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January 27, 1988

MEMORANDUM

TO: The Attorney General  
The Deputy Attorney General  
The Associate Attorney General

FROM: William F. Weld *WFW*  
Assistant Attorney General  
Criminal Division

SUBJECT: Suarez Mason

Attached is a memorandum describing the extradition matter involving the Argentine national Suarez Mason, concerning which we have received inquiries.

Attachment

# Memorandum



Subject  Carlos Guillermo SUAREZ MASON	Date  January 26, 1988
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To  William F. Weld Assistant Attorney General Criminal Division	From  <i>RJY</i> Rex Young, Deputy Director Office of International Affairs Criminal Division
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## I. REASON FOR DETENTION

Carlos Guillermo Suarez Mason is an Argentine citizen arrested on January 24, 1987, in San Francisco for extradition to Argentina. He is charged in Argentina with 24 murders and 44 illegal detentions (kidnappings/tortures).

These charges arise out of his activities while he was the military head of security in Buenos Aires during the "Dirty War." During the "Dirty War", which lasted from 1976 to 1980/81, more than 9,000 persons "disappeared" and thousands were tortured. It has been estimated that 80-85% of these abuses occurred in the Buenos Aires area while security was under Suarez Mason's control (from 1977 to 1979).

## II. STATUS OF THE CASE

Argentina produced documents in a timely manner, and the United States (representing Argentina) is ready to proceed. The case, which is before Judge Jensen, has been continued a number of times, each time at the request of the attorneys for Suarez Mason. On January 13, the hearing was most recently rescheduled from February 1 to March 7, 1988.

## III. PLACE AND CONDITIONS OF CONFINEMENT

Suarez Mason has been held in three different facilities, a county jail in San Francisco, Terminal Island (a medium security facility), and Fulsome State Prison, due to lack of a federal facility in San Francisco and overcrowding in the county jail. Federal prisoners are taken to the county jail no more than six weeks prior to court appearances.

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He is currently in the San Francisco county jail being held in a ten man tank with telephone, television, and a bathroom. Visitation by family and friends is allowed two/three times a week (through a glass partition).

At all times since his arrest, his family and attorneys have known where he was located and how to reach him. According to the information we have received, Suarez Mason has never been placed in solitary confinement. The Marshals Service has received no reports from any of the facilities of any difficulties with him necessitating treatment differing from that given anyone else.