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OF CONDO	R COUNTRY REPRESENTATIVES IN BUENOS A	IRES			
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ANNUALLY	THE LEADERSHIP OF OPERATION CONDOR AN	MONG M	EMBER COUNTR	IES.	
	WHILE THE POSITION OF CHIEF WAS A	MOSTLY	A FORMALITY	, IT	
DID SERV	E THE PURPOSE OF HAVING ONE INDIVIDUAL	L ULTI	MATELY RESPO	NSIBLE	
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IN THE FIELD OF PSYCHOLOGICAL WARFARE,	
OPERATION CONDOR WAS MAKING EXTENSIVE USE OF THE COMMUNICATIONS MEDIA	
OF THE MEMBER COUNTRIES. THIS WAS ESPECIALLY TRUE IN	
ARGENTINA WHERE EFFORTS WERE MOST HEAVILY CONCENTRATED IN TELEVISION.	
THE THRUST OF THE PSYCHOLOGICAL PROGRAM IN ARGENTINA	
IS TO GRAPHICALLY SHOW THE PUBLIC THE HEINOUS CRIMES AND ATROCITIES	
BEING COMMITTED BY TERRORISTS AND OTHER EXTREMISTS AGAINST CITIZENS AND,	
AT THE SAME TIME, APPEAL TO THE PEOPLE'S NATIONAL PRIDE IN ORDER TO GET	
THEM TO SUPPORT THE AUTHORITIES BY REPORTING SUSPICIOUS OCCURRENCES IN	
THEIR NEIGHBORHOODS.	
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