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NOTICE

This issue includes, for the first time, an article prepared specifically for the Situation Report by another government agency. The article " Two American Casualties in Sumatra" was submitted by STATE/SY/TAG. We would like to take this opportunity to solicit from the readers of the Situation Report additional articles and notes for publication in future issues.

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ARTICLESTwo American Casualties in Sumatra

On 29 November seven to ten armed Indonesians walked up to a well site in northern Sumatra where 29 employees of Bechtel Indonesia Incorporated, including two Americans and two South Koreans, were doing earth excavation work. The Indonesians, whose average age seemed to be between 25 and 35 years, were dressed in green Indonesian military fatigues and were armed with M-1 rifles and old handguns. The group passed out mimeographed pamphlets to the Indonesian members of the work party and spoke to some of the workers in both Acehnese and Indonesian.

After distributing the pamphlets, the armed band instructed the Indonesians to move to one side. They did so, taking with them one of the South Korean workers. The remaining Korean was then questioned regarding his nationality. When he responded that he was a Korean citizen, the inquisitor cursed him and attempted to open fire. Fortunately, the weapon jammed, and the Korean was not injured. At this point, one of the Americans attempted to contact the Lhok Sukon Bechtel Office (about one kilometer away) on his vehicle radio and was shot four times and killed. The other American was shot once and fled into the swamp with the Korean who had been questioned. The wounded American was evacuated to Singapore where he was operated on and is reported to be in good condition. After the shooting incident, the armed band forced a Bechtel driver to take them in a Bechtel vehicle a few kilometers down the road, where they escaped into the bush.

The attackers were members of the National Liberation Front for Aceh (NLFA), an organization which has threatened businesses in the past. The NLFA made extortion demands of Mobil Oil in July by threatening to blow up one of Mobil's projects in Sumatra if it did not receive payment of a half million dollars. At about the same time, a guerilla group, perhaps the NLFA, attempted to set fire to a Pertamina petroleum refinery. Pertamina (Indonesia's State Petroleum

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Company) is the controlling partner in Mobil and Bechtel operations in Sumatra. Aceh is a province in northern Sumatra whose inhabitants are noted for being fierce warriors and fanatical Moslems. The native Acehnese are an extremely independent group and have a long history of opposing any central power, whether that be European or Javanese. The extent of NLFA support in Sumatra is difficult to determine, but sympathy for it is reported strong. By 30 November over twenty suspects had been arrested near the provincial capital of Banda Aceh, where the NLFA is known to have been active in the past.

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Pilots' Possessions Purloined

On 22 October and 7 November two Scandinavian Airlines (SAS) pilots' documentation bags were stolen in Copenhagen, Denmark. The missing bags contained a Swedish passport, a co-pilot's ID card, a Swiss flight certificate and flight manuals and landing maps for several European airports. Also stolen were an SAS uniform jacket and cap with co-pilot's stripes. Possession of the missing documents and uniform could allow unauthorized persons to enter airport operations areas and aircraft from which they would normally be barred.



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Date: 25 November 1977

Place: Spain,
Canary Islands

Bombing by MPAIAC Causes
Property Damage

According to a press release by the Movement for the Self-Determination and Independence of the Canary Islands (MPAIAC), that group exploded a time bomb at the residence of the high command of the Spanish forces in Tenerife. Additional bombs exploded at buildings of a Spanish insurance company and the Bank of Madrid (these latter bombings were attributed to the Armed Forces of the Left). The explosions caused property damage but no injuries were reported.

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Date: 30 November 1977

Place: Cyprus,
Larnaca
Limassol

British Military Bases Bombed

On 30 November four bombs exploded at British military bases on Cyprus. Two explosions at Dhekelia, a naval base near Larnaca, damaged two transformers on the base. Another bomb exploded at a nearby radio antenna field damaging both a transformer and some antennas. The fourth explosion at Akrotiri, an airbase near Limassol, damaged the pumps for the base water system. There were no injuries reported as a result of any of the explosions.

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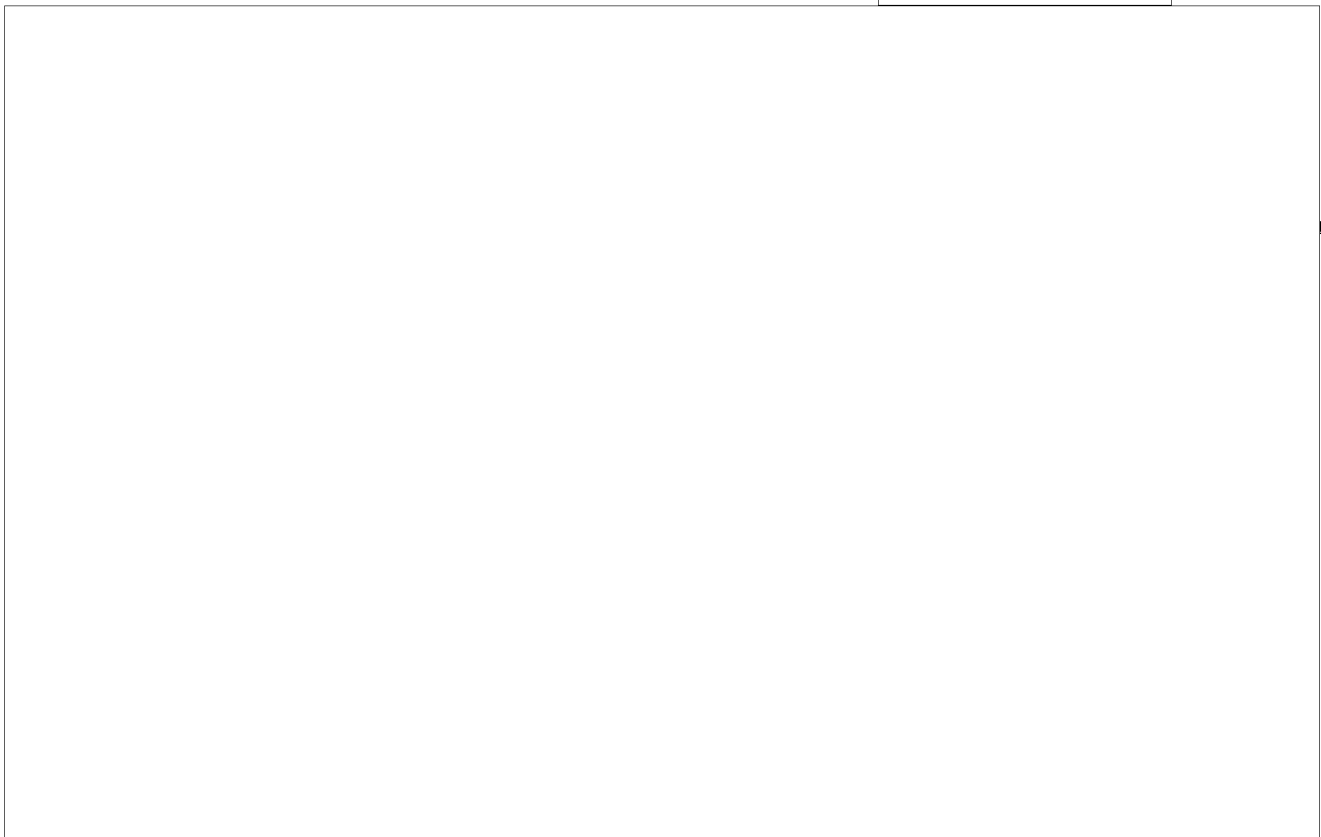
Chrysler Executive's Bodyguards
Attacked

Place: Argentina, Buenos
Aires

According to a Reuter report, the bodyguards of a Chrysler Corporation executive were the victims of an armed attack in a suburb of Buenos Aires. The car used by the guards was sprayed with machine-gun fire from two other cars. Two of the bodyguards were killed and a third seriously wounded. The attackers have not been identified.



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PFLP Terrorists to be Tried by Israel

Two West German terrorists, charged with participating in a PFLP attempt in January 1976 to shoot down an El Al airliner at Nairobi, are to go to trial this month. [Redacted]

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[Redacted] The pair, Brigitte Schultz and Thomas Reuter, along with three Palestinian accomplices, will face an Israeli military court. The trial, which was originally scheduled for last May [Redacted], will be closed to the public. [Redacted]

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Two FRG Terrorists Await Decisions by Dutch Courts

The murder trial in the Netherlands of Baader-Meinhof/Red Army Faction member Knut Folkerts ended on 7 December. The judge adjourned the case until 20 December, when he will announce his verdict. Folkerts was charged with murdering one policeman and attempting to murder another when they tried to arrest him in Utrecht on 22 September. He was being sought at the time in connection with the slaying of FRG federal prosecutor Siegfried Buback. Folkerts admitted shooting at the two policemen but claimed he did so out of fear that they were West German policemen trying to take him back to the FRG. He said that violence directed against the Bonn government and its personnel was justified because the Baader-Meinhof gang was waging a war against a repressive government. The prosecutor asked that Folkerts be given a 20-year prison sentence.

Meanwhile, a court in The Hague announced that on 12 January it will hear a West German request for the extradition of Christoph Wackernagel, another Red Army Faction member currently being held by Dutch authorities. Wackernagel, wanted for involvement in the abduction of West German businessman Hanns-Martin Schleyer, was wounded and captured after a shootout with police in an Amsterdam suburb on 11 November. [Redacted]

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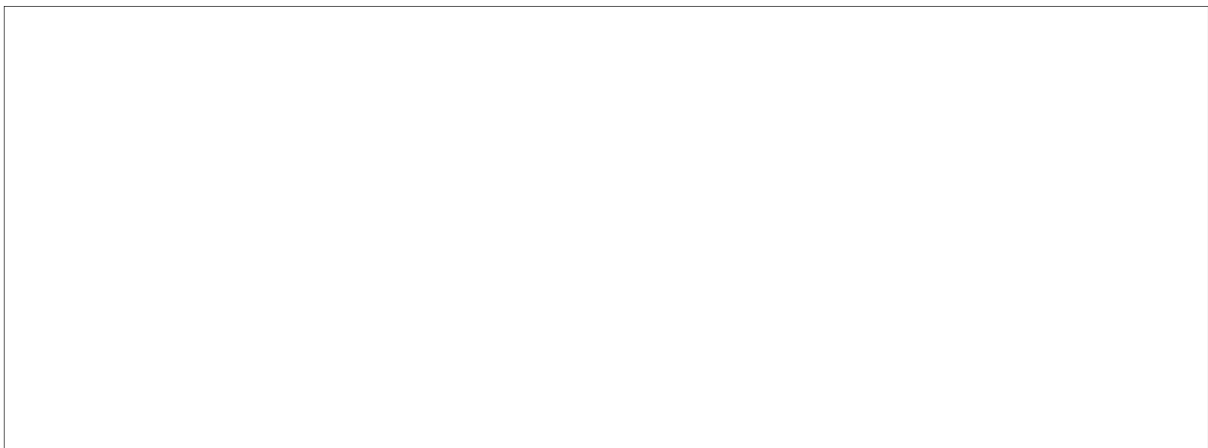


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French Executive Slain In Argentina

Terrorists shot and killed Andre Gasparoux, the technical director of the Argentine subsidiary of the French Peugeot Motor Company, and seriously wounded his police bodyguard on 16 December. Seven terrorists, including two women, staged the attack. The 55-year-old French businessman was ambushed two blocks from his home as he was driving to work in the Buenos Aires suburb of Ranelagh. His assailants used a truck to block his car and then sprayed it with machine-gun fire before making their escape.

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West German Terrorist Suspects Arrested in Switzerland

On 20 December Swiss police arrested individuals believed to be Willy Peter Stoll, 27, and Juliane Plambeck, 25, two West German terrorists wanted in connection with the kidnaping and murder of West German industrialist Hanns-Martin Schleyer. According to a Justice Ministry spokesman, the suspects shot and wounded two Swiss border guards who were checking their car on the Swiss-French border at Fahy, fifty miles northwest of Bern. They were captured after a road chase. Immediate identification of captured terrorists is not always possible because of their use of false documentation and disguises.

If the suspects are indeed Willy Stoll and Juliane Plambeck, their capture is a coup for the Swiss. Plambeck is one of four female terrorists who on 7 July 1976 escaped in West Berlin by climbing out of prison on knotted bed sheets. One of the four was quickly recaptured but the other three have evaded detection for a year and a half. Both Plambeck and Stoll are on the widely disseminated West German Federal Criminal Office poster of the sixteen most wanted FRG terrorists.

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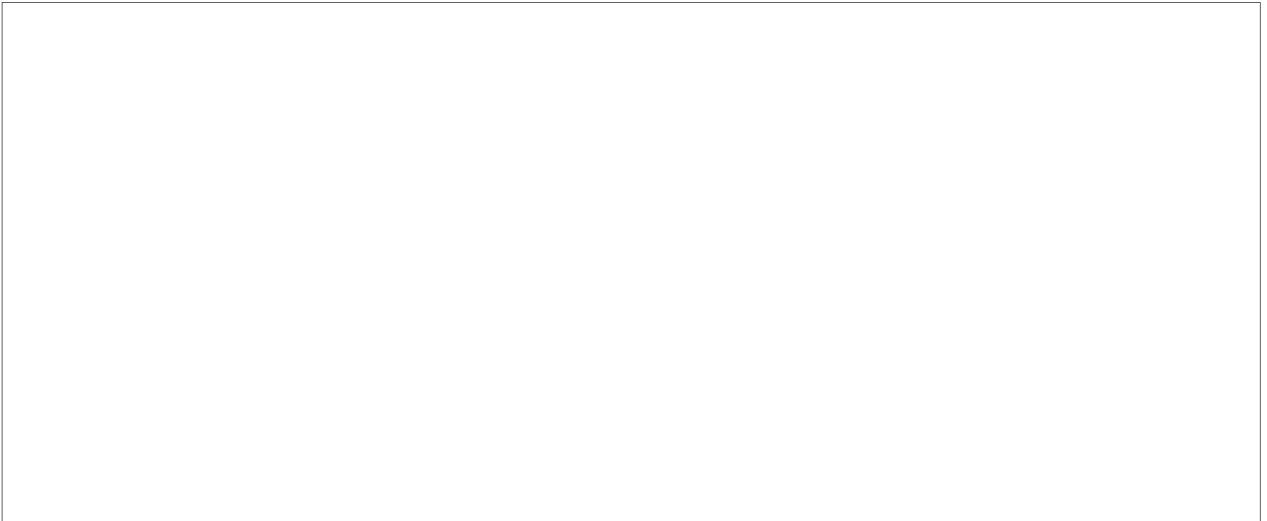


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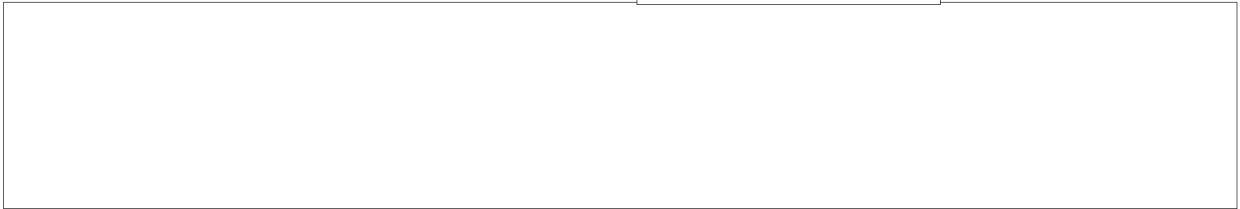
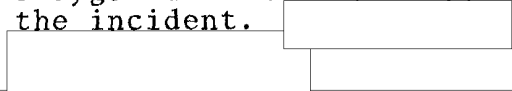
Date: 16 December 1977

Executive of Peugeot Motor Company Killed

Place: Argentina,
Buenos Aires

On 16 December Andre Gasparoux, technical director of the Peugeot Motor Company subsidiary in Argentina, was shot and killed as he drove to work in a Buenos Aires suburb. Five men and two women used a truck to block the car and then opened fire with a machine-gun. Gasparoux was killed and his bodyguard seriously wounded in the incident.

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