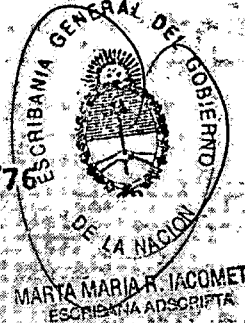


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On 9/16/76, a confidential source who has provided reliable information in the past reported the following information with regard to data appearing in the Buenos Aires news media with regard to a raid conducted by security forces at an apartment located in the 400 block of Avenida Forest in Chacarita, Federal Capital:

Officers of the Federal Police of Argentina (FPA), Department of Federal Security, working with elements of SIDE acting on information obtained from ERP documents, raided an ERP safehouse on 9/14/76 at the above-described location. As a result of the raid, two ERP members were killed and three prisoners taken, one a female in her last month of pregnancy. The successor to slain ERP leader MARIO ROBERTO SANTUCHO, who was identified only by his ERP code name, "PANCHO", managed to escape by climbing down from the sixth floor where the ERP safehouse was located to the street by utilizing the exterior balconies of the building. The pregnant female ERP member also was utilizing this escape route when she was detected; however, she was apprehended in the street.

The foregoing information should not be discussed with any foreign officials, including those of the Argentine Government.

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