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SUBJECT: ABDUCTION OF URUGUAYAN REFUGEES MICHELINI AND GUTIERREZ

REFS: (A) STATE 121966, (B) BUENOS AIRES 3343, (C) USUN 2186

1. GOA HAS MADE NO PUBLIC STATEMENT CONCERNING ABDUCTION OF
ZELMAR MICHELINI ON MAY 17 AND HECTOR GUTIERREZ RUIZ ON MAY 18
BY ARMED MEN WHO INVADED THEIR RESIDENCES, AS REPORTED REFTEL
(?) HOWEVER, HIGH GOA OFFICIALS HAVE PRIVATELY ASSURED EDITOR
OF NEWSPAPER "LA OPINION" THAT GOA HAS NO KNOWLEDGE OF ABDUCTIONS.
"LA OPINION" IS ONE OF THE LIBERAL AND COURAGEOUS BUENOS AIRES
PAPERS, AND MICHELINI MARGINALLY ASSOCIATED WITH PAPER AND
FRIENDLY WITH SOME STAFF MEMBERS.

MAY 20 ISSUE FEATURES ABDUCTION OF THE TWO URUGUAYAN
POLITICIANS ON FRONT PAGE AND SEVERAL COLUMNS INSIDE PAPER.
OTHER PAPERS HAVE GIVEN STORY LITTLE ATTENTION OR HAVE CONVENTED
ONLY CAUTIOUSLY AND HILDELY "SOLD POSSIBLE DAMAGE TO GOA IMAGE.

2. "LA OPINION" CITES

KIDNAPPERS MADE NO EFFORT TO HIDE ACTIVITY AND APPARENTLY HAD NO
FEAR OF POLICE INTERVENTION. IN GUTIERREZ CASE, WITNESSES
CLAIM ABDUCTORS STAYED IN APARTMENT FOR AN HOUR, SHOUTING
FROM WINDOW TO OTHERS IN STREET BELOW. COMMON TO ROTH
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