConGen Huey called Ambassador Hill directly from Cordoba at 7:30 am this morning to report the following developments:

1. According to Interventor LACABANNE the guards were removed from the EGAN residence because a policeman from the same precinct was killed last Sunday. All officers from that precinct were pulled off other duties to search for the assassins.
2. Early last night police in Cordoba sealed off a 20 square block area where they believed Egan being held. As they entered the area in force heavy gunfire was

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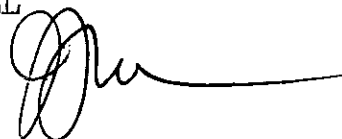
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exchanged. At this time the police learned that Egan's body had been found in another area and withdrew.

3. Mrs. Egan is still in highly agitated state and adamant that body be buried in Cordoba but not ~~before~~ rpt not before relatives arrive from U.S. She insists arrangements be financed by USG. Need reply soonest because of legal deadline for funeral. Argentine law states that body may be above ground no rpt no more than one sundown which means Sunday night at latest. Checking with Governor for confirmation of deadline.

4. Autopsy to be performed this morning. Hope to get body embalmed immediately after. Refrigeration facilities are available.

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Advise Mr. Vitorio Comparach, Hotel Riviera,
Garcilaso De La Vega, Telephone Lima 289 460, that his
brother
~~brother~~-in-law James Egan murdered by terrorists evening
February 28.

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SUBJECT : Egan Murder

REFS :

SITREP # 25

1. In 2:55 a.m. telcon Diggle advised that Mrs. Egan adamant that body be embalmed and that funeral be delayed until arrival Egan's daughter and three brothers listed para 2. She insists USG provide for transportation/family. Diggle stated Mrs. Egan still highly agitated and heavily sedated.

2. Advise following relatives of death~~x~~:

Suzann Sirokman
Valier, Montana
Telephone: Area Code 406 - 279-3238

James Egan
Telephone~~x~~: Area Code 209 - AD 37075

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Eugene Egan
Telephone: Area Code 406 - 279 3555

Morris Egan
14820 Pampa Ruaz
Pacific Palisades, California 90272
Tel unknown

3. ~~Request~~ Advise soonest on plans family members.

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SUBJECT : ~~XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX~~ EGAN MURDER

REFS :

SITREP # 24

1. Following details murder Egan obtained Diggle-
March 1
Ambassador telcon at 12:45 a.m./: Egan killed between
Feb 28
7 and 9 p.m./by single shot through left eye. Body,
covered with newspapers containing pictures of Montoneros
slain on Feb 24 and Montoneros banner which read
"Montoneros, Viva Peron," was left on dirt road in north
sector of Cordoba. Newspapers La ^{Vos}~~Vos~~ Del Interior and
Los Principos were advised by Montoneros of location
of body at approximately 10 p.m. Two letters, one in
English and another in Spanish left with body were taken by
~~WHO~~ who
newsmen/~~which~~/intend publish them morning editions.

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Police arrived at site later.

2. Mrs. Egan highly hysterical, under doctor's care. ConGen Huey and Mrs. Egan's sister staying with her. Ambassador passed on word of condolences from President Ford, and Secretary Kissinger. ~~xxxxxxxManifest~~
~~xxxxMxxxxxxxGxxxxxxx~~

3. Internment scheduled to take place Sunday ~~xxxxxxx~~ March 2 in Cordoba unless Judge insists on very thorough autopsy. Ambassador and Mrs. Hill, ConGen and Mrs. Huey and Col and Mrs. Stapleton will attend. Embassy opening condolence book for three day period beginning Monday.

4. As tribute to Mr. Egan, Embassy will remain closed on Monday, March 3. Department's concurrence requested.

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Permission requested to fly American flag at half-mast
commencing March 1 until interment.

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1. MinInterior Rocamora told newsmen Feb 27 that his exchange of words with UOM leader Lorenzo Miguel (reftel) had been nothing more than "family tiff" which had been completely settled "without consequences or sequels of any type". However, UOM and labor reaction thus far tends to belie statement. Following confused episode evening Feb 26 when large contingent police attempted to enter UOM headquarters, but were rebuffed by UOM security guards, both CGT and 62 Organizations released communiques strongly condemning action, which they attribute to Rocamora. Rocamora blandly commented that police action was taken following citizen's report that "heavily armed men were entering UOM" to take over building. According to Rocamora, incident was simply innocent mistake as police later discovered that men were "only Miguel's bodyguards".

*no Egan
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2. Unconfirmed press reports indicate that Miguel and Rocamora will meet with President Perón Feb 28 in attempt resolve conflict. To date, Raúl Lastiri has been acting as intermediary in dispute.³ Rocamora also took advantage of press conference to continue his attack on Córdoba Interventor Lacabanne.

Referring to kidnapping of American Consul Egan, Rocamora observed that Córdoba is still major "focus of guerrilla activity", but that there were no plans to replace Lacabanne, "for the moment".

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