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"DISAPPEARED" ARGENTINE SCIENTISTS

Hector Antonio ABRALES. Mr. Abrales was a leading figure in the electronics industry. In 1971-1972 he worked as an advisor to the Government and the Organization of American States. He disappeared on January 22, 1979. He was last seen at 1:15 p.m. when he left his office to return to his home for lunch. Earlier in the day two men had presented what appeared to be police credentials to gain admittance to a Buenos Aires apartment building where Mr. Abrales lived.

Frederico ALVAREZ Rojas. Mr. Alvarez is a 36-year-old physicist who was employed in the x-ray diffraction laboratory of the Argentine Atomic Energy Commission. He and his wife Hilda "disappeared" on October 1, 1976. All legal steps taken by members of his family to ascertain his whereabouts or to communicate with him have failed.

Daniel Eduardo BENDERSKY. Mr. Bendersky is 28 years old. He was finishing a degree in nuclear physics at the College of Exact Sciences at the University of Buenos Aires when he disappeared on August 16, 1978. The Buenos Aires Herald reported that "Mr. and Mrs. Jose Bendersky have filed a writ of habeas corpus on behalf of their son, who they say was taken from the family home yesterday by four men in civilian clothing. The men presented credentials identifying themselves as federal policemen." (Buenos Aires Herald, August 17, 1978). Despite repeated inquiries made to the Argentine government by the American Physical Society, the AAAS Clearinghouse, and the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, no word has been heard from Bendersky since he disappeared.

Gabriela CARABELLI. Ms. Carabelli was employed at the Institute of Mathematics, Astronomy and Physics at the University of Cordoba where she had received a degree in physics. (She did her graduate work in Sweden.) Ms. Carabelli was detained by Provincial authorities in February 1976 along with her daughter and was charged with "participation with guerrillas." She subsequently "disappeared."

Alberto Samuel FALICOFF. Dr. Falicoff, Doctor of Medicine, was taken from his residence in Buenos Aires on the evening of November 25, 1976, along with his wife Estela Mary Cornalea, by men who appeared to be from military security forces. Both Dr. Falicoff and his wife were taken to a military facility where they were tortured. His wife was released on December 24, 1976. Dr. Falicoff's whereabouts are unknown.

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Angel Mario GARMENDIA. Mr. Garmendia is 37 years old. He was an Assistant Professor of Chemistry at the University of Tucuman. He was arrested at his mother's home on June 21, 1977, by four persons identifying themselves as police of the province. His arrest was allegedly in connection with a hit-and-run accident involving the death of a cyclist. He has not been heard from since.

Alfredo Antonio GIORGI. Mr. Giorgi, a 35-year-old chemist and physicist, was head of the Plastics Research Laboratory at the National Institute of Industrial Technology (INTI). He has not been heard from since November 27, 1978, when an armed group took him into custody claiming he was wanted on a drug charge.

Maximo Eduardo JAROSLAVSKY. Dr. Jaroslavsky, a Doctor of Medicine, disappeared at about 9:00 p.m. the evening of November 19, 1975 in the city of Tucuman. He was traveling by car to visit a patient in the heart clinic that he had founded and directed in Tucuman. Neither the doctor nor his car has been seen since that time. The disappearance of Dr. Jaroslavsky provoked a strike on his behalf by Tucuman doctors, who first refused all night work for a month and then went on a complete 24-hour strike. Word was indirectly received by relatives in May 1977 that the doctor had been seen in January 1977 in a camp in the town of Famailla, about 40 kilometers from Tucuman.

Jorge Claudio LEWI and his wife Ana Maria Sonder LEWI. Mr. and Mrs. Lewi studied chemistry in the Faculty of Exact Sciences of Buenos Aires. Mr. Lewi worked as a chemist. They both disappeared on approximately October 8, 1978 in the city of Buenos Aires. A writ of habeas corpus was filed on October 11, 1978. No word has been received from the couple since they disappeared.

Antonio MISETICH. Mr. Misetich is 40 years old and holds a doctorate in physics from the University of Buenos Aires (1964). From 1965-1966 he was a staff member at Bell Telephone Laboratories (New Jersey) and from 1966-1970 he was a staff scientist at the National Atomic Energy Commission in Buenos Aires. Dr. Misetich disappeared in mid-April 1976. In July 1976 Argentine authorities confirmed his detention, arrest, and investigation for suspended association with a subversive group. In November 1976 the Argentine Ministry of Foreign Affairs advised that Dr. Misetich was "not registered." Inquiries concerning the physical safety and health of Dr. Misetich by U.S. colleagues have yielded no further information.

Eduardo PASQUINI and his wife Liliane PASQUINI. Mr. Pasquini worked at the Center for Nuclear Studies in Saclay, France from 1970-1973 and subsequently in the Department of Physics of the University of Rosario in Argentina. Mrs. Pasquini is a psychoanalyst. They "disappeared" in June 1976 and there has been no information about them since that date.

Beatriz PEROSIO. Ms. Perosio was president of the Argentine Federation of Psychologists and the Buenos Aires Association of Psychologists. She disappeared on August 8, 1978, when men who claimed to be federal police took her from a child-care center where she was working. Ms. Perosio left a handwritten note saying that she had been told to accompany a Mr. Jual Manuel Sanchez of federal security to the central headquarters of the federal police in Buenos Aires for questioning. There has been no word of her whereabouts since the disappearance.