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~~(S)~~ The 26 February abduction of John Egan in Cordoba is believed to have been staged by the Montoneros, a leftist-oriented terrorist organization.

~~(S)~~ The incident may have been in reaction to the army's counterinsurgency operations in Tucuman Province. Unconfirmed reports say the kidnapers are demanding release of six compatriots reported captured recently in the Tucuman counterterrorist campaign.

~~(S)~~ This is the first act of violence directed against an American official by the Montoneros, although the chief of the US Information Service in Cordoba was kidnaped by elements of the People's Revolutionary Army (ERP) last April. The ERP threatened US military and diplomatic personnel in the past but none has been killed by any terrorist group. In recent years, five private American citizens were kidnaped in Argentina by both groups, and one was subsequently killed. These acts were probably carried out to obtain funds with which to finance other terrorist operations. . ~~(S)~~

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