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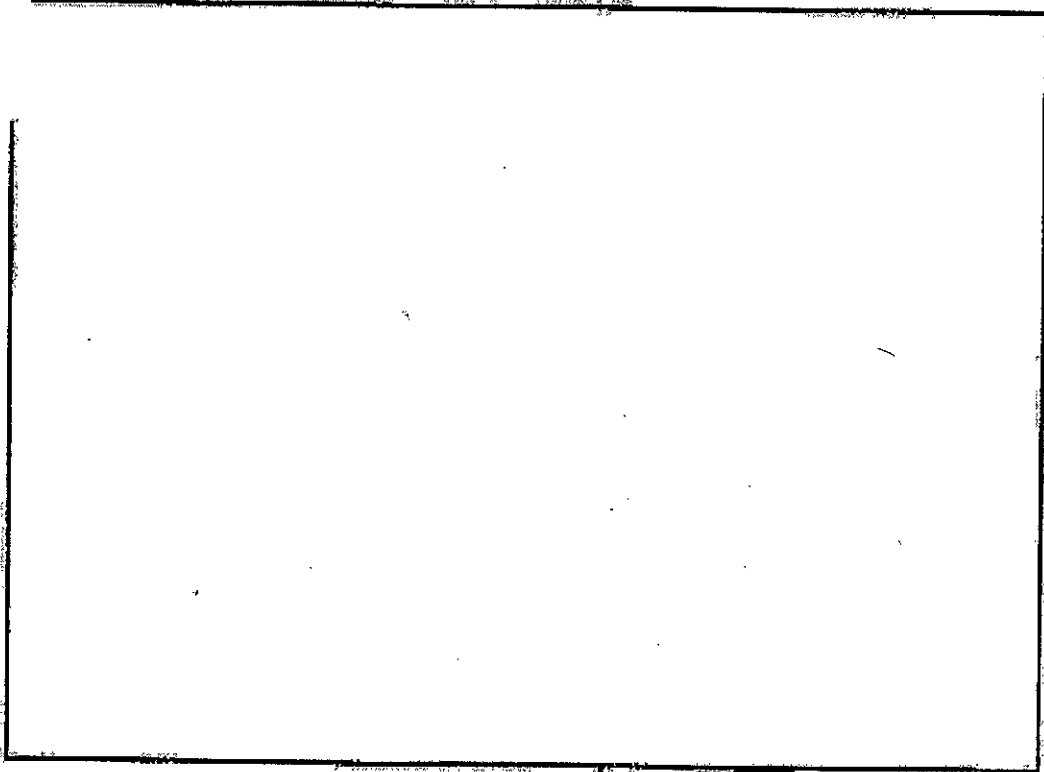
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Uruguayan Threat Against Congressman Koch

Background



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We have one additional problem. You will note from Siracusa's telegram (Tab 2) that the Uruguayan Government now intends to assign Fons and Major Jose Nino Gavazzo, also of the Defense Intelligence Service, to the Inter-American Defense Board in Washington next month. (Gavazzo is apparently a dangerous type.) Siracusa recommends that the Department inform the Uruguayan Ambassador that these two gentlemen would not be welcome in the United States, perhaps referring to the risks they might run here as officers prominently identified with the anti-terrorist campaign in their country.

I agree with Ernie that we should block their coming to the US. The fact alone of the threat against Koch seems to me sufficient grounds for that judgment. If you concur, ARA would request Ambassador Perez Caldas to have the assignments withdrawn, limiting our explanation to the point that Fons and Gavazzo could be the objects of unpleasant publicity or incidents.



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Recommendation

That we inform the Uruguayan Ambassador that the two officers should not come to the US.

Approve Disapprove

Attachments:

1 - Koch's letter to Attorney General Levi of October 19, 1976 and Levi's covering letter to the Secretary

2 - Montevideo 4652 of December 2, 1976
State 292202 of December 1, 1976

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