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SUBJECT: ARREST OF LA OPINION PUBLISHER

ARGENTINA PROJECT (S200000044)  
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Robert P. Grafeld, Director  
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1. JACOBO TIMERMAN AND ENRIQUE JARA, PUBLISHER AND CHIEF EDITOR  
RESPECTIVELY OF "LA OPINION", WERE TAKEN FROM THEIR HOMES BY AN  
ARMED GROUP OF INDIVIDUALS IN CIVILIAN CLOTHES IN THE EARLY  
MORNING HOURS OF APRIL 15. THE INDIVIDUALS REPORTEDLY IDENTIFIED  
THEMSELVES TO FAMILY MEMBERS AS "OFFICERS," BUT FAMILIES BELIEVE  
THIS MAY BE A PHONY LEAD. TIMERMAN AND JARA WERE INSTRUCTED TO  
TAKE ALONG WITH THEM CIGARETTES, FOOD AND CLOTHING. THERE HAS  
BEEN NO STATEMENT FROM THE GOVERNMENT CONCERNING THIS ACTION,  
AND WE HAVE NO CONFIRMATION AT THIS POINT AS TO WHO HAS THEM  
OR WHERE. THERE IS A PRESUMPTION AMONG PRESS SOURCES, HOWEVER,  
THAT THE DETENTION, IF INDEED THEY HAVE BEEN DETAINED BY GOVT  
FORCES, MAY BE RELATED TO THE ONGOING INVESTIGATION OF THE  
FINANCIAL EMPIRE OF DAVID GRAIVER.  
2. FURTHER DEVELOPMENTS WILL FOLLOW.  
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