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 SUBJ: ERP HOLDS A PRESS CONFERENCE

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1. THE OUTLAWED PEOPLES REVOLUTIONARY ARMY (ERP) YESTERDAY (FEB 14) ALLEGEDLY "KIDNAPPED" 6 NEWSMEN, INCLUDING TWO AMERICANS, IN ORDER TO HOLD A PRESS CONFERENCE WITH THEM. THE NEWSMEN WERE RELEASED AFTERWARDS.

2. THE FOLLOWING POINTS WERE MADE BY THE ERP SPOKESMAN:  
 A. A COORDINATION COMMITTEE HAS BEEN SET UP AMONG THE RP, THE TUPAMAROS, THE BOLIVIAN NATIONAL LIBERATION ARMY (ELN) AND THE CHILEAN REVOLUTIONARY LEFTWING MOVEMENT (MIR).  
 B. VICTOR SAMUELSON, THE KIDNAPPED AMERICAN AND ESSO EXEC IS WELL AND WRITING REGULARLY TO HIM FAMILY BUT ESSO HAS NOT YET MET ERP DEMANDS FOR FOOD DISTRIBUTION TO POOR AREAS.  
 C. THE ATTACK ON THE AZUL ARMY BASE WAS "PARTIAL MILITARY SUCCESS" SINCE TEMPORARY CONTROL OF PART OF THE BASE WAS

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ACHIEVED, AND HAD BEEN A MAJOR POLITICAL SUCCESS IN THAT IT HAD  
PRECIPITATED DEFINITIONS WITHING THE PERONIST MOVEMENT  
(I.E. DEEP SPLITS BETWEEN LEFT AND RIGHT AND WITHIN THE  
YOUTH WING OF THE MOVEMENT).

D. LT COL IBARZABAL, THE OFFICER KIDNAPPED IN THE AZUL ATTACK,  
WILL BE KILLED IN 48 HOURS IF THE ARMY DOES NOT REVEAL THE  
WHEREABOUTS OF 2 ERP MEMBERS WHO ACCORDING TO THE ARMY BLED  
TO DEATH AFTER THE AZUL RAID.  
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