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SUBJECT: MICHELINI

1. WASHINGTON POST THIS MORNING CARRIED BUENOS AIRES  
DESPATCH REPORTING BULLET RIDDLED BODIES OF FOUR  
URUGUAYANS , INCLUDING MICHELINI AND GUTHERREZ RUIZ, WERE  
FOUND IN ABANDONED CAR NIGHT MAY 22. DESPATCH STATED:  
"OBSERVERS HERE SUGGESTED THAT HARD-LINERS IN ARGENTINE  
MILITARY HAVE BEGUN TO COOPERATE WITH MILITARY MEN RUNNING  
GOVERNMENTS IN NEIGHBORING URUGUAY AND CHILE IN GETTING  
RID OF TROUBLESOME EXILES." DESPATCH ALSO STATES:  
"POLICE SAID TONIGHT THAT PAPERS SIGNED BY A LEFTIST  
GUERRILLA GROUP CLAIMING RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE KILLINGS  
WERE FOUND IN THE CAR WITH THE BODIES."

2. U.S. CITIZEN LOUISE POPKIN, CLOSE FRIEND OF  
MICHELINI DOMICILED IN BOSTON, HAS BEEN ON PHONE WITH  
GUTIERREZ AND MICHELINI RELATIVES IN BUENOS AIRES. SHE  
STATES BODIES WERE ACTUALLY DISCOVERED ABOUT 9 P.M.

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FRIDAY, MAY 21, AND THAT AUTHORITIES HAVE REFUSED TO RE-  
LEASE THEM TO RELATIVES, CLAIMING THEY WERE "TUPAMAROS."  
OTHER TWO BODIES REPORTEDLY THOSE OF URUGUAYAN COUPLE  
NAMED WHITELAW. POPKIN STATED FURTHER THAT URUGUAYAN  
POLITICIAN, WILSON FERREIRA, IS GREATLY CONCERNED FOR HIS  
OWN SAFETY.

3. AMNESTY INTERNATIONAL IS URGING A LATIN AMERICAN  
GOVERNMENT TO GRANT FERREIRA ASYLUM. ROBINSON

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