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New York, New York

APR 14 1978

Guillermo Patricio Kelly aka

William Patrick Kelly

Foreign Agents Registration Act - Argentina

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On March 24, 1978, NY T-2, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised that P.O. Box 526, New York, NY 10019 is held by the newspaper "Argentina" and Guillermo Kelly, 1472 Broadway, NY 10036, telephone number 247-4000.

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NY T-5 recalls that on or about November 7^o 1977, and on a subsequent date, possibly in 1978, Guillermo Kelly hosted one hour talk shows on WHF television channel 47. Among the guests on one of these programs was the Ambassador of Guatemala to the United Nations (UN). The main topics of discussion appeared to be the twin threats of Communism and Terrorism in Central and South America.

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A. No further action will be taken in this case in the absence of a specific request from you.

B. Please advise what further investigation, if any, is desired in this matter.

C. For your information, I am enclosing a communication regarding the holder of a diplomatic or international organization visa.

D. For your information.

E. Please note change in caption of this case.

F. Pursuant to your inquiry, attached information is being furnished.

G. Investigation is continuing.

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