Weekly Summary
Until recently, however, there was no evidence that this cooperation was extensive or very effective.

These security services are already coordinating operations against targets in Argentina. In May armed men ransacked the offices of the Argentine Catholic Commission on Immigration and stole records containing information on thousands of refugees and immigrants. Argentine police did not investigate the crime and dismissed it as a simple robbery. Two days later, 24 Uruguayan and Chilean refugees, many of whom were the subjects of commission files, were kidnapped and tortured for several hours. Some of the refugees later said their interrogators were security officers from Chile and Uruguay. Presumably, a Chilean-Uruguayan operation could not have been undertaken without the cooperation of the Argentine security forces.

There are also several reports that Chilean subversive leader Edgardo Lasarte, who was arrested by Argentine security forces on April 15, was subsequently turned over to the Chileans and is now dead. Meanwhile, Argentina has handed over to Chilean authorities a Brazilian political exile wanted by Santiago.