

# Consul sent plea for help before execution

By Abel Dimant

United Press International  
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  
Peoples 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.

I believe you have enough Power  
to Request from the Argentine  
Government and Army to comply  
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  
MARTINEZ AND This Friendly Army.

Thank You

John P. Egan

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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TAGS: PFOR, PINS, AR; US  
SUBJECT: Vignes' Statement re Negotiations with Terrorists  
ACTION: SecState WASHDC IMMEDIATE

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

1. 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
2. Above statement is entire statement attributed to FonMin Vignes by newsmen present.
3. 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.
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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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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SITREP ~~#29~~ #30

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

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/<sup>early on March 2nd</sup>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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Egan Kidnapping

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- c) Sitrep#4-BA-1320
- d) Sitrep#23-BA-1415

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SITREP #29

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  
REF: STATE 46609

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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~~C O N F I D E N T I A L~~ BUENOS AIRES 1422

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

E.O. 1162: N/A  
TAGS: PINS, ASEC, AR  
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.

  
HILL



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SUBJ : Egan Murder

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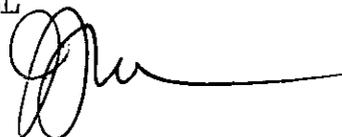
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exchanged. At this time the police learned that Egan's body had been found in another area and withdrew.

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.

*H Hill*  
HILL

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E.O. 11652: N/A  
TAGS : PINS~~x~~, ASECK~~x~~, AR  
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.

*Nas*  
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E.O. 11652: N/A  
TAGS : PINS, ASEC, AR  
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 <sup>Vos</sup>~~XXX~~ 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

and President Ford, Secretary Kissinger, ~~xxxxxxx~~

~~xxxxxxx~~

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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# Department of State TELEGRAM

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1 Mar 75  
0143

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E.O. 11652: N/A  
TAGS : PINS, ASEC, AR  
SUBJECT : Kidnapping of US Official  
REFS :

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

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TAGS: PINT, ELAB, AR  
SUBJECT: ROCAMORA-MIGUEL CONFLICT

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REF: BA-1306

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  
see last  
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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.<sup>3</sup> 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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E.O. 11652: N/A  
TAGS : PINS, ASEC, AM  
SUBJECT : Kidnapping of US Official

REFS :  
SIERRA # ~~222~~

1. I contacted Foreign Minister VIGNES at his home 11:45 pm local time re EGAN killing. FonMin indicated he had just received a phone call from Córdoba and was able to supply additional details:

EGAN was tied up and wrapped in an Argentine flag and had been shot in the head and throat.

VIGNES expressed shock and deep sympathy.

2. I have appointment with FonMin 9:15 am, March 1, I have expressed sympathy to family. Funeral arrangements will follow.

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E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS : PINS, ASEC, AR

SUBJECT : Kidnapping of US Official

REFS :

SITREP # 21

EGAN found dead at 10:00 pm, Cordoba. Details to follow.

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E.O. 11652: GDS  
TAGS: PINS, ASEC, AR  
SUBJ: KIDNAPPING OF US OFFICIAL: SITREP NO. 20

REF: STATE 045328

1. AMBASSADOR RETURNED AT 1800 FROM ALL AFTERNOON CONVERSATIONS WITH FOREIGN MINISTER VIGNES, AMBASSADOR MOLINA SALAS AND OTHER GOA OFFICIALS, LATER IN AFTERNOON INTERIOR MINISTER ROCAMORA JOINED GROUP. CONVERSATION WAS UNSATISFACTORY IN TERMS OF SPECIFIC ANSWERS TO OUR QUESTIONS. AMBASSADOR HAD IMPRESSION THAT GOA OFFICIALS ARE CONVINCED THAT MONTONEROS WILL NOT ASSASSINATE EGAN TONIGHT AS THREATENED. ANSWERS, GEARED TO QUESTIONS IN REFTEL, ARE AS FOLLOWS:

2. GOA IS DOING EVERYTHING POSSIBLE TO LOCATE EGAN AND TO SAVE HIS LIFE. ENTIRE POLICE FORCE IN CORDOBA IS INVOLVED IN MASSIVE DRAGNET OPERATION. GOA WILL NOT, HOWEVER, DEAL WITH TERRORISTS. IN ORDER TO STALL FOR TIME, GOA PLANS TO ISSUE STATEMENT DURING NEXT HOUR INDICATING THAT THE FOUR INDIVIDUALS NAMED IN COMMUNIQUE ARE NOT IN GOVERNMENT CUSTODY. STATEMENT WILL ADD THAT EVEN IF THEY WERE, GOVERNMENT WOULD NOT ACCEDE TO TERRORIST DEMANDS. MINISTERS NOTED THAT POLICY OF NOT NEGOTIATING WITH TERRORISTS

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3. GOA DOES NOT HAVE CHANNLE THROUGH WHICH TO COMMUNICATE WITH MONTONEROS. MINISTER OF INTERIOR ADDED THAT EVEN IF THEY HAD SUCH A CHANNEL, THEY WOULD NOT USE IT, SINCE TO DO SO WOULD BE TANTAMOUNT TO OPENING DIALOGUE WITH TERRORISTS.

4. GOA WOULD NOT CONSIDER PROPOSING PRESENTATION OF OTHER PRISONERS OR TO GIVING PUBLICITY TO MONTONERO CAUSE IN EXCHANGE FOR EGAN'S FREEDOM.

5. TWO MINISTERS CALLED FEDERAL INTERVENTOR LACABANNE IN PRESENCE OF AMBASSADOR HILL TO MAKE CERTAIN THAT POLICE IN CORDOBA ARE SPARING NO EFFORT TO LOCATE EGAN.

6. ROCAMORA HAD ALREADY INFORMED AMBASSADOR HILL THAT FULL INVESTIGATION IS BEING MADE OF ABSENCE OF GUARDS FROM EGAN'S HOUSE AT TIME HE WAS KIDNAPPED. IN TELEPHONIC CONVERSATION WITH LACABANNE, ROCAMORA ASKED FLATLY WHY GUARDS WERE NOT THERE. LACABANNE'S REPLY WAS UNSATISFACTORY AND ROCAMORA INDICATED TO AMBASSADOR THAT INVESTIGATION WOULD CONTINUE.

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8. AS OF TIME AMBASSADOR LEFT FOREIGN MINISTRY, THERE WAS NO CONFIRMATION OF EARLIER UNCONFIRMED REPORT THAT MONTONEROS WERE SUBMITTING NEW NAMES TO REPLACE ORIGINAL FOUR.

9. MINISTER INDICATED HE WOULD BE IN CONTACT WITH AMBASSADOR THROUGHOUT EVENING.

10. MINISTER APPRECIATED RECEIVING CABLE FROM DR. KISSINGER.

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E.O. 11652: N/A  
TAGS : PINS, ASEC, AR  
SUBJECT : Kidnapping of US Official

REFS : BA Sitrep #18  
SITREP #19

At 1720 hrs. Ambassador told that GOA informs us police raid being carried out at this moment in Córdoba. They have some information indicating location being raided is one in which EGAN being held. Further details will follow by FLASH.

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ACTION: **SecState WAMDC**

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Secretary's message to Fochin Vignas delivered under cover of first person note by Suboff afternoon of Feb. 28, 1975.

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As of 1700 local time

/ Ambassador Hill ~~now~~ meeting with Foreign Minister Vignes  
and Interior Minister Rocamora. Will report results.

  
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and LA ULTIMA HORA, Buenos Aires, the evening of February 27.

This may be source of AP dispatch picked up by the Washington POST. There has been no rpt no comment on this subject by Embassy sources. Re para 2, Embassy will transmit GOA police report on circumstances of abduction as soon as obtainable. To the best of our knowledge, there has been no rpt. no comment by GOA responsible officials on question of lack of protection.

4. ConGen reports Dr. Allende out of Córdoba on vacation. He talked with cardiologist involved in hospitalization described SitRep #15. Doctor said he had ~~XXXX~~ treated EGAN for hypertension with diuretics and Reserpine, in 1973.

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Ambassador Hill now at Foreign Ministry. GOA has received unconfirmed report that Montoneros may be submitting new list of names to replace original 4. We expect confirmation or denial of this development shortly and will report.

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SUBJECT : Kidnapping of US Official

REFS :  
  
SITREP #15

1. At approximately 12:30 pm, February 28, ConGen Huey telephoned in English language text of EGAN's 1972 hospitalization. Text is hospital clinical summary:

QUOTE This patient was admitted to the hospital on 21 August 1972. He complained of abdominal pain that started a week before. There were acute colicky/located in the epigastrium and were accompanied by vomiting and nausea. There was modest fever and diarrhea. The pain appeared after eating and was relieved by vomiting. Physical examination was scarcely contributory and a

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possible diagnosis of acute cholecystitis was made.

Dr. PALERMO, cardiologist, was called for consultation.

The patient was put on IV fluids and antibiotics and three days after he was feeling well and tolerated food by mouth. He was discharged under observation. He was admitted again three days after: the day after the previous release from the hospital he started with chills and high fever. He was slightly jaundiced and there was pain in the left inguinal fossa. He was admitted on the 27 August in circulatory collapse with hypotension and auricular fibrillation. He was oligemic and clammy. There was pain in the left colon and a b.Coli was isolated from the blood. The cardiologist, the infectious disease specialist and the clinic urologist were called in consultation and intensive treatment was started. He was released from the hospital on September 10, 1972 and followed convalescence at home. A barium enema was performed on the 25th of September and sigmoid diverticulitis was diagnosed. Therefore, this patient had acute diverticulitis of the sigmoid colon complicated with septic shock. Signed.....UNQUOTE.

2. Government has released to press a statement on EGAN's health condition.
3. Córdoba doctor out on rounds; Huey will attempt to contact him midafternoon for any possible update.

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SUBJECT : Kidnapping of US Official

REFS : *BA 1384*

SITREP #~~18~~ 14

1. Consul General Huey telephoned at 11:30 AM, February 28 and spoke directly with Ambassador Hill. Huey stated immediately that there was nothing new to report since midnight last night(Sitrep 11). The Federal Police with Identi-Kit man are still speaking with Mrs. Egan, attempting to gather all the information available. Mrs. Egan fully cooperating.
2. Both Federal and Provincial Police heavily involved in case.
3. Córdoba newspapers hitting case heavily, CBS and NBC correspondents ~~XXXX~~ MC CROY AND STREITHORST are most persistent. They made a request to have Mrs. Egan speak on TV

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for a few minutes this afternoon. Ambassador Hill requested this be avoided.

4. Embassy requested detailed, scientific medical information for Dept task force. Told Huey to check with Dr. Allende in Córdoba and obtain medical man's response to Dept.'s query.

5. APAO Diggle then spoke with Ambassador Hill. Press and TV people pressing hard for information and for getting Mrs. EGAN on TV. APAO ~~stated he was doing all~~ informed press he was doing" all he could" to arrange this; privately he and ~~xxxxxxx~~ / and ConGen feel it would be a grave error. Mrs. EGAN still ~~waiting~~ waiting for 7:00 pm. Now on pills; as an apparent result, she feels courageous, likely to

"burble and babble". She might be asked why she was still ~~there~~ in Córdoba after what happened last April(i.e. Laun). This could trigger emotional response. Ambassador Hill said do everything possible to avoid TV interview.

6. ConGen Huey also mentioned that Federal Interventor LACABANNE was planning to go to San Francisco <sup>Cal.</sup> on ~~on~~ Saturday, ~~March~~ March 1, to visit his child there. In response to query "despite the local situation," Huey replied "yes".

*The Ambassador will certainly bring this to the attention of Rocasolva Hill and other appropriate authorities.*

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1. At 1140 hours Ambassador Hill returned from a 1 1/2 hour meeting at Foreign Ministry with additional details as follows:

a) Foreign Ministry reports that police files indicate two of the prisoners (Stenfern and Silva) were reported to have been kidnapped, first in October of 1974 and the second in the current month. Police indicate that they have no information as to the authors of the kidnappings and no information as to the whereabouts of the two. (note: This doubtless means that the two were murdered by one of the para-police organizations such as the AAA.)

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b) Both the Army and the Provincial Police in Tucuman have indicated that the other two prisoners (Medina and Diaz) do not appear on their list of those in custody. However, both have indicated it is possible the two are included among a number of prisoners who have just been taken and who are being processed and whose names do not yet appear on any list. Army and Provincial Police are checking urgently to determine whether or not this is the case. (note: DAO sources have indicated subsequently that checks have been run and two are not rpt not among those in custody.)

c) Foreign Minister Vignes and Interior Minister Rocamora are in urgent session with Mrs. Peron at this moment to consider what position GCA should take on this matter.

d) Matter of stalling tactics is being considered and decision should come out of above mentioned meeting. Ambassador Hill passed on Department's suggestions to Foreign Ministry.

2. Ambassador Hill accompanied by Ambassador Molina Salas will confer with Interior Minister Rocamora as soon as meeting with Mrs. Peron breaks up.

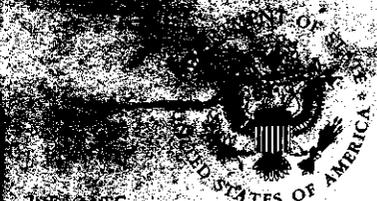
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SITREP #12

1. At 10:45 hours Ambassador Hill interrupted meeting at FonOff to telephone with answers to questions raised reftel. These answers geared to reftel para 1 are as follows:

- A. The GOA will not rpt not negotiate.
- B. The prisoners' names are Gustavo Natalio Stenfren, Luis Silva, Chango Diaz, Pedro Medina (See Sitrep #10).
- C. The prisoners are not rpt. not in GOA hands. GOA states two are <sup>o</sup>lose in Tucuman and two in Buenos

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D. The Government proposes full search only. The Government plans no counter-proposal.

E. No decision yet. Ambassador Hill attempting arrange w meeting with Interior Minister. ROCAMORA whil Foreign Minister Vignes is to meet with President Peron on EGAN kidnapping. No details yet.

2. Text sent Embtel 1366(Sitrep 10).

3. COMMENT: Ambassador Hill has been told that police aware that EGAN may be killed if kidnappers' hideout located.

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SITREP #11

1. AT 2345 FEB 27, CONSULAR General Huey again telephoned from Cordoba. He stated that the provincial police Chief virtually certain that Egan is being held within the city, which, according to the Chief of Police, has been sealed. Police using small aircraft and helos in the search. Source in Interventor's office states interventor immediately contacted Minister of Interior ROCAMORA upon receiving Montonero communique. Our people did not know what, if any, instructions may have been issued.

2. RSO reports that Federal Police officer

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accompanying group has been informed by local Federal Police intelligence source that there is no rpt no record in Cordoba of any of the four people referred to in Montonero communique (Ref: SITREP #10

3. DESPITE press reports here, Mrs. Egan has not rpt not spoken to reporters. Using idento-kit she has only made partial identification of one of kidnapers.

4. Mrs. Egan provided Consul General with following medical report. In 1972 Egan was diagnosed to have Sigmoid Diverticulitis of the colon. He was hospitalized between Aug 27 and Sep 10, 1972 for this illness and was in a coma for two days. He is on strict, continuous diet of mild foods. While he suffers occasional pains he is under no rpt no regular medication. He has high blood pressure. He has had a minor heart problem since 1970. Mr. Egan's physician is Dr. Daniel Alberto ALLENDE.

5. Mrs. Egan does not yet know of the communique.

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b) State 044949  
c) HAB 8082  
d) State 044640

SITREP #10

1. Pursuant telecon under reference, the following is the text of the MONTONERO communique:

2. QUOTE

A LAS 19 HRS. DEL DIA DE LA FECHA, LOS PELOTONES MONTONEROS DE COMBATE HUGO BARETTA Y HUGO FIGUEROA, DE LA COLUMNA EMILIO MAZZA? DE LA ORGANIZACION POLITICO-MILITAR MONTONEROS, PROCEDIERON AL COPAMIENTO DE LAS OFICINAS Y VIVIENDA DEL CONSUL DE ESTADOS UNIDOS DE NORTE-

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AMERICA EN CORDOBA Y A LA DETENCION DE SU TITULAR  
JOHN PATRICK EGAN.

ESTA OPERACION IBA A SER EJECUTADA EL DIA 24  
DE FEBRERO ATACANDO ASI, AL IMPERIALISMO, EN  
CONMEMORACION DEL ANIVERSARIO DEL TRIUNFO  
DEL GENERAL PERON EN LAS ELECCIONES DE 1946,  
SOBRE LA OLIGARQUIA Y EL IMPERIALISMO, CON LA  
CONSIGNA 'BRADEN O PERON'.

'CON ESTA ACCION CONTRIBUIMOS A FORTALECER LA  
CONSIGNA LIBERACION O DEPENDENCIA', CONTINU-  
adora de aquella, EN MOMENTOS EN QUE UN GOBIERNO  
QUE SE DICE PERONISTA PROFUNDIZA LA DEPENDENCIA,  
SOMETIENDO AL ~~EXEKKK~~ PUEBLO A LA EXPLOTACION  
ECONOMICA Y A LA REPRESION CON LA POLICIA Y  
EL EJERCITO, MIENTRAS ENTREGA A NUESTRA PATRIA  
A LOS YANKYS.

LA POSTERGACION DE 48 HS. DE ESTA OPERACION SE  
DEBIO A QUE LOS COMPAÑEROS BARETTA Y FIGUEROA  
MURIERON EN COMBATE EN MOMENTOS EN QUE SE  
DIRIGIAN HACIA LA MISMA.

JOHN PATRICK EGAN, COMO REPRESENTANTE DIRECTO  
DE LOS INTERESES YANKYS EN NUESTRA ~~RE~~ PROVINCIA,  
HA SIDO CONDENADO A MUERTE POR FUSILAMIENTO.

ESTA CONDENA SOLO SERA CONMUTADA POR SU LIBERTAD EN CASO DE QUE EL GOBIERNO ANTI-~~X~~ PERONISTA, Y PROIMPERIALISTA DE ISABEL MARTINEZ Y LOPEZ REGA, Y LAS FUERZAS ARMADAS GORILAS, HAGAN APARECER SANOS Y SALVOS ANTES DE LAS 19 HS. DEL VIERNES 28 DE FEBRERO DE 1975, MOSTRANDOLOS A TRAVES DE TODOS LOS MEDIOS DE PRENSA ORAL, ESCRITA Y TELEVISIVA, A LOS SIGUIENTES COMPAÑEROS:

1.- GUSTAVO NATALIO STENFERN, DE NUESTRA ORGANIZACION, SECUESTRADO EN EL MES DE OCTUBRE EN BUENOS AIRES.

2.- LUIS SILVA, DIRIGENTE NACIONAL DEL MOVIMIENTO VILLERO PERONISTA, SECUESTRADO EN FEBRERO EN BUENOS AIRES.

3.- CHANGO DIAZ, DIRIGENTE DE ATULP, Y DE LA JUVENTUD TRABAJADORA PERONISTA SECUESTRADO POR EL EJERCITO EN ~~TU~~ TUCUMAN, EN EL MES DE FEBRERO.

4.- PEDRO MEDINA, DE NUESTRA ORGANIZACION, MAESTRO RURAL DE SIMOCA, SECUESTRADO EN FEBRERO EN TUCUMAN POR EL EJERCITO.

ESTOS DOS ULTIMOS COMPAÑEROS HAN SIDO SECUESTRADOS DURANTE EL OPERATIVO DE REPRESION AL PUEBLO TUCUMANO, QUE ACTUALMENTE REALIZA EL EJERCITO.

LA VIDA DE JOHN EGAN QUEDA EN MANOS DEL  
 GOBIERNO Y LAS FUERZAS ~~AM~~ ARMADAS GORILAS.  
~~PERON~~ PERON O MUERTE VIVA LA PATRIA  
 HASTA LA VICTORIA MI GENERAL  
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 END OF QUOTE

3. SRF report re communique and available details on four ~~xxxxx~~ individuals mentioned therein is being sent by separate message (ref c).
4. Ambassador Hill returned <sup>at 2130 Feb. 27 local.</sup> /from consultations at Ministry with MOLINA SALAS, DIEGO MEDUS and Federal Police official. Foreign Ministry unable to answer questions raised in points a, c, d, and e of ref. b). However, Ambassador Hill was promised that answers would be telephoned to him during evening of Feb. 27 or early on Feb. 28.
5. Names requested in point B of ref. b) are included in communique above.
6. Embassy does not yet have information on Egan medical status requested reftel d). Are waiting report on this subject from ConGen Huey in Cordoba.

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CORDOBA, 26 DE FEBRERO DE L 1975

**PARTE DE GUERRA**  
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SITREP #9

1. Consul- General Huey called Embassy 1745 hrs. local immediately after leaving office of the Interventor  
Source in Interventor's office  
LACABANNE. ~~Interventor~~ told him that at approximately at 1620 hrs. a message (either hand written or typed) had been found in a bar. Message was addressed to the Government from the Armed Guerilla Forces. The message stated that unless four individuals, who were cited by name and who had been taken by the Army in Tucuman, were released before 1900 hrs. February 28, EGAN would be killed. The message was signed "Montoneros".

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2. The Interventor is extremely concerned and takes the message seriously; he is putting all available manpower resources on the case. But, he points out to ConGen the search the terrain makes/~~is~~ extremely difficult.
3. Wire services have fragments, at least, of the story.

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John EGAN, who is US Consular Agent in Cordoba, was  
kidnapped early last night. His current whereabouts  
is unknown.

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SITREP #8  
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- At 10:15 local Acting DAO Officer Arthur Diggle and Consul General Huey telephoned Embassy.
- Mr. Diggle read an article from the <sup>Cordoba</sup> newspaper PRINCIPIOS which appeared this a.m.: "A few hours after the event, a person identifying himself as a member of a prescribed group got in touch with the newspaper PRINCIPIOS to say that the commandos <sup>units</sup> "Hugo Baretta" and "Hugo Figarello" were ordered to carry out the abduction of the American Consul. The unidentified person added that EGAN would be released when the forces of repression make known the whereabouts of the six comrades who disappeared in Tucuman".

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3. He stated billets in the Crillon Hotel (Tel. Cordoba 96-093) in the following rooms:

Art Diggle	Room 411
George Huey	Room 412

4. Consul General Huey is trying to set up appointments to see Governor this afternoon and then will broach subject of why there were no guards for the three days previously or during "Carnaval". Mrs. EGAN much better, less nervous, has family with her and her mother is expected to join her. She also mentioned how grateful she was for the Embassy group's presence and assistance, as well as her sister being permitted to fly to Cordoba with the group.

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SITREP #7  
REF: BA 1322

1. Consul General Huey telephoned Embassy 0810 hours local from Cordoba. His report as follows:
  - a) DATT aircraft arrived 0400. He then proceeded to home of Mrs. Egan, who is as calm as possible under the circumstances. With her at present are two sisters and her father. Police have established security guard at her residence.
  - b) Case now under federal and not provincial jurisdiction. Police have undertaken initial investigative procedures, e.g. road blocks from city. Negative results thus far.
  - c) Consul General is scheduling morning appointments with Federal and Provincial Police and with provincial "interventor" (federally named governor and chief administrative officer of

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the province).

2. Egan kidnapping frontpaged in all papers, except tabloid "Clarín", which ran story inside. Headlines factual. No editorial comment as yet.

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SITREP #6  
REF: BA 1321

- Embassy has no new developments to report in Egan kidnapping case.
- We should be hearing from Con Gen Huey in Cordoba soon.
- FSO Edward Rosenthal will assume control of officer duties at 6 am. February 27, local time.

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SITREP #5

REF: BA 1320

- ~~XXXXXXXXXXXX~~ Embassy advised at 0100 hours February 27 by Buenos Aires AP correspondent that AP sources in Cordoba reported following:
- Voz del Interior, Cordoba newspaper, had received telephone call from group identifying itself as Montonero cell who indicated they would issue communique on Egan kidnapping during morning of February 27. Callers allegedly indicated communique would say that they would not "do anything with Egan" (AP interprets this as meaning would not release Egan) until six Montonero guerrillas captured in GOA, armed forces operation in Tucuman Province recently were "produced" by GOA.
- Embassy attempting to verify this report. Will advise.

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SITREP #4  
REF: BA 1319

1. Ambassador has ~~x~~ dispatched following EmbOffs to  
Córdoba via attaché aircraft:

Consul General George O. Huey

RSO George Beckett

Information Officer Arthur Diggle

Argentine Federal Police Liaison Officer with

Embassy Inspector Eduardo Parra

2. Request Department approval make following comment  
in response to press queries:

QUOTE The Embassy has sent appropriate official  
representatives to Córdoba to cooperate with Argentine  
authorities regarding the kidnapping of Consular Agent

John P. EGAN. UNQUOTE ~~X~~ HILL

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TAGS: PINS, ASEC, AR  
SUBJECT: Kidnapping of US Official

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ACTION: SecState, WASH DC NIACT IMMEDIATE

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DOD/DIA - IMMEDIATE

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SITREP #3

REFERENCES: (A) BA 1316; (B) BA 1318

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1. Embassy has developed following additional information on kidnapping as result of second telcon with Mrs. EGAN in Córdoba. Two men and a woman arrived at EGAN home at approximately 7:00 pm asking about visas to the United States. After five minutes of conversation on this topic they pulled guns and after shouting for money, began to lead EGAN away. Mrs. EGAN told kidnappers she would give them everything if they left her husband alone. When Mrs. EGAN protested they threw ether on her face, which did not take effect, however. After the kidnappers departed with EGAN, his wife called police and then notified Embassy.

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2. Mrs. EGAN complained that there had been no guard on residence for past three days, nor over Carnival holidays. Mrs. EGAN said that the kidnappers painted word "Montoneros" on wall of house before departing. She further indicated she thought additional two persons had remained outside the house while the kidnappers were in the house. She begged Embassy to send someone to Córdoba, and closed the conversation indicating that local police wanted her to go with ~~him~~<sup>them</sup> to look at photos.

3. Embassy is dispatching EmbOffs to Córdoba by DAO aircraft. Foreign Ministry has been advised. We are in close contact with National Police. We have, however, not learned of any demands by kidnappers.

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ACTION: SecState, WASH DC FLASH

INFO: USCINCSO - IMMEDIATE

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SITREP 1:  
E.O. 11652: GDS  
TAGS : PINS, ASEC, AR  
SUBJECT : Kidnapping of US Official

EmbOff received ~~phone~~ phone call at 1916 hours local time from

Mrs. Egan that her husband John Egan Consular Agent in Cordoba, Argentina had been kidnapped at approx 1900 hours by a terrorist group whom she identified as Montoneros.

2. Mrs. Egan advised police arriving as she phoned. She quite distraught and details will follow.

3. Foreign Ministry has been notified/.

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E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: AWRD

SUBJECT: AWARD FOR JOHN P. EGAN

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REF: A) BUENOS AIRES 1578, B) BUENOS AIRES 1640

1. AMBASSADOR'S RECOMMENDATION BEING PROCESSED. IN INTERIM, POST SHOULD COMPLETE FORM DS-1577 FOR SUBMISSION TO DEPARTMENT. IN ORDER NOT TO DELAY WORK OF WASHINGTON INCENTIVE AWARDS COMMITTEE, REQUEST NAME AND TITLE OF EACH MEMBER OF THE JOINT COUNTRY AWARDS COMMITTEE, BY RETURN CABLE.

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2. UNLESS EMBASSY HAS OBJECTION, DEPARTMENT PLANS DELETE FROM CITATION QUOTE WHERE HE HAD CHOSEN TO LIVE AFTER RETIREMENT FROM AN AMERICAN COMPANY END QUOTE.

3. IT APPEARS DEPARTMENT HAS NO LEGISLATIVE AUTHORITY TO AWARD MONETARY STIPEND TO WIDOW, BUT WE ARE THOROUGHLY RESEARCHING THIS POINT. FYI, MRS. EGAN MAY RPT MAY BE ELIGIBLE FOR BENEFITS UNDER FEDERAL EMPLOYEES' COMPENSATION ACT. DEPARTMENT PLANS PROCESS APPLICATION WITH DEPARTMENT OF LABOR IN ACCORDANCE WITH 3 FAM 689, UPON RECEIPT OF DOCUMENTATION DISCUSSED IN HEDBERG/THOMPSON TELECON. END FYI. BUREAU ANTICIPATES ISSUING INVITATIONAL TRAVEL

ORDERS TO BRING MRS. EGAN TO WASHINGTON DURING U.S. VISIT SET FORTH REF B.

4. PLEASE FORWARD AFOREMENTIONED FORM DS-1577 TO ARA/MGT. INGERSOLL  
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SUBJECT: FOAN MURDER

REF: STATE 046639

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AP STORY DATED IN CORDOBA MARCH 1 STATES: QUOTE  
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WOULD APPRECIATE KNOWING WHETHER AP CONTACTED EMBASSY  
 OR EMBASSY REPRESENTATIVES IN CORDOBA, AND WHETHER  
 STATEMENT ALONG THESE LINES WAS MADE. INGERSOLL

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TAGS:ASEC, PINS, AR

SUBJECT: PLAN TO KIDNAP AMBASSADOR HILL

REFTEL ARRIVED AFTER ASSISTANT SECRETARY ROGERS DEPARTED  
KENNEDY AIRPORT ON BOARD DIRECT FLIGHT TO BUENOS AIRES SO  
HE NOT INFORMED. SUGGEST YOU BRIEF HIM ON ARRIVAL. INCERSONL  
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SUBJECT: CORDOBA CONSULAR AGENCY

REF: BUENOS AIRES 1535 ✓

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DEPARTMENT APPROVES CLOSING OF CORDOBA CONSULAR AGENCY  
EFFECTIVE MARCH 10 AND PREFERS THAT NO PRESS ANNOUNCEMENT  
BE ISSUED. INGERSOLL  
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E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: PINS, AR

SUBJECT: EGAN ASSASSINATION

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1. PLEASE TRANSMIT FOLLOWING MESSAGE FROM PRESIDENT FORD TO PRESIDENT PERON: QUOTE. DEAR MADAM PRESIDENT: THANK YOU FOR YOUR COMPASSIONATE MESSAGE OF CONDOLENCE ON THE TRAGIC MURDER OF JOHN PATRICK EGAN, CONSULAR AGENT OF THE U.S. AT CORDOBA. MR. EGAN GAVE HIS LIFE NOT ONLY IN THE SERVICE OF THE UNITED STATES BUT ALSO IN THAT OF HIS ADOPTED HOME ARGENTINA. HE WAS DEDICATED TO GOOD RELATIONS BETWEEN OUR TWO COUNTRIES.

THE KILLING OF AN INNOCENT AND DEFENSELESS MAN IN THIS WAY CAN ONLY CAUSE REVULSION IN THE HEARTS OF DECENT AND HONORABLE MEN EVERYWHERE. IT IS MY HOPE THAT HIS DEATH WILL NOT HAVE BEEN IN VAIN AND THAT HIS GREAT SACRIFICE WILL DEMONSTRATE TO THOSE WHO WOULD ENGAGE IN TERRORISM AND VIOLENCE THAT THEY CANNOT GAIN THEIR ENDS BY SUCH METHODS. SINCERELY, GERALD R. FORD. UNQUOTE.

2. IF GOA DOES NOT OBJECT, WE PROPOSE THAT TEXTS OF THIS EXCHANGE BE RELEASED TO ARGENTINE PRESS. INGERSOLL  
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~~SUBJECT: EGAN KIDNAPING/MURDER - U.S. PRESS REACTION~~  
 THERE FOLLOWS EXTRACT FROM MARCH 10 ISSUE TIME MAGAZINE  
 THERE FOLLOWS EXTRACT FROM MARCH 10 ISSUE TIME MAGAZINE  
 REFERRING TO KIDNAPING/MURDER OF CONSULAR AGENT EGAN:

QUOTE. HALFWAY AROUND THE WORLD, ANOTHER POLITICAL KIDNAPING CAME TO A TRAGIC END. IN CORDOBA, ARGENTINA LAST WEEK, MONTONEROS LEFTIST-PERONIST TERRORISTS ABDUCTED THE HONORARY U.S. CONSUL, JOHN P. EGAN, 62, FROM HIS HOME. THE TERRORISTS DEMANDED THAT FOUR JAILED COMRADES BE RELEASED QUOTE ALIVE AND HEALTHY UNQUOTE BY 7 P.M. ON FRIDAY -- OR EGAN, A RETIRED KAISER INDUSTRIES EXECUTIVE, WOULD BE QUOTE EXECUTED UNQUOTE. BOTH THE U.S. EMBASSY AND ARGENTINE FOREIGN MINISTER ALBERTO VIGNES REFUSED TO NEGOTIATE WITH THE KIDNAPERS. LATE FRIDAY NIGHT, ON A LONELY DIRT ROAD OUTSIDE CORDOBA, EGAN'S BODY WAS FOUND RIDDLED WITH BULLETS AND WRAPPED IN A MONTONEROS FLAG. UNQUOTE. INGERSOLL

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TAGS: PINS, PFOR, ASAC, AF

SUBJECT: GOA RELEASE OF TERRORIST

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REF: BUENOS AIRES 1406; LIMA 1799; STATE 46574, 48832

1. VARIOUS ASPECTS OF ANZORREGUY-SCHNEIDER CASE REQUIRE PROMPT CLARIFICATION. WE ARE MUCH DISTURBED BY WHAT ON THE SURFACE APPEARS AS A DISCONCERTING CONTRAST IN THE APPROACH BY GOA AUTHORITIES TO THIS CASE WITH THE POSITION THEY ADOPTED IN THE EGAN CASE.

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2. WE SUSPECT CARDINAL DIFFERENCE IS THAT GOA HAD SCHNEIDER IN ITS CUSTODY AND THE CONSTITUTIONAL PROVISIONS ALLOWING HIM TO CHOOSE EXILE MADE HIS RELEASE COMPARATIVELY EASY FOR THE GOA AND NOT A "NEGOTIATION" WITH ANZORREGUY'S CAPTORS. IT IS LIKELY THAT THE FOUR OR FIVE OR SEVEN TERRORISTS WHOSE "SHOWING" WAS DEMANDED FOR EGAN'S RELEASE WERE NOT ALL IN THE GOA'S CUSTODY, THAT THEY WERE DEAD OR OTHERWISE UNACCOUNTABLE FOR. WE DEDUCE THIS IS POINT MONTONEROS WISHED TO FORCE THE GOA TO MAKE.

3. NEVERTHELESS WE ARE DISTURBED BY THE RIGID POSITION ADOPTED BY VIGNES ON FEBRUARY 28 AND WE REPEAT OUR REQUEST

FOR THE FULL TEXT OF HIS REMARKS. WIRE SERVICE QUOTED HIM AS SAYING, "THE ARGENTINE GOVERNMENT WILL NOT ASSOCIATE WITH EXTREMIST GROUPS". WE ALSO NOTE THAT THE ARGENTINE GOVERNMENT AT NO TIME TO OUR KNOWLEDGE ISSUED THE PUBLIC STATEMENT THAT BOTH VIGNES AND ORFILA ASSURED US IT WOULD BECOME, THAT IT DID NOT HAVE THE TERRORIST PRISONERS IN ITS CUSTODY THAT EGAN'S CAPTORS DEMANDED BE PRODUCED.

4. BECAUSE OF THE DIFFICULTIES WE HAVE IN RECONCILING GOA'S POSITION IN THESE TWO CASES, YOU ARE INSTRUCTED TO MAKE KNOWN OUR CONCERN AT A HIGH LEVEL IN THE ARGENTINE GOVERNMENT. IN SO DOING YOU SHOULD LEAVE NO DOUBTS THAT WE LOOK TO THE ARGENTINE GOVERNMENT AS BEING RESPONSIBLE FOR THE SAFETY OF AMERICANS IN ARGENTINA AND THAT WE WOULD

12 HAVE DIFFICULTY IN ACCEPTING ANY INDICATION THAT THE CON-  
SIDERATION AND CONCERN OF THE GOA FOR OUR CITIZENS IN  
ARGENTINA IS IN ANY WAY LESS THAN THAT SHOWN FOR OTHERS.  
YOU SHOULD REQUEST AN EXPLANATION FOR THE PERPLEXING  
VARIANCE IN THE GOA'S APPROACH TO THESE TWO CASES.

5. PLEASE REPORT RESULTS OF YOUR INQUIRY, INGERSOLL

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E.O. 11652: N/A

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SUBJECT: EGAN CASE - SECRETARY'S REPLY TO FOREIGN MINISTER'S MESSAGE

FOLLOWING MESSAGE FROM THE SECRETARY SHOULD BE TRANSMITTED TO FONMIN VIENES:

QUOTE. DEAR MR; MINISTER: I AM GRATEFUL FOR YOUR MESSAGE EXPRESSING YOUR CONDOLENCES AT THE MURDER OF JOHN PATRICK EGAN, CONSULAR AGENT OF THE UNITED STATES IN CORDOBA. MR. EGAN WAS A MAN WHO LOVED BOTH OUR COUNTRIES AND WORKED CONSCIENTIOUSLY IN THE INTEREST OF GOOD RELATIONS BETWEEN OUR TWO NATIONS. THE COWARDLY ACT WHICH ENDED HIS LIFE WILL SHOCK THE SENSITIVITIES OF ALL DECENT MEN THROUGHOUT THE WORLD. I KNOW I CAN COUNT ON THE CONTINUED DETERMINATION OF YOUR GOVERNMENT TO APPREHEND THE CRIMINALS RESPONSIBLE FOR THIS ABHORRENT DEED AND BRING THEM TO JUSTICE. WARM REGARDS. HENRY A. KISSINGER. UNQUOTE.

IF SOA DOES NOT OBJECT, WE PROPOSE THAT TEXTS OF THIS EXCHANGE BE RELEASED TO ARGENTINE PRESS. KISSINGER

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SUBJECT: MESSAGE TO MRS. JOHN P. EGAN

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PLEASE TRANSMIT FOLLOWING MESSAGE TO MRS. EGAN FROM SISTER-  
 IN-LAW:

QUOTE. DEAR SIS: CAN'T GET YOU BY PHONE. WE WILL MEET  
 YOU IN LOS ANGELES, THEN GO TO MONTANA. LOVE TO ALL THE  
 FAMILY. THEY WILL TAKE CARE OF THINGS DOWN THERE. ALL  
 OUR LOVE. JIM AND MARTHA. UNQUOTE. KISSINGER  
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SUBJECT: EGAN MURDER U.S. PRESS COVERAGE

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TAGS: PINT, PINS, AR, PE  
SUBJECT: PRESS INTERVIEW WITH ARGENTINE GUERRILLA SCHNEIDER

REF: LIMA 1799

1. LIMA DAILY EL CORREO INTERVIEWED ARGENTINE GUERRILLA SERGIO SCHNEIDER AS HE LEFT HIS "DOWNTOWN" HOTEL TO TAKE A WALK. PAPER CARRIED BUENOS AIRES DATELINE EFE ARTICLE SAME PAGE QUOTING ARGENTINE OFFICIAL STATEMENT THAT THERE WAS NEITHER NEGOTIATION NOR EXCHANGE IN SCHNEIDER CASE. YET EL CORREO ARTICLE WAS HEADLINED "INTERVIEW WITH EXCHANGED GUERRILLA" AND TEXT STATED THAT SCHNEIDER'S FREEDOM TRADED FOR THAT OF JUDGE HUGO ALFREDO ANZORREGUY. ARTICLE SUBHEADING STATED THAT SCHNEIDER PRAISED "SOCIALIZATION" OF PERUVIAN PRESS.

2. ARTICLE QUOTES SCHNEIDER AS SAYING "PLEASE, NOTHING ON POLITICS. UNDERSTAND MY SITUATION. WHEN MY SITUATION IS CLARIFIED IT WILL BE ANOTHER THING." SCHNEIDER DID, HOWEVER, THEN DECLARE THAT KIDNAPPING OF ANZORREGUY WAS CARRIED OUT BY HIS GROUP, THE FUERZA ARGENTINA DE LIBERACION CHE GUEVARRA (FALCHE), AND NOT BY THE MONTONEROS. FALCHE IS ABSOLUTELY SEPARATE FROM THE MONTONEROS, SAID SCHNEIDER, AND THERE ARE PROFOUND DIFFERENCES BETWEEN THE TWO GROUPS. EL CORREO COMMENTS THAT THE LIBERATION OF SCHNEIDER HAS RESULTED IN RECOGNITION FOR FALCHE. BEFORE PEOPLE TENDED TO THINK ONLY OF ACTIVITIES OF THE ARP AND THE AAA WHICH EL CORREO TERMED RESPECTIVELY TROISKYITE AND ULTRA-RIGHT.

3. EL CORREO LISTED SCHNEIDER'S PERSONAL CHARACTERISTICS. HE IS 33 YEARS OLD WITH THREE CHILDREN, IS A MEDICAL STUDENT AND IS SAID TO BE ONE OF THE PRINCIPAL LEADERS OF FALCHE.

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SUBJECT: EGAN MURDER: USG FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE FOR FUNERAL.

DEPARTMENT AUTHORIZES EMBASSY TO MAKE COMMITMENT TO MRS. EGAN FOR PAYMENT OF UP TO \$500 REPEAT \$500 FOR PREPARATION OF BODY FOR INTERNMENT AND CASKET. ANY ADDITIONAL COMMITMENT MUST AWAIT FURTHER REVIEW OF EGAN'S LEGAL STATUS AS USG EMPLOYEE, WHICH SHOULD BE COMPLETED MORNING OF MARCH 2 INGERSOLL

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2. DEAR SIS: YOU ARE IN OUR PRAYERS. TAKE GOOD CARE OF YOUR MOTHER AND DAD AND ALL YOUR FAMILY. THEY NEED YOUR HELP NOW. CYRILA, TAKE CARE OF YOURSELF. WE ARE WAITING WITH OPEN ARMS UNTIL YOU GET UP HERE. ALL OUR LOVE, JIM AND MARTHA.

3. MRS. CYRILA EGAN: NO WORDS CAN CONVEY OUR SORROW. OUR WARMEST PRAYERS ARE WITH YOU. UPON ADVICE OF THE ARGENTINE GOVERNMENT FOR SECURITY REASONS WE WILL NOT BE ABLE TO ATTEND THE FUNERAL. MAURICE, HELEN, PATRICK, MIKE AND GENE.

4. DEAR CYRILA: WE HERE IN MONTANA ARE STILL DEEPLY SHOCKED AND SO TERRIBLY SORRY FOR WHAT YOU MUST HAVE GONE

THROUGH THESE PAST FEW DAYS. TOMORROW WHILE YOU ARE HAVING THE FUNERAL WE WILL BE ATTENDING A MASS AND ROSARY SAID FOR HIM HERE. IT SEEMS A SHAME THAT SUCH A GRAND PERSON SHOULD HAVE BEEN CUT DOWN LIKE THAT. WITH ALL OUR HEARTFELT SORROW. GENE, GRACE AND DON. INGERSOLL

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SUBJECT: EGAN KIDNAPPING - PRESS GUIDANCE

\*HERE FOLLOWS PRESS GUIDANCE PREPARED FOR USE OF DEPARTMENT OFFICIALS MARCH 1:

QUOTE...

Q. HOW DO WE VIEW GOVERNMENT OF ARGENTINA'S POSITION OF REFUSING TO NEGOTIATE WITH EGAN'S KIDNAPPERS?

SR. THE DEMANDS OF THE TERRORISTS MADE MEANINGFUL NEGOTIATIONS VERY DIFFICULT.

Q. COULD THE GOA HAVE PRODUCED ONE OR MORE OF THE PRISONERS?

SR. THIS IS A QUESTION WHICH SHOULD BE ADDRESSED TO THE GOA.

Q. DID THE UNITED STATES PRESS THE GOVERNMENT OF ARGENTINA TO NEGOTIATE FOR EGAN'S RELEASE?

SR. BECAUSE OF THE GOVERNMENT OF ARGENTINA'S PRIMARY RESPONSIBILITY FOR MR. EGAN'S SAFE RELEASE WE MAINTAINED THE CLOSEST OF CONTACT WITH THE GOVERNMENT OF ARGENTINA AND EXCHANGED VIEWS ON HOW BEST TO SECURE HIS RELEASE.

Q. DID THE GOVERNMENT OF ARGENTINA'S PUBLIC STATEMENT THAT IT WOULD NOT NEGOTIATE PRECIPITATE HIS DEATH?

SR. THE TERRORISTS BY THEIR ACTIONS AND THE NATURE OF THEIR DEMANDS MUST BEAR THE RESPONSIBILITY FOR MR. EGAN'S MURDER.

Q. HAVE WE HEARD FROM THE GOVERNMENT OF ARGENTINA REGARDING THE EGAN MURDER?

SR. THE ARGENTINE FOREIGN MINISTER AND THE ARGENTINE AMBASSADOR IN WASHINGTON HAVE OFFICIALLY EXPRESSED THEIR PROFOUND REGRETS.

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Q. I UNDERSTAND WE CLOSED OUR OFFICES IN PROVINCIAL ARGENTINE CITIES AFTER THE KIDNAPPING OF ALFRED LAUN IN CORDOBA LAST APRIL. WHAT WAS EGAN DOING STILL IN CORDOBA?

SR. WE WITHDREW ALL AMERICAN EMPLOYEES WHO HAD BEEN SENT TO POSTS IN PROVINCIAL CITIES IN ARGENTINA. MR. EGAN, HOWEVER, WAS A PERMANENT RESIDENT OF CORDOBA, WHERE HE HAD PREVIOUSLY BEEN EMPLOYED BY A PRIVATE U.S. FIRM, CHOSE TO REMAIN THERE AND TO CONTINUE AS A UNITED STATES CONSULAR AGENT.

Q. IS THERE ANY DANGER TO OTHER U.S. OFFICIALS IN ARGENTINA?

SR. SEVERAL TERRORIST GROUPS IN ARGENTINA HAVE THE POTENTIAL TO CARRY OUT KIDNAPPINGS AND ASSASSINATIONS. IN THESE CIRCUMSTANCES, WE ARE DOING OUR BEST TO PROTECT THOSE U.S. OFFICIALS IN ARGENTINA.

Q. ARE YOU INSTITUTING SPECIAL OR ADDITIONAL MEASURES TO DEFEND U.S. OFFICIALS?

SR. WE DO NOT DISCUSS PROTECTIVE MEASURES.

Q. WHAT STEPS DID THE GOA TAKE TO ATTEMPT TO BRING ABOUT EGAN'S SAFE RELEASE?

SR. WE UNDERSTAND THE ARGENTINE GOVERNMENT INSTITUTED ONE OF THE MOST EXTENSIVE DRAGNET OPERATIONS IN THE HISTORY OF THE COUNTRY, UTILIZING POLICE AND OTHER SECURITY FORCES AVAILABLE IN SEARCH FOR MR. EGAN. THE CITY WAS CORDONED OFF AND THOROUGH CHECKS MADE OF VEHICLES AND PEDESTRIANS. UNQUOTE. INGERSOLL

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1. SHOCKED AT MURDER OF CONSULAR AGENT EGAN.
2. PLEASE EXTEND SINCEREST SYMPATHY TO MRS. EGAN FROM BOLIVIAN AND AMERICAN COMMUNITIES IN LA PAZ.

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TAGS: PFOR,PINS,AR

SUBJECT: EGAN KIDNAPPING

PLEASE DELIVER FOLLOWING MESSAGE TO MRS. EGAN: QUOTE WE ARE  
 HEARTSICK ABOUT JOHN. OUR THOUGHTS, PRAYERS AND LOVE ARE  
 WITH YOU. JIM AND MARTHA. UNQUOTE. KISSINGER

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E.O. 11652:N/A

TAGS: PFOR, PINS, AR

SUBJECT: EGAN KIDNAPPING

1. THERE FOLLOWS TEXT OF STATEMENT CONCERNING EGAN ASSASSINATION TO BE ISSUED BY WHITE HOUSE TOMORROW MORNING, MARCH 1. THIS TEXT WILL BE RELEASED IN CONJUNCTION WITH LETTER OF CONDOLENCE FROM THE PRESIDENT TO MRS. EGAN WHICH WAS TRANSMITTED BY REFTEL:

QUOTE THE KIDNAPPING AND MURDER OF U.S. CONSULAR AGENT JOHN PATRICK EGAN BY CRIMINAL TERRORISTS IN CORDOBA, ARGENTINA, IS A COWARDLY ACT WHICH WILL BE CONDEMNED BY MEN OF DECENCY AND HONOR EVERYWHERE. THERE CAN BE NO JUSTIFICATION FOR THE WANTON KILLING OF AN INNOCENT AND DEFENSELESS PERSON.

MR. EGAN SERVED HIS COUNTRY LOYALLY AND WELL. ALL AMERICAN WILL JOIN IN HONORING THE MEMORY OF MR. EGAN AND IN EXPRESSING-DEEPEST SYMPATHY TO HIS WIDOW AND FAMILY. UNQUOTE. KISSINGER

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E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: PFOR, PINS, AR

SUBJECT: EGAN KIDNAPPING

1. THERE FOLLOWS TEXT OF STATEMENT ISSUED BY DEPARTMENT TONIGHT CONCERNING THE MURDER OF CONSULAR AGENT EGAN:

QUOTE IT IS WITH THE UTMOST REGRET THAT WE HAVE LEARNED OF THE MURDER OF CONSULAR AGENT JOHN PATRICK EGAN AT CORDOBA IN ARGENTINA. MR. EGAN MET VIOLENT DEATH AT THE HANDS OF A GROUP OF TERRORISTS, A SENSELESS AND DESPICABLE CRIME WHICH SHOCKS THE SENSIBILITIES OF ALL CIVILIZED MEN. WE ARE SURE THOSE RESPONSIBLE WILL BE FOUND AND BROUGHT TO JUSTICE.

QUOTE MR. EGAN WAS A LOYAL, DEDICATED CITIZEN WHO SERVED HIS COUNTRY QUIETLY AND EFFECTIVELY. HE JOINS THE RANKS OF LOYAL AMERICANS WHO HAVE LAID DOWN THEIR LIVES IN THE LINE OF DUTY. THIS MURDER SHOULD AGAIN SIGNAL TO THE COMMUNITY OF CIVILIZED NATIONS THE NECESSITY OF CONCERTED AND FIRM ACTION TO COMBAT THE CONTINUING MENACE OF TERRORISM.

QUOTE ON BEHALF OF MY COLLEAGUES IN THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE AND THE FOREIGN SERVICE, MRS. KISSINGER AND I EXTEND

DEEPEST SYMPATHY TO MRS. EGAN AND OTHER MEMBERS OF THE FAMILY ON THIS LOSS TO THEM AND TO OURSELVES. UNQUOTE.

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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PINS, AR

SUBJECT: EGAN ASSASSINATION

1. PLEASE TRANSMIT FOLLOWING MESSAGE FROM PRESIDENT FORD TO MRS. EGAN. QUOTE DEAR MRS. EGAN: MRS. FORD AND I WANT YOU TO KNOW YOU HAVE OUR DEEPEST SYMPATHY. THE DEATH OF YOUR HUSBAND IS AS UNJUST AS IT IS TRAGIC. WORDS CANNOT CAPTURE THE STRAIN NOR MITIGATE THE SUFFERING YOU HAVE UNDERGONE, BUT WE WANT YOU TO KNOW THAT OUR HEARTS ARE WITH YOU IN THIS MOST DIFFICULT MOMENT.

2. YOUR HUSBAND WAS HIGHLY ESTEEMED IN CORDOBA. AS U.S. CONSULAR AGENT THERE HE SERVED HIS COUNTRY WELL. HIS TRAGIC, SENSELESS DEATH IS MOURNED BY ALL MEN OF GOODWILL. GERALD R. FORD, PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES. UNQUOTE. KISSINGER

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E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: PINS, ASEC, AP

SUBJECT: KIDNAPPING OF EGAN

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1. REUTERS LEAD STORY ON EGAN KILLING DATED LINED COPDORA. MARCH 1 STATES QUOTE POLICE HERE FOUND THE BODY OF THE US HUNGARY CONSUL IN THIS ARGENTINE INDUSTRIAL CITY ONLY HOURS AFTER THE GOVERNMENT AND THE US EMBASSY SAID IT WOULD NOT NEGOTIATE WITH HIS GUERRILLA KIDNAPPERS. UNQUOTE.

2; WOULD APPRECIATE KNOWING SOONEST WHETHER REUTERS CONTACTED EMBASSY AND WHETHER THIS IS ACCURATE REFLECTION OF EMBASSY'S RESPONSE. INGERSOLL  
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E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: PFOR, PINS, AR

SUBJECT: EGAN KIDNAPPING

REFERENCE: BA 1416

THE AMBASSADOR IS AUTHORIZED TO CLOSE THE EMBASSY ON  
MONDAY, MARCH 3 IN TRIBUTE TO MR. EGAN. INGERSOLL

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E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: PFOR, PINS, AR

SUBJECT: EGAN FUNERAL  
REF: 1421  
FOR AMBASSADOR HILL FROM BOWDLER

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1. OUR VIEW IS THAT YOU SHOULD NOT PARTICIPATE IN FUNERAL. CONGEN HUEY SHOULD REPRESENT USG AT CEREMONY.
2. WE ARE ATTEMPTING LEARN PRECISELY WHAT FAMILY WISHES HERE ARE, AND WILL KEEP YOU INFORMED. INGERSOLL

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E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: PFOR, PINS, AP

SUBJECT: KIDNAPPING OF U.S. OFFICIAL

REFERENCE: BUENOS AIRES 1414

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TAGS: PFOR, PINS, AR

SUBJECT: EGAN KIDNAPPING

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1. DEPARTMENT HAS JUST RECEIVED UPI REPORT DATED LINED BUENOS AIRES THAT AFTER MEETING WITH AMBASSADOR HILL AND INTERIOR SECRETARY ROCAMORA, FOREIGN MINISTER VIGNES SAID "THE ARGENTINA GOVERNMENT WILL NOT NEGOTIATE WITH EXTREMIST GROUPS." NO OTHER STATEMENT IS ATTRIBUTED TO VIGNES, BUT REPORT GOES ON TO STATE THAT "AN ARMY SPOKESMAN SAID TWO OF THE GUERRILLAS WHOSE APPEARANCE THE MONTONEROS ARE DEMANDING ARE NOT EVEN IN ARMY CUSTODY."

2. ARGENTINE EMBASSY HAS SAME UPI REPORT BUT NOTHING ELSE AND IS ASKING BUENOS AIRES FOR VERBATIM TEXT OF VIGNES STATEMENT AND ANY STATEMENT BY ARMY SPOKESMAN.

3. REPORTED STATEMENT BY ARMY SPOKESMAN, IF TRUE, WOULD CLEARLY IMPLY THAT TWO OF THE FOUR GUERRILLAS ARE IN ARMY CUSTODY. THIS WOULD CONFLICT WITH GOA INSISTENCE HITHERTO THAT NONE RPT NONE OF THE FOUR ARE IN GOA CUSTODY. DEPARTMENT WOULD APPRECIATE PRECISE TEXT OF ANY GOA PUBLIC STATEMENTS AND ANY COMMENTS THE EMBASSY MAY BE ABLE TO OFFER.

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E.O. 11652:N/A

TAGS: PFOR, PINS, AR

SUBJECT: EGAN KIDNAPPING: PRESS BRIEFING

THERE FOLLOWS THE TRANSCRIPT OF PORTION OF THE FEBRUARY  
 28 NOON PRESS BRIEFING RELATING TO THE EGAN KIDNAPPING:

Q. BOB, WHAT IS OUR ATTITUDE ON WHETHER THE ARGENTINE  
 GOVERNMENT SHOULD COMPLY WITH THE REQUEST OF THE MONTONEROS  
 FOR THE RELEASE OF FOUR CAPTURED TERRORISTS?

A. YOU ARE ALL AWARE, I THINK, OF THE ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE  
 ABDUCTORS. THERE IS A DEADLINE THAT THEY HAVE PUT ON THEIR  
 ANNOUNCEMENT--I THINK IT'S 7 O'CLOCK TONIGHT, OUR TIME--  
 AND CERTAIN DEMANDS THAT THEY HAVE MADE TO THE ARGENTINE  
 GOVERNMENT.

AND FRANKLY, JOHN, DURING THIS EXTREMELY DELICATE PERIOD,  
 I THINK THAT WE SHOULD SAY AS LITTLE AS POSSIBLE PUBLICLY,  
 IN THE INTEREST OF TRYING TO WORK QUIETLY BUT EFFECTIVELY  
 WITH THE ARGENTINE GOVERNMENT TO TRY TO EFFECT THE RELEASE  
 OF MR. EGAN. SO I DON'T WANT TO GO INTO ANY OF THE  
 DETAILS OF WHAT WE'RE TRYING TO DO, WHAT THE ARGENTINE  
 GOVERNMENT IS TRYING TO DO, ET CETERA. I JUST THINK WE'VE  
 GOT TO REMAIN QUIET AT THIS TIME. KISSINGER

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TAGS: pFOR, PINS, AR

SUBJECT: EGAN KIDNAPPING

**IMMEDIATE ACTION**

1. EMBASSY SHOULD DELIVER FOLLOWING AT EARLIEST OPPORTUNITY TO MRS. JOHN PATRICK EGAN:

QUOTE DEAR MRS. EGAN: I HAVE JUST RECEIVED THE NEWS OF THE SENSELESS MURDER OF YOUR HUSBAND AND HASTEN TO WRITE TO YOU TO EXPRESS OUR PROFOUND SHOCK AND DEEPEST SORROW. YOU HAVE LOST THE PERSON DEAREST TO YOU AND I KNOW THE SUFFERING WHICH THIS REPRESENTS. WE HAVE LOST A LOYAL AND EFFECTIVE COLLEAGUE WHO HAS GIVEN HIS LIFE IN THE SERVICE OF HIS COUNTRY.

PARAGRAPH: MRS. KISSINGER JOINS ME IN EXTENDING TO YOU AND ALL THE MEMBERS OF YOUR FAMILY OUR DEEPEST CONDOLENCES. WE PRAY THAT IN THE MEMORY OF YOUR HUSBAND YOU WILL FIND STRENGTH AND COMFORT IN THE DAYS AHEAD. BEST REGARDS, HENRY A. KISSINGER. END QUOTE.

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~~SUBJECT: KIDNAPPING OF EGAN~~

1. CONFIRMING MONTLLOR-BOWDLER TELECON, YOU SHOULD SEEK EARLY OPPORTUNITY TO CORRECT WHAT APPEARS TO BE GOA MIS-UNDERSTANDING OF OUR POSITION ON DEALING WITH TERRORISTS AS EXPRESSED IN LAST SENTENCE OF PARA. 2 OF REFTEL.
2. AS REFLECTED IN QUESTIONS POSED IN STATE 45328 AND 44949 WE ENCOURAGE LOCAL GOVERNMENT, WHICH IS RESPONSIBLE FOR PROTECTION OF OUR PERSONNEL, TO EXPLORE ALL CHANNELS WHICH COULD LEAD TO RELEASE OF HOSTAGES WITHOUT DAMAGING ITS FIRM POLICY STANCE.
3. WE HAVE MADE THESE POINTS WITH AMB. ORFILA, WHO ASSURES US THAT GOA UNDERSTANDS OUR POSITION ON THIS ASPECT. HE ADDED THAT PUBLIC STATEMENT AS DESCRIBED IN PARA. 2 REFTEL WILL NOT RPT NOT MAKE ASSERTION AS STATED LAST SENTENCE.

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E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: PFOR, PINS, AR

SUBJECT: EGAN KIDNAPPING - PRESS GUIDANCE

1. THERE FOLLOWS A STATEMENT AND PRESS GUIDANCE PREPARED FOR THE FEBRUARY 28 NOON PRESS BRIEFING. THE STATEMENT WAS MADE BY THE DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN. THE TRANSCRIPT OF THE ACTUAL QUESTION AND ANSWER SESSIONS FOLLOWS BY SEPTEL.

2. STATEMENT. WE ARE GRAVELY CONCERNED OVER THE ABDUCTION OF CONSULAR AGENT JOHN EGAN BY TERRORISTS CLAIMING TO BELONG TO THE MONTONEROS ORGANIZATION. OUR AMBASSADOR IN BUENOS AIRES REMAINS IN CONSTANT CONTACT WITH THE ARGENTINE AUTHORITIES, WHO ARE MAKING A MAJOR EFFORT TO EFFECT MR. EGAN'S SAFE RETURN. END STATEMENT.

Q. WHAT ARE WE DOING WITH REGARD TO THE TERRORIST DEMAND THAT THE GOA PRODUCE FOUR MEMBERS OF THEIR ORGANIZATION TO PROVE THEY ARE ALIVE AND WELL AS THEIR CONDITION FOR THE RELEASE OF CONSULAR AGENT EGAN?

SR. (SUGGESTED REPLY) AMBASSADOR HILL IS IN CLOSE CONTACT WITH ARGENTINE AUTHORITIES. HE IS DISCUSSING WITH THEM ALL ASPECTS OF THIS CASE.

Q. CAN YOU GIVE US ANY DETAILS?

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SR. OUR PRIMARY CONCERN IS THE WELLBEING AND RELEASE OF MR. EGAN. WE WILL NOT SAY ANYTHING HERE WHICH MIGHT PREJUDICE HIS SITUATION. FOR THIS REASON I WILL NOT DISCUSS OUR CONTACTS WITH THE GOA OTHER THAN TO SAY THAT THEY HAVE BEEN FREQUENT AND AT A HIGH LEVEL.

Q. TO THIS POINT HAS THE GOA BEEN COOPERATIVE?

SR. WE HAVE BEEN ASSURED THAT THE GOA CONSIDERS THIS A MOST SERIOUS MATTER AND WE ARE DISCUSSING WITH THE GOA ALL POSSIBLE STEPS TO OBTAIN EGAN'S RELEASE.

Q. ARE THESE TERRORISTS LIKELY TO KILL EGAN IF THEIR FOUR ASSOCIATES ARE NOT PRODUCED?

SR. I CANNOT ANSWER THAT. WE ARE DOING EVERYTHING WE CAN TO AVOID THAT.

Q. IS IT TRUE THAT THERE WERE NO GUARDS PROVIDED BY THE GOA FOR MR. EGAN'S OFFICE?

SR. WE HAVE ASKED THE EMBASSY FOR A FULL REPORT ON THE CIRCUMSTANCES SURROUNDING MR. EGAN'S ABDUCTION.

Q. WHAT ARE THE DEMANDS OF THE KIDNAPPERS AND HAVE THEY BEEN IN COMMUNICATION WITH THE U.S. GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS?

SR. THE KIDNAPPERS HAVE MADE KNOWN THEIR DEMANDS TO THE ARGENTINE GOVERNMENT. THEY DEMAND THAT THE GOA DEMONSTRATE THAT FOUR INDIVIDUALS WHO THEY CLAIM ARE HELD BY THE GOA ARE SAFE AND SOUND. THE KIDNAPPERS HAVE NOT BEEN IN COMMUNICATION WITH U.S. OFFICIALS.

Q. I UNDERSTAND WE CLOSED OUR OFFICES IN PROVINCIAL ARGENTINE CITIES AFTER THE KIDNAPPING OF ALFRED LAUN IN CORDOBA LAST APRIL. WHAT WAS EGAN DOING STILL IN CORDOBA?

SR. WE WITHDREW ALL AMERICAN EMPLOYEES WHO HAD BEEN SENT TO POSTS IN PROVINCIAL CITIES IN ARGENTINA. MR. EGAN, HOWEVER, WAS A PERMANENT RESIDENT OF CORDOBA, WHERE HE HAD PREVIOUSLY BEEN EMPLOYED BY A PRIVATE U.S. FIRM, CHOSE TO REMAIN THERE AND TO CONTINUE AS U.S. CONSULAR AGENT.

Q. IS THERE ANY DANGER TO OTHER U.S. OFFICIALS IN ARGENTINA?

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SR. SEVERAL TERRORIST GROUPS IN ARGENTINA HAVE THE  
POTENTIAL TO CARRY OUT KIDNAPPINGS AND ASSASSINATIONS.  
IN THESE CIRCUMSTANCES, WE ARE DOING OUR BEST TO PROTECT

THOSE U.S. OFFICIALS IN ARGENTINA.

Q. ARE YOU INSTITUTING SPECIAL OR ADDITIONAL MEASURES TO  
DEFEND U.S. OFFICIALS?

SR. WE DO NOT DISCUSS PROTECTIVE MEASURES.  
-PT FOR STATEMENT, ABOVE GUIDANCE NOT USED AT NOON  
PRESS BRIEFING. KISSINGER

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E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: KIDNAPPING OF EGAN

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RFF: BUENOS AIRES 1374

1. WE ARE DISAPPOINTED BY GOA UNWILLINGNESS TO CONSIDER OTHER ACTIONS TO PROTECT LIFE OF EGAN. YOU SHOULD CONTINUE TO PRESS ARGENTINE OFFICIALS ALONG FOLLOWING LINES:

2. WHAT PRECISELY IS GOA PLAN OF ACTION TO AVOID THREATENED EXECUTION OF EGAN TODAY? WHAT STRATAGEMS ARE THEY CONTEMPLATING IN ORDER TO STALL, BUY TIME AND DEVISE OTHER ALTERNATIVES TO OBTAIN EGAN'S RELEASE?

3. IF PRISONERS NAMED IN MONTONEROS COMMUNIQUE ARE NOT IN GOA CUSTODY, WHY DO THEY NOT SO STATE PUBLICLY?

4. DOES THE GOA HAVE CHANNEL THROUGH WHICH TO COMMUNICATE WITH MONTONEROS? HAVE THEY USED IT? WITH WHAT RESULT?

5. WOULD GOA CONSIDER PROPOSING TO MONTONEROS PRESENTATION OF OTHER PRISONERS ON MEDIA? WOULD GOA BE WILLING TO

ACQUIESCE TO FURTHER PUBLICITY FOR MONTONERO'S CAUSE IN EXCHANGE FOR EGAN'S FREEDOM?

6. WE APPRECIATE EFFORT BEING EXERTED BY ARGENTINE AUTHORITIES BUT WE BELIEVE THAT USG AND GOA MUST CONTINUE TO ENSURE THAT NO REASONABLE ACTION IS BEING OVERLOOKED IN PURSUIT OF OVERRIDING OBJECTIVE OF SAFE RETURN OF EGAN. WE BELIEVE THAT THIS SHOULD BE POSSIBLE WITHOUT DETRACTING FROM FIRM GOA IMAGE AND FROM CURRENT CAMPAIGN AGAINST MONTONEROS AND OTHER TERRORISTS. KISSINGER

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SUBJECT: KIDNAPPING OF EGAM

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1. IN VIEW OF KIDNAPPERS DEMANDS AS STATED REFTEL, REQUEST YOU RAISE THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONS SOONEST WITH FONOFF:

- A. HOW DOES GOA PROPOSE RESPONDING TO DEMAND?
- B. WHO ARE THE PRISONERS NAMED IN THE DEMAND?
- C. ARE THESE PRISONERS IN GOA HANDS?
- D. IF NOT, WHAT IS GOA'S COUNTER-PROPOSITION?
- E. HOW DOES GOA PLAN TO HANDLE STATED DEADLINE?

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2. REQUEST YOU SEND US FULL TEXT OF MESSAGE REFERRED TO IN REFTEL.

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*you*

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*no*

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*none*

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TAGS: AR, PINS, PFOR  
SUBJECT: KIDNAPPING OF CONSULAR AGENT

1. WOULD APPRECIATE EMBASSY EFFORT TO PROVIDE THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION REGARDING EGAN'S MEDICAL STATUS. THIS IS FOR INFORMATION OF DEPARTMENT TASK FORCE ONLY:

- A. THE NATURE OF HIS MEDICAL PROBLEM
- B. ANY MEDICATIONS HE TAKES
- C. HIS MEDICAL STATUS AT THE TIME OF KIDNAPPING. THAT IS, ANY RECENT ACUTE ILLNESS SUCH AS THE FLU, INTESTINAL PROBLEM, ETC. KISSINGER

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Q. CAN YOU GIVE ME SOME BACKGROUND ON MR. EGAN? IS HE A RETIRED US DIPLOMAT?

SR. MR. EGAN IS 62. HE IS A RETIRED AMERICAN BUSINESSMAN WHO HAS SPENT THE LAST 20 YEARS IN SOUTH AMERICA, MOSTLY IN ARGENTINA. HE WAS NAMED CONSULAR AGENT IN CORDOBA IN MARCH, 1973. ALTHOUGH HE IS A NATIVE OF MONTANA, WE UNDERSTAND HE REGARDS CORDOBA AS HIS HOME AND IS HIGHLY REGARDED THERE.

Q. WHAT ARE WE DOING ABOUT THIS? HAVE WE BEEN IN CONTACT WITH THE GOA?

SR. YES. AMBASSADOR HILL HAS BEEN IN CONTACT WITH ARGENTINE FOREIGN MINISTER VIGNES. AMBASSADOR HILL SENT A TEAM OF EMBASSY OFFICERS TO CORDOBA LAST NIGHT TO ASSIST MRS. EGAN AND TO COOPERATE WITH ARGENTINE AUTHORITIES THERE.

Q. WHAT ABOUT EGAN'S REPORTED HEART CONDITION?

SR. THE EMBASSY TEAM IN CORDOBA IS LOOKING INTO THIS AND OTHER PERTINENT FACTORS.

Q. I UNDERSTAND THAT WE CLOSED OUR OFFICES IN PROVINCIAL ARGENTINE CITIES AFTER THE KIDNAPPING OF ALFRED LAUN IN CORDOBA LAST APRIL. WHAT WAS EGAN DOING STILL IN CORDOBA?

SR. WE WITHDREW AMERICAN EMPLOYEES FROM BINACTIONAL CENTER OPERATIONS IN SEVERAL ARGENTINE PROVINCIAL CITIES, INCLUDING CORDOBA. MR. EGAN IS A PRIVATE CITIZEN LIVING IN CORDOBA WHO CHOSE TO REMAIN THERE, AND TO CONTINUE AS US CONSULAR AGENT.

Q. IS THERE ANY DANGER TO OTHER US OFFICIALS IN ARGENTINA?

SR. SEVERAL TERRORIST GROUPS IN ARGENTINA HAVE THE POTENTIAL TO CARRY OUT KIDNAPPINGS AND ASSASSINATIONS. IN THESE CIRCUMSTANCES, WE ARE DOING OUR BEST TO PROTECT THOSE US OFFICIALS IN ARGENTINA.

Q. ARE YOU INSTITUTING SPECIAL OR ADDITIONAL MEASURES TO DEFEND US OFFICIALS?

SR. WE DO NOT DISCUSS PROTECTIVE MEASURES. KISSINGER  
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SUBJECT: KIDNAPPING OF CONSULAR AGENT

REF: TELECON AMBASSADOR-ORTIZ,..

1. IT OCCURS TO US THAT USEFUL LEVERAGE, IF NOT PRESSURE, MIGHT BE APPLIED ON MONTONEROS TERRORIST GROUP APPARENTLY HOLDING EGAN IF ACTIONS ALONG FOLLOWING LINES WERE POSSIBLE:

A. SEEK TO GET DOCTOR WHO KNOWS EGAN'S HEART CONDITION TO PUBLISH WARNING ABOUT HIS CONDITION INCLUDING POSSIBLE DEATH IF HE IS NOT RELEASED OR GIVEN PROPER MEDICAL TREATMENT PROMPTLY

B. MRS. EGAN MIGHT MAKE PUBLIC APPEAL ALONG SAME LINES, FURTHER DAMAGING MONTONEROS' PUBLIC IMAGE. WE UNDERSTAND THEY ARE SENSITIVE TO PUBLIC OPINION

C. CONSIDER HAVING FRIENDLY MEMBER OF CHURCH HIERARCHY MAKE APPEAL TO "CATHOLIC" MONTONEROS TO SHOW CHRISTIAN CHARITY; PADRE STORNI (RECTOR OF CATHOLIC S.) MIGHT BE GOOD INITIAL CONTACT IN THIS REGARD.

2. WE OF COURSE WOULD NOT WANT TO COMPLICATE GOA'S PRESENT INITIATIVES TO SECURE EGAN'S RELEASE, BUT EMBASSY MIGHT WISH DISCUSS ABOVE STRATEGEMS WITH GOA CONTACTS INVOLVED IN RESCUE OPERATION. ~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

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TAGS: APER, AR (EGAN, JOHN P.)

SUBJECT: KIDNAPPING OF HONORARY CONSUL EGAN

FOR HUEY FROM BISHTON CA/FS/CON

PLEASE EXPRESS TO MRS. EGAN MY SHOCK AT NEWS OF JOHN'S  
KIDNAPPING AT HANDS OF TERRORISTS. WE ALL PRAY FOR HIS  
SAFE RETURN UNHARMED. KISSINGER

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TAGS: PINS, ASEC, AR  
SUBJECT: KIDNAPPING OF CONSULAR AGENT

REFERENCE: HOFFACKER TELECON WITH AMBASSADOR HILL

1. COMMEND EMBASSY FOR PROMPT REACTIONS TO KIDNAPPING OF CONSULAR AGENT EGAN.
2. DEPARTMENT OFFICER ORTIZ WAS TOLD BY ARGENTINE AMBASSADOR THAT FORMI HAD ASSURANCES FROM PRESIDENT PERON THAT EVERYTHING APPROPRIATE WOULD BE DONE TO EFFECT RELEASE OF EGAN. SINCE WE UNWARE OF DEMANDS OF KIDNAPPERS IT PREMATURE TO SPECULATE ON SUITABLE GOA OR USG RESPONSES. ACCORDINGLY, EMBASSY SHOULD CLEAR WITH DEPARTMENT ANY PROPOSED PUBLIC COMMENT TOUCHING ON US POLICY CONSIDERATIONS.
3. DEPARTMENT HAS ADVISED BROTHER JAMES EGAN AND DAUGHTER SUSAN SIROCMAN OF SITUATION AND PROMISED TO FOLLOW UP AS NEW FACTS BECOME KNOWN.
4. DEPARTMENT TASK FORCE HEADED BY DEPUTY ASSISTANT SECRETARY BOWLER STANDING BY IN OP CENTER TO SUPPORT EMBASSY'S EFFORTS. KISSINGER

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REFERENCES: A. BUENOS AIRES 1318; B. BUENOS AIRES 1320

DEPARTMENT APPROVES PROPOSED PRESS GUIDANCE TRANSMITTED  
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