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The following investigation is predicated upon a letter from John C. Keaney, Acting Assistant Attorney General, Criminal Division, United States Department of Justice (USDOJ) to the Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI), dated June 13, 1978 which suggested that under the provisions of the Foreign Agents Registration Act (FARA), the FBI should attempt to identify Kelly's source of funds, identify "Marcher" and develop information on one, Humberto Galini, whose name appears as Co-Director in Kelly's publication "Argentina." (U)

On July 18, 1977, LAWRENCE W. LEVINE, Attorney, Walsh and Levine, 79 Pine Street, New York City (NYC) advised that on day 1, 1978, he had a business luncheon with Guillermo Patricio Kelly at the Harvard Club, 27 West (W) 44th Street, NYC in an effort to have Kelly cease and desist from using the name and logo of Argentine Airlines (Aerolineas Argentinas) in a newspaper published by Kelly under the name "Argentina". Levine explained that his firm functioned as legal representatives of this airline in the United States (US). The airline believed that its public image and business prospects in the US were being injured by Kelly's unauthorized use of its name and logo in his newspaper. Levine initiated this luncheon to determine whether or not Kelly would be cooperative and thus eliminate the need for formal legal proceedings. (U)

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Levine advised that Kelly was uncooperative. Levine's impression of their overall conversation was that Kelly warned Levine against pursuing this matter in the courts. Levine noted that Kelly claimed to be an expert marksman and to always carry a gun with him. He claimed to hold a black belt in karate. He stated that he was prepared to die to prevent Argentina from being seized by the Communists. He stated that under President James Carter, the US was becoming a Communist nation. He asked if Levine was willing to die to prevent Communists seizing power in the US. He stated that representatives of Argentine Airlines in the US had no power over him as his contacts in Argentina were their superiors. Kelly did not elaborate on this statement. ~~(S)~~ (U)

Levine's talk with Kelly was in the Spanish language since Kelly has only a little knowledge of English words and no ability to speak the English language. Levine assumes that he will have to take legal action against Kelly to prevent him from using the logos of Argentine Airlines in his paper "Argentina." Levine makes this assumption based upon Kelly's hostile and uncooperative attitude during the course of their conversation. Levine noted that Kelly used composites in both photographs and print to convey false impressions in the paper "Argentina". Levine described Kelly as short, about 5 feet 5 1/2 inches tall, and stocky build. ~~(S)~~ (U)

Levine was advised that if he believed Kelly represented a threat to Levine's physical safety that he might wish to make this known to the New York City Police Department (NYPD). Levine advised that as an attorney he was well aware that this recourse was available to him. He recalls having been advised by Jorge Aja-Espil, an Ambassador of Argentina to the United States (US), that at the funeral of former President Aramburu of Argentina, who was kidnapped and executed by guerrillas in Argentina during either late 1960's or early 1970's, that Kelly stood atop his tomb firing a machine gun in protest against this man's death at the hands of the guerrillas. Levine stated that he believes Kelly has a definite capacity for violence and wishes no further

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personal contact with him. ~~(S)~~ (U)

Levine states that high ranking officials of the government of Argentina have advised him that Kelly does not represent the views of that government nor does Kelly have any official connection with that government. ~~(S)~~ (U)

Levine has been advised by people passing thru his office on business matters that Kelly is receiving financial support from "certain right wing sections of the Argentine Navy" not further identified. ~~(S)~~ (U)

Levine advised that Mr. Sompas of the Argentine desk at the United States Department of State (USDS) had told him that Kelly was allowed into the US on a journalist's visa. The Immigration and Naturalization Service (INS), by letter dated June 20, 1978, reference number, CO 893-C, advised Levine that on May 19, 1978, Kelly entered the US on a valid-non-immigrant visa, as a visitor for pleasure. This visa was valid until August 18, 1978. Levine stated that Kelly resided at the Hotel Taft, New York City (NYC), while in this area of the United States (US). ~~(S)~~ (U)

Levine advised that Kelly's newspaper was printed by Tallaros Graphics Pan Americano, 1212-37th Avenue, Long Island City, Queens, New York (NY). Offset work for this paper was done by an unknown concern at 42nd Street and Park Avenue, Weehawken, New Jersey (NJ). ~~(S)~~ (U)

Levine stated that he had no knowledge of "Marcher" or of anyone named Humberto Guidi. He could furnish no data concerning television shows on which Kelly appeared. He knew that Kelly seemed to be very well financed but could provide no data concerning any banking connections which Kelly might maintain in the US. ~~(S)~~ (U)

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On August 24, 1978, Arturo Muzzio, Regional Manager, Aerolineas Argentinas, 9 Rockefeller Plaza, NYC, advised that he has never met Guillermo Patricio Kelly and knows of no one who is personally acquainted with him. He stated that he resides in Larchmont, New York (NY) and has almost no contact with the Argentine community in the NYC area. Muzzio is aware of the paper "Argentina" published by Kelly because of its unauthorized use of the logos of this company. He recalled that the matter was referred to a law firm in the NYC area which represented the company's interests here. He added that it was his impression that this paper was no longer being published. The name Humberto Guidi was unknown to him. ~~(U)~~

On August 24, 1978, Manuel Basaldua, General Manager for Aerolineas Argentinas in North America, 9 Rockefeller Plaza, NYC advised that he is not personally acquainted with Guillermo Patricio Kelly and could suggest no one who might be able to furnish information concerning this man other than the company's attorney, Lawrence W. Levine, 70 Pine Street, NYC who was handling a legal matter relative to Kelly's unauthorized use of this company's logos in his newspaper. He stated that the name Humberto Guidi was unknown to him. ~~(U)~~

On September 20, 1978, Stefan Giesen, Assistant Manager, Taft Hotel, 7th Avenue and 50th Street, NYC advised that he recalled Mr. and Mrs. Guillermo Patricio Kelly visiting the Taft Hotel, from time to time, during the past two years. He recalls that Mr. Kelly was in the publishing business and sometimes gave out samples of his newspaper. Mr. Giesen was unable to recall either the name of this newspaper or the type of material which it contained. Sometimes Kelly requested that his presence in the hotel be kept confidential so that he would not be troubled by unwanted telephone calls. Mr. Giesen was unable to recall Mrs. Kelly's first name. He recalls that over the past two years Kelly would arrive at the hotel every few months, remain about a week and then depart. He never met any of Kelly's associates. The name Humberto Guidi is unknown to him. ~~(U)~~

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On September 20, 1976, John Navarez, File Clerk,
Taft Hotel, checked registration records for some months
in 1977 and 1978 but was unable to locate any information
on Kelly. ~~(S)~~ (U)

On September 25, 1978, Anibal Gonzalez-Gastello,
President, New Line Advertising, Suite 10B, 200 W. 53th Street,
NYC advised that he has had very little contact with Kelly.
He stated that he is registered with the USDS as the
representative of TELAM in the US. He described TELAM as
an Argentine News Agency. During 1977 Kelly telephonically
contacted him by telephone on several occasions to arrange
for an interview. He tried to avoid any meeting with Kelly
as he was aware of Kelly's political reputation in Argentina
and wanted no association with him. He elaborated by stating
that Kelly, in his opinion, tended to hold extreme views
which were not compatible with the political climate existing
in the United States (US). Upon first meeting with Kelly
in his office, Kelly suggested that he support Kelly's news-
paper "Argentina" and obtain similar support from other
Argentines in the US. He explained to Kelly that he has
been in the US about 14 years and wasn't interested in the
current political situation in Argentina. He is unaware
as to either how or why Kelly selected him in this regard.
He is unaware as to whether Kelly contacted other Argentines
in a similar manner. He had a subsequent luncheon with
Kelly several months later after which Kelly no longer sought
his support for the newspaper "Argentina." He added that
he had received copies of this newspaper thru the mail but
had never bothered to read them. He could furnish no informa-
tion concerning the publication "Marchar" and the name Humberto
Guidi was unknown to him. ~~(S)~~ (U)

On September 26, 1978, NY71, with whom contact
has been insufficient to determine the reliability of the
information provided but who lived for many years in Argentine

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and who is personally acquainted with Guillermo Patricio Kelly, stated that, about 1936, Kelly was convicted of robbery at gun point and jailed. During the 1940's Kelly was the leader of a group called the Alianza Libertadora Nacionalista (ALN) which had a hard core membership of about 200 persons. It had a continual campaign against the Jews of Argentina. Upon the overthrow of the Peron government in 1955, the army sent a tank to the ALN headquarters in Buenos Aires and blew it up. ~~(S)~~ (U)

NYFI states that Kelly is rumored to have killed one Natalio Salmun Peijoo, son of a wealthy merchant in Buenos Aires, about 1945-1946, because of political disagreements. He is also rumored to have killed a man named Frit in a car during 1954 because of a similar disagreement. Frit was a member of a group called "Radical Youth" which by US standards would be very much in the political center. ~~(S)~~ (U)

After the overthrow of President Peron of Argentina in 1955, Kelly was imprisoned. He escaped from jail and fled to Chile where he was again arrested and imprisoned but once again escaped. ~~(S)~~ (U)

NYFI has heard from newsmen in Buenos Aires, Argentina and employees of the government of Argentina that Kelly has been funded by people in the Argentine Navy, in particular a Captain Perez Freilo. Captain Freilo reportedly accompanied the Foreign Minister of Argentina to the United Nations (FNUC) during September, 1978. ~~(S)~~ (U)

NYFI has heard that Kelly's source of funds has been closed because of complaints arising from his activities in the US. While they were available, Kelly brought his wife to the US for medical treatment and travelled to Paris, France and Tel Aviv, Israel. Kelly is said to have asked one newspaperman to write a story on Roslyn Carter's involvement in mental health, for "Argentina", allegedly promising this individual that he would be well paid for his work. Roslyn Carter is the wife of the President of the US. ~~(S)~~ (U)

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NYTJ advised that an individual named Victor Pineiro, 750 Park Avenue, NYC, had an article in either the 3rd or 4th issue of Kelly's newspaper, "Argentina." Pineiro is reported to have been expelled from the Argentine Navy School about 20 years ago. Now he is reported to have been retained by the Naval Information Service (NIS) of Argentina for the sum of \$6,000 a month. Pineiro is said to function as an unofficial Press Officer over the Argentine Embassy, Washington, District of Columbia (DC) and all Argentine Consulates in the US. Pineiro has no office and operates out of his home. He is said to have operated a magazine in Buenos Aires, Argentina. (X) (U)

NYTJ states that Kelly has had many newspapers, all operating in the area described as "yellow press" which indicates lack of respectability and responsible journalism. During the period 1969-1978, Kelly is said to have operated such a newspaper in Buenos Aires with the support of the Minister of the Interior in the Argentine government. (X) (U)

NYTJ could furnish no data concerning anyone named Humberto Guidi. (U)

On September 26, 1978, A. Edgar Cali, Sales Manager, Tri-Star Offset Corp, 12-12 37th Avenue, Long Island City (LIC), Queens, NY advised that Kelly appeared at their office, between 18 months and 2 years ago, requesting that they print his newspaper "Argentina." He gave no references and paid cash for the work they performed for him. The last issued of the newspaper "Argentina" was printed in May, 1978. There were between 6,000 and 7,000 copies printed at a cost of between \$600 to \$700 dollars. Kelly seemed a suspicious man and declined any help in preparing these papers for mailing. (U)

Cali described Kelly as about 35 years of age. He is thought to have a son about 22 years of age. On one

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occasion Kelly was accompanied by a thin woman about his
own age. Cell never heard of anyone named Humberto Gaidi. (U)

On September 26, 1978, NYT2, who has furnished
reliable information in the past, advised that from October
14, 1977 until December 5, 1977, from January 8, 1978 until
January 29, 1978 and from February 6, 1978 until February
9, 1978, Patricio Kelly, Jaramillo 2852, Buenos Aires, Argentina,
was a resident at the Taft Hotel in NYC. (S) (U)

NYT2 stated that during January, 1978, Kelly contacted
the following telephone numbers in New Jersey (NJ): (S) (U)

201-348-8934 (S) (U)
201-377-5674 (S) (U)
201-791-8538 (S) (U)
201-861-1154 (S) (U)

On September 27, 1978, NYT3, with whom contact
has been insufficient to determine the reliability of the
information provided but who is personally acquainted with
Guillermo Patricio Kelly and conversant with political matters
in Argentina, advised that Kelly's activities in the United
States (US) appeared to have a twofold public relations
objective. The first apparent objective was to persuade
the US public that "human rights" were not an issue in Argentina.
The second apparent objective was to persuade the US public
that President Carter's "human rights" was misguided as
to Argentina inasmuch as Jews had no problems in that country. (S) (U)

NYT3 states that one issue of "Argentina" accuses
Rabbi Morton Rosenthal and Arnold Forster of Enai Brith,
315 Lexington Avenue, NYC of leading a false, libelous campaign
against Argentina. NYT3 added that most copies of "Argentina"
could be obtained thru NYT3 if the US government should
desire to review them. (S) (U)

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NYT3 advises that Admiral Emilio Massera, who has just left the Junta governing Argentina, has strong political ambitions and was secretly funding the activities of Kelly in the US. These funds are no longer available to Kelly inasmuch as several months ago Admiral Massera became convinced that Kelly was counter productive to the good image of Argentina which they wished to promote in the US. ~~(S)~~ (U)

NYT3 states that as of several months ago Kelly was sick somewhere in France. ~~(S)~~ (U)

NYT3 noted that in one edition of "Argentina" there is an article signed by S. Ross. NYT3 suspects that this S. Ross is Stanley Ross, a former editor of "El Diario", a Spanish language newspaper published in the New York (NY) area. Ross is now in Public Relations work and very highly paid. Ross specializes in 4 page advertisements such as that which appeared in the September 25, 1973 issue of the "Wall Street Journal", a daily NYC newspaper, on behalf of Argentina. NYT3 suspects that Kelly might have teamed with Ross in just this type of operation. ~~(S)~~ (U)

NYT3 states that during late 1977 or possibly early 1978, Kelly appeared on two occasions on Channel 47 television in Newark, New Jersey (NJ), which is a Spanish language television (TV) station. These programs were of a roundtable discussion type, conducted in the Spanish language, their topics being the threat of Communism and Terrorism in Central and South America. NYT3 could furnish no data concerning anyone named Humberto Guidi. NYT3 stated that "Marchar" is another of Kelly's efforts in the area of "yellow journalism". NYT3 made available a copy of its number 7 issue for the year 1975 which lists its directors as Patricio Kelly and Miguel Szwec. ~~(S)~~ (U)

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On September 28, 1978, NYT4, with whom contact has been insufficient to determine the reliability of the information provided but who is personally acquainted with Guillermo Patricio Kelly and conversant with political matters in Argentina, advised that Kelly has a reputation for violence in Argentina. At one time, Kelly led a 1000 strong group called the ALN which supported the former dictator Juan Peron there. Upon Peron's overthrow, Kelly was imprisoned in a remote place in Patagonia, Argentina. He escaped with five other men and went to Chile. The other five were recognized as political exiles in Chile while Kelly was considered a criminal. He was placed in a jail in Santiago, Chile from which he escaped disguised as a woman. He was an associate of an American named John William Cooke whom NYT4 has heard subsequently died in Cuba. ~~(S)~~ (U)

NYT4 states that Kelly's grandparents emigrated from Ireland to Argentina where the family became comfortably middle class. Kelly is considered a renegade son with no family support for his activities. His first marriage ended in a separation. From this marriage, he has a son, about 28 years of age who resides in Buenos Aires, Argentina and a married daughter, about 30 years of age, who resides in Brazil. Kelly is currently living with a woman described as about 47 years of age, very thin, with dyed blonde hair. She is thought to be a widow and has been treated in the US within the past few years by medical doctors. ~~(S)~~ (U)

NYT4 expressed the belief that Kelly's activities were being funded by a group within the Argentine Navy. NYT4 stated that about November, 1977 Kelly appeared a few times on Channel 47 in Newark, NJ. NYT4 has heard that Kelly paid \$5,000 cash for each of these appearances. He wanted to pay for additional appearances but was discouraged by the station management. NYT4 has heard that the management told Kelly that if he wished to make the show a regular one, they would sell him the time but they were unwilling to permit him to buy time for random programs. NYT4 stated

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that Carlos Barba is the manager of Channel 47, Newark,
New Jersey (NJ) and could possibly furnish additional information
on Kelly's TV appearances there. NYT4 recalled that one,
Diego Gonzalez, an anti-Castro Cuban, employed as editor
of a publication entitled "Impacto" in the NYC area had
appeared as one of Kelly's guests on a Channel 47 TV show. ~~(S)~~ (U)

NYT4 last heard of Kelly a few months ago when
it was said he was ill from peritonitis in Paris, France.
NYT4 has also heard that Kelly's sources of funds are no
longer available to him. As a result, NYT4 expects to see
no further issues of "Argentina" published in the US and
no further activities here on the part of Kelly. ~~(S)~~ (U)

NYT4 has never heard of anyone named Humberto
Guidi. NYT4 knew that one, Carlos Pupin, was a close associate
of Kelly. NYT4 added that Pupin suffers from epilepsy and
is thought to be currently residing in Buenos Aires,
Argentina. ~~(S)~~ (U)

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