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TO : Assistant Attorney General
Criminal Division
Attention: Registration Unit
FROM : Director, FBI

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SUBJECT: "ARGENTINA"
GUILLERMO PATRICIO KELLY, aka
WILLIAM PATRICK KELLY
REGISTRATION ACT - ARGENTINAE

Reference is made to your memorandum of November 18, 1977, wherein you request this Bureau furnish you with information from Bureau files on Guillermo Kelly. You also requested an appropriate investigation of Kelly be conducted to ascertain the publication schedule of the tabloid newspaper "Argentina," its circulation, both geographic and numerical, and the identity of any other persons associated with its publication. (U)

A review of Bureau files reveals that one Guillermo Patricio Kelly was born June 29, 1921, in Argentina. He was a trusted lieutenant of Juan Peron during Peron's rule in Argentina. He was known then for his ultra-right-wing and nationalist beliefs. In March, 1957, he escaped from an Argentine prison and fled to Chile. In April, 1958, he stated in an interview that he was still wanted by Argentine authorities to face various criminal charges, including murder, as head of Peron's storm troops. In 1964, he called for a socialism of the masses which would promote a revolutionary agrarian reform while practicing "peaceful political co-existence." In February, 1966, Kelly admitted being won over by Marxism. (S) (U)

In addition, this Bureau conducted a Neutrality Matter investigation regarding Kelly between July, 1967, and December, 1967. This investigation was predicated upon information [redacted] that Kelly 3.3(b)(1) went to Miami Beach, Florida, to purchase arms which would then be smuggled into Brazil. The investigation was closed when no information was developed that would substantiate the allegation. (S)

We are immediately instituting a Foreign Agent Registration Act investigation into Kelly's activities as you have requested. The results of this investigation will be directed to the Registration Unit of the Criminal Division. (U)

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