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Agreement of Latin American Intelligence Services to Cooperate Against Terrorism and Subversion

Representatives of the intelligence services of Argentina, Bolivia, Brazil, Chile, Paraguay and Uruguay met in Santiago, Chile from 31 May to 2 June to discuss the exchange of intelligence by their services and to arrange for long-range cooperation in countering terrorist and subversive operations, according to a senior Latin American military official. The system established to implement this cooperation is to be known as "Operation Condor." (According to another Latin American official, the early June meeting was not the first meeting under the Condor arrangement, but one of a series of conferences which have been held over the last several months.)

Condor will establish a central computerized data bank in Santiago, containing biographic cards and files from each of the intelligence registries. The Brazilian service, which attended the meeting as an observer, agreed to join Condor as a fully participating member and also to provide communications equipment for "Condortel," the communications network which is to be established to facilitate the exchange of information.

The Uruguayan service, in a separate agreement in line with Condor objectives, agreed to cooperate with the Argentine and Chilean intelligence services in carrying out covert operations in Paris against the Revolutionary Coordinating Junta (JCR) (see the issue of 22 December 1975) and other terrorists located there. (SECRET/NOFORN/NOCONTRACT)