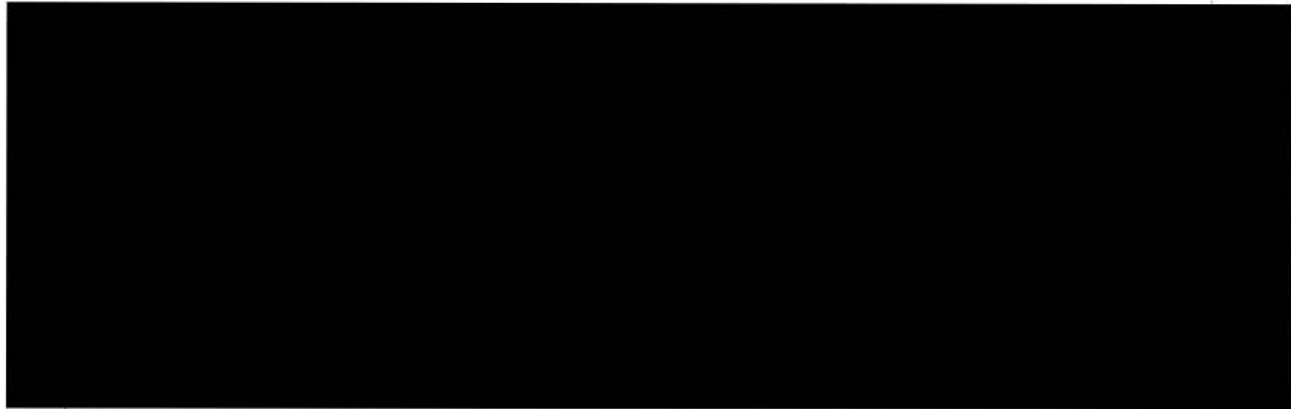



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Decision by "Condor" Countries to Suspend Counterterrorism Operations in Europe - The South American countries which had agreed to launch a counterterrorism operation in Europe (Argentina, Uruguay, and Chile) have agreed to suspend initiation of the plan until Brazil decides whether or not to participate. Brazil has agreed to participate in the intelligence coordination aspects of Condor in South America but has not agreed to participate in joint actions in Europe. The other Condor countries apparently have not ruled out moving forward on the Paris operation without the Brazilians. 

Further Demarche on US Priest Held in Argentina - The State Department called in Argentine Ambassador Musich Thursday to reinforce our Embassy's formal protest of the Argentine Government's denial of consular access to Father Weeks. Weeks was arrested August 3 on suspicion of involvement in subversive activities. (State 200962)

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Argentine Terrorist Leaders Killed - The two top-ranking leaders of the terrorist People's Revolutionary Army (ERP) reportedly were killed Monday during a joint Army and police raid on a subversive hideout. Another five extremists, also alleged to be ERP leaders, were reportedly killed in another engagement. The Argentine Government has not publicly confirmed the deaths of Mario Santucho and Enrique Merlo. The deaths of the operative and intellectual leaders of the organization will deal a severe blow to an already hard hit subversive movement. In the short term, however, terrorist acts of retaliation are a real possibility.

There is a press report that at least 30 Uruguayans, living as refugees in Argentina, are missing and have been abducted by armed men in Buenos Aires. In an earlier episode, numerous exiles under the protection of the UN High Commission for Refugees were abducted and beaten, presumably with at least tacit support of Argentine security officials. Our Ambassador has commented, on the basis of conversation with Argentine officials including the Minister of Interior, that it appears the Argentine Government has made up its mind to use all means at its disposal to eliminate the terrorists once and for all.

(Buenos Aires 4728 and 4716 and APN156)

Panamanian Leader Torrijos to Visit Colombia, Canada and Sri Lanka - Torrijos will meet Thursday in Colombia with the Presidents of Venezuela and Colombia. He has also announced plans to visit Canada on July 27 where he will meet with Prime Minister Trudeau. Torrijos also plans to attend the Non-Aligned Summit meeting in Sri Lanka next month. He will be promoting Panama's position on the treaty negotiations in all cases.

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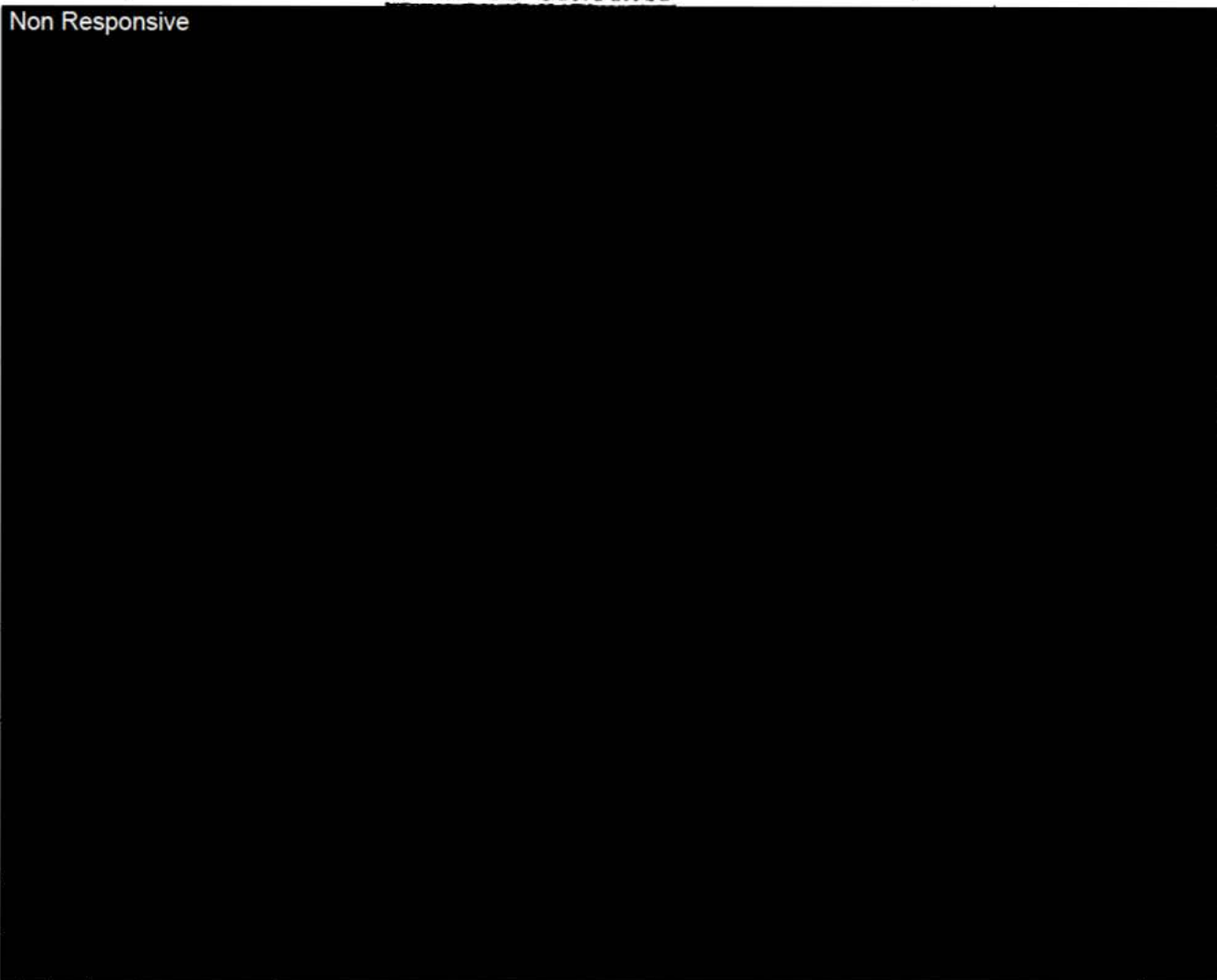
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\_\_\_\_\_ six Southern Cone nations (Argentina, Bolivia, Brazil, Chile, Paraguay, Uruguay)-- participants in a counterterrorist network codenamed "Condor"-- agreed in early July to undertake the liquidation of Latin American terrorists living in France. Argentina, Chile and Uruguay will be primarily responsible for operational activity in France, \_\_\_\_\_ "Condor" operations in France would simply be an extension of the recently intensified cooperation among Southern Cone governments to eradicate terrorism.

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