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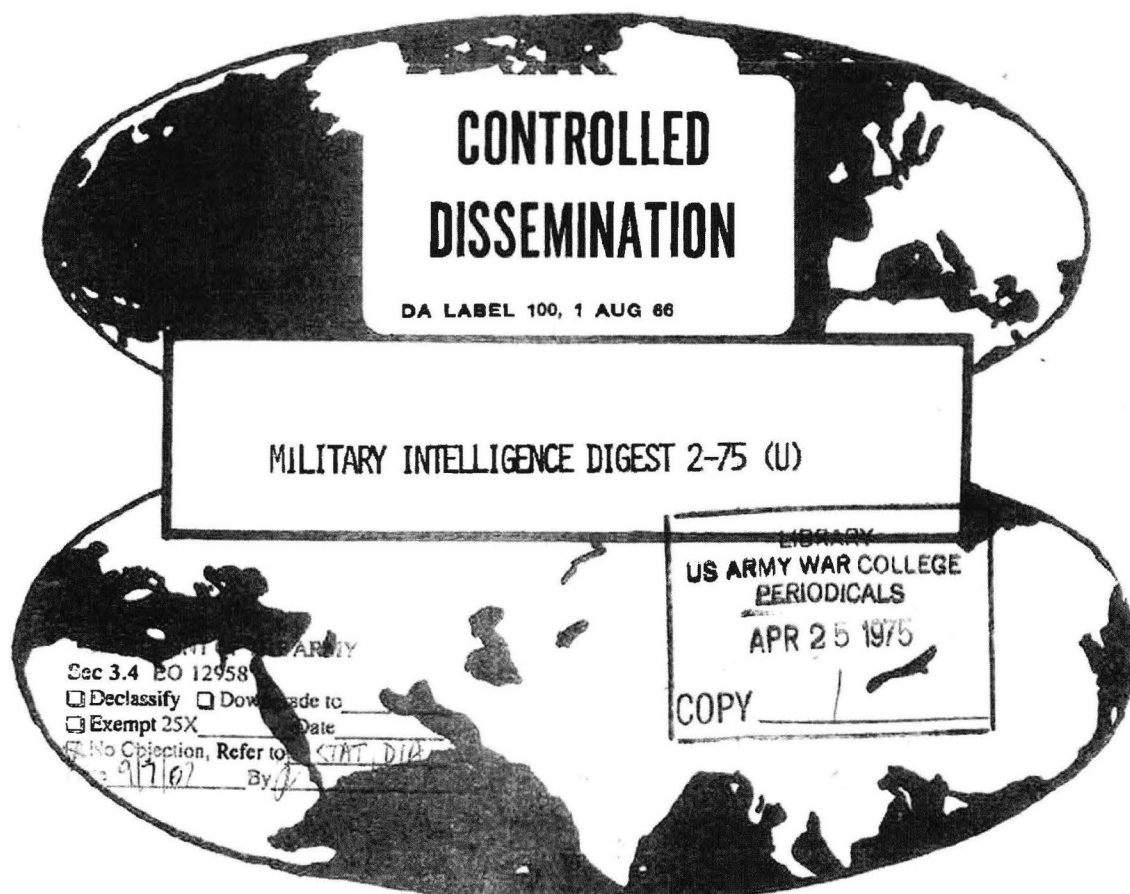
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LATIN AMERICA CHRONOLOGY
1975

- 3 January ~~(C)~~ A new US trade bill provoked sharp opposition from business and political leaders in Latin America who labeled the act incompatible with the Organization of American States' charter.
- 25 January ~~(S)~~ Soviet equipment observed in Peru included six 122mm howitzers; three 122mm, truck-mounted, 40-round, multiple rocket launchers; and 10 to 12 possible T-55 tanks.
- 26 January ~~(S)~~ Bombing incidents attributed to Mexico's 23d of September Communist League occurred in Mexico City, Oaxaca, and San Luis Potosi.
- 1 February ~~(S)~~ General Francisco Morales Bermudez, a moderate, took office as Peruvian Prime Minister and Army Commander.
- 3 February ~~(S)~~ The 27,000 members of Peru's civil guard began a general strike, precipitated by failure of negotiations for increases in pay and allowances. On 5 February, Peruvian military elements moved to break the strike by using tanks and bazookas to dislodge police from their headquarters in downtown Lima. Violence was widespread and included an attack on the US Embassy.
- 5 February ~~(C)~~ About 4,000 fully equipped Cuban troops were reported on duty in Syria.
- 9 February ~~(C)~~ Chilean President Pinochet and Bolivian President Banzer met on 8 and 9 February, raising speculation on an end to the 13-year break in full diplomatic relations.
- 10 February ~~(S)~~ Members of the ERP allegedly planted a bomb within the presidential compound in Argentina.
- 11 February ~~(S)~~ The Argentine Army joined local police in a counter guerrilla operation in Tucuman Province.
- 14 February (U) Plans were announced for establishment of diplomatic relations between Cuba and Iran. Economic cooperation was expected.

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27 February

~~(S)~~ The 13th Soviet-Caribbean naval deployment returned to the northern fleet. The task group--consisting of two Krivak-class, guided-missile destroyers; a possible diesel-powered, attack submarine; and a merchant oiler--deployed on 12 February with a westerly movement from the Gulf of Cadiz and arrived in Havana on the 27th.

~~(S)~~ Construction of a new probable SA-3 missile site was observed at Guanabo, 12 miles east of Havana Harbor.

28 February

(U) The Guyana Government announced nationalization of two British-owned sugar estates, comprising the Demerara Company, a subsidiary of Jessel Securities.

(U) The US Consul in Cordoba, Argentina, John Patrick Egan, was abducted on 26 February and killed the evening of the 28th. The kidnappers were identified as Montoneros, a leftist guerrilla group.

6 March

(U) Colombia announced resumption of diplomatic relations with Cuba. Colombia was the 12th Western Hemisphere nation to establish diplomatic ties with Castro's government.

18 March

~~(S)~~ Fidel Castro visited Cuban facilities near Guantanamo Naval Base.

~~(S)~~ Venezuelan President Perez began a five-day, state visit to Mexico on 17 March. Oil and Latin American economic integration were expected to dominate Perez' discussions with Mexican President Echeverria.

23 March

(U) The Presidents of Venezuela, Colombia, and Costa Rica met in Panama City with the Panamanian President, General Omar Torrijos.

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