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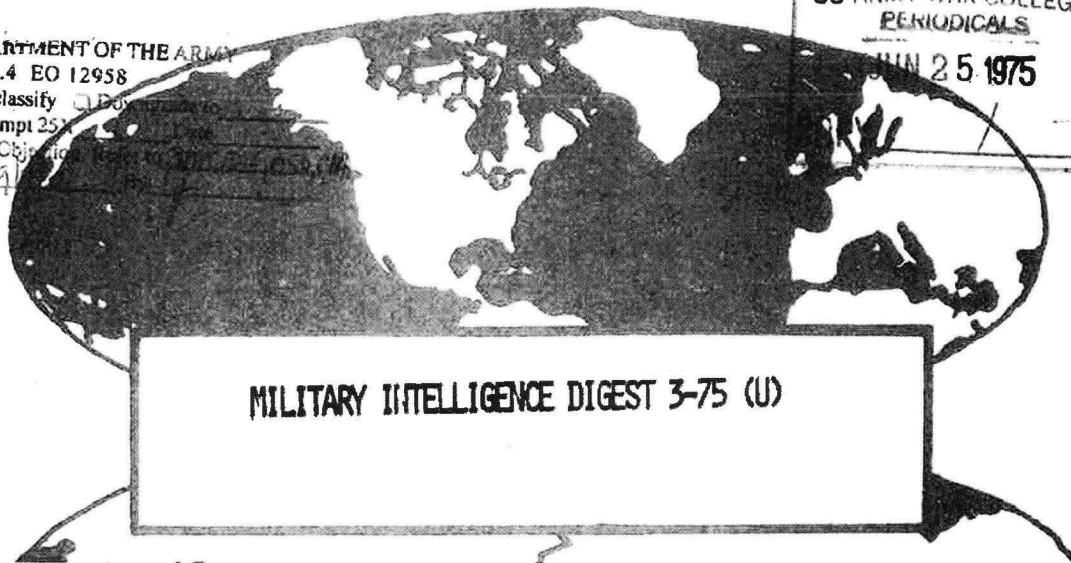
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- 17 March ~~(S)~~Ten members of the Peruvian Army and Security Forces arrived in the USSR to attend an intelligence course, scheduled to last from four to six months.
- 21 March (U)Chile's state of siege, imposed on 11 September 1973, was extended for six months.
- 24 March (U)Belgium, Great Britain, Denmark, Holland, Italy, Norway, and Sweden agreed to boycott Paris talks to discuss renegotiation of Chile's external debt.
- 25 March ~~(S)~~In Argentina, at least 24 people were killed and 100 arrested when police attempted to halt occupation of factories by workers protesting detention of left-wing, trade union leaders who had been arrested on 20 March.
- ~~(S)~~Leaders of Panama, Venezuela, Colombia, and Costa Rica met in Panama City to discuss negotiations between Panama and the US on a new canal treaty.
- 26 March ~~(S)~~Canada extended a \$100 million credit to Havana in an effort to capture a larger share of the Cuban market.
- ~~(S)~~French leaders decided to postpone indefinitely a meeting on rescheduling Chile's debt. This was expected to interfere with Santiago's efforts to deal with the severe balance of payments strains caused by low copper prices.
- 28 March (U)In Brazil, a military tribunal sentenced 22 people to prison terms for attempting to reorganize the banned Brazilian Communist Party.
- 4 April ~~(S)~~Trinidad applied for full membership in OPEC. Its oil production has risen to at least 200,000 barrels per day which is about the same as Ecuador, an OPEC member.
- 11 April ~~(S)~~The USSR offered to sell OSA-class, large, guided-missile patrol boats (PTFG) to the Peruvian Navy.

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- 16 April ~~(S)~~Representatives of 17 Caribbean and Central American countries met in Trinidad to discuss a Mexican proposal to establish a multinational Caribbean fleet. Cuban officials attended, but US, British, Dutch, and French dependencies were excluded.
- 22 April ~~(S)~~The Peruvian Army bought 30 MI-8/HIP transport helicopters from the USSR, with delivery scheduled to begin in July.
- 23 April ~~(C)~~Honduran President Lopez was removed from office on 22 April in a bloodless coup. This was the result of a major government scandal and the determined opposition of a group of reform-minded Lieutenant Colonels. Lopez was replaced by Colonel Juan Alberto Melgar.
- 2 May ~~(S)~~Six British-designed, 3,900-ton frigates are being built for the Brazilian Navy.
- 10 May ~~(S)~~In the Dominican Republic, the Secretary of State for the Armed Forces and the Chiefs of Staff of the Army, Air Force, and Navy jointly submitted their resignations to President Balaguer. These resignations were in protest of the appointment of Major General Neit Nivar Seijas, a long-time rival of General Perez y Perez, the Army Commander, as Chief of the National Police.
- 19 May ~~(S)~~A visit by the Shah of Iran resulted in Venezuela and Iran agreeing to set up a joint company for shipping oil.
- 20 May (U)The Bolivian Government placed the La Paz representative of Gulf Oil Corporation under house arrest.
- (U)General Alvaro Valencia Tovar and General Manuel Bareciartu, Commander in Chief of Colombia and Venezuela, respectively, met at Apiaz on the frontier to discuss border problems.
- 21 May ~~(S)~~General Puyana, Colombia's Military Institute Brigade Commander, was pressured into an early retirement due to a disagreement with President Lopez over the President's refusal to use state-of-siege constitutional provisions to cope with public disorders.

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