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"A single death by firing squad can provoke a world-wide scandal: with the thousands of disappeared people there is always the convenience of uncertainty there are no crimes to report or explanations to be given."

Eduardo Galeano, Index, March/April 1978

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The methods used against "subversion" by the Argentinian Armed Forces since they seized control of the country in a coup d'etat on 24 March 1976, have left many homes broken and thousands of people racked with uncertainty about the fate of their relatives. On 27 November 1978 a petition denouncing the disappearance of 1,542 people, and signed by 1,221 relatives of the missing people, was presented to the Supreme Court of Justice. Those signing stated that they were appealing to the Supreme Court because all other means of establishing the whereabouts of the disappeared had failed. The petition emphasised that in all cases the arrest of the people concerned took place with a great show of uniformed men, firearms and vehicles and had all the appearances of a legal operation carried out by the competent authorities. This petition, like all previous requests and complaints, has elicited no information from the government. Even the Supreme Court recently complained that in its attempts to trace missing persons, it had received almost no cooperation from the authorities. On 3 March 1979 the Supreme Court accepted, for the first time, an appeal by the father of Alfredo Antonio Giorgi, a 33-year old scientist who was snatched from the State National Institute of Industrial Technology (INTI) on November 27. The court said it had no jurisdiction over the case, but ordered an Appeals Court to start an investigation on two writs of habeas corpus filed on Dr Giorgi's behalf.

The mothers of the Plaza de Mayo who gather in silent protest every Thursday in the square outside government house have themselves risked arrest and disappearance trying to obtain some news about their loved ones. On 10 December 1978 a mass was celebrated in Buenos Aires to commemorate the first anniversary of the kidnapping of 2 French nuns and eleven others connected to the mothers' movement. Sister Alice Doman, together with 6 women and 1 man, were abducted outside the Church of the Holy Cross on 8 December 1977 in Buenos Aires. Two days later Sister Leonie Duquet, three women and one man suffered the same fate. On 18 January 43 women were detained for several hours after they had tried to hold their usual Thursday vigil in the Plaza de Mayo. On several subsequent occasions the women have been prevented by police from entering the square.

Many children who have witnessed the abduction of their father or mother or both are psychologically scarred and puzzled by the manner in which their parents have disappeared without trace. A letter written by a 13 year old child to President Videla gives some insight into the effect of a parent's abduction on family life:-

"I'm the oldest of the children, my younger brothers are 6 and 4, and it is now 8 months since we last saw daddy.

One very cold and very sad day, in the early morning, a group of men who said they were the police entered our home with guns and took him away and we never heard anything from him again.

I don't understand politics nor why they took daddy away, but since then I know what pain is and I know too that my daddy is good, the best daddy in the world, and we need him very much.

Mummy needs him a lot too, since he's been gone she's always sad, nervous and very thin because she has to work hard to buy us clothes and food. Besides, my brother has asthma and medicine is expensive.

Mr President, I know that, apart from being President, you are also a father and so I am asking you as a father: is it right for children to be separated from their fathers and always sad? For children to get sick with asthma and unhappiness and have to go to a psychologist? For mothers to have work long hours to keep us because everything is so expensive and they're alone? Well I don't think it's right and so I am asking you to return our daddy to us."

Children have not only witnessed violent abductions: many have been taken with their parents.

Clara Anahi MARIANI (D.N.I. 25.476.305)

Born on 12 August 1976. Disappeared from her home on 24 November 1976, following an armed confrontation in which her parents, Daniel Enrique Mariani and Diana Esmeralda Ferruggi de Mariani were killed.

Testimony concerning the disappearance of Clara Anahi Mariani aged 3 months on 24 November 1976.

It is public knowledge in La Plata that on 24 November 1976 at 13.15 hrs there was an armed attack by the Combined Forces, Police and Military on the occupants of a "finca" located in that city. My only son Daniel Enrique Mariani and his wife Diana Esmeralda Terruggi lived there with their little daughter, Clara Anahi.

According to reports in the newspapers and circulating the neighbourhood, the house was completely surrounded by the Combined Forces prior to the attack, which lasted several hours.

On the following day, when we went to the Comisaria No 5 in La Plata to ask about the baby, we were informed, verbally, that her name was not on the list (as I understand it) of the dead.

On 30 March 1977 I received a reply to one of the notes I had sent to the Infantry Regiment No 7 in La Plata in which it was made known to me that they did not know the whereabouts of my granddaughter but that inquiries would continue. I have not received a further reply.

I began a court case (No 36.792) before Dr Sambucetti, Juzgado No 2 in La Plata. During it, reports were requested from the Children's Hospital, the Fire Brigade, the regional military unit and the Police. These replies were also negative.

I presented a writ of habeas corpus (No 11.290) in the Federal Capital on 27 February 1978, Juzgado Q - Secretaria 18, Judge Larrea. The response was negative. The case was rejected and sent to the Exma. Camara for possible criminal action. I never received any further response.

Along with other grandmothers in the same predicament, I presented myself to the President of the Supreme Court of Justice to seek protection for my granddaughter in a written note dated 28 April 1978. In July I received a written reply from the Supreme Court declaring itself powerless in the case.

In spite of one year ten months of ceaseless and desperate searching, my granddaughter has still not been found. I have been to Police Stations, magistrates courts, Casa-cuna, Orphanages and Military Regiments. I have talked to members of the Church, civilian personalities in various neighbourhoods. All without result. Clara Anahi, who is now over two years old, has not appeared; no-one has explained the cause of her disappearance.

12 September 1977.

Simon Antonio RIQUELO (Uruguayan)

Simon Antonio Riquelo was 20 days old at the time of his abduction. He is the son of Sara Rita Mendez Lempodio, a Uruguayan refugee who was living in Buenos Aires until her abduction on 13 July 1976, along with Simon. In October 1976 she reappeared in official detention in Montevideo, Uruguay. According to the Uruguayan Armed Forces, Sara Mendez Lempodio was arrested in Uruguay on 23 October 1976. There has been no news of Simon Riquelo since his abduction.

Amaral GARCIA (Uruguayan)

Abducted on 8 November 1974 in Buenos Aires, Argentina, with his father, Floreal Garcia, and his grandfather. The dead bodies of the two adults were subsequently found in Uruguay. There has been no further news of Amaral Garcia, who was only three years old at the time of abduction.

Daughter of Beatriz Recchia de Garcia

Beatriz Recchia, a 28 year old teacher, was abducted from her home on 12 January 1977. A few days later her daughter, aged 3 years, was taken from her grandparents' house.

Anatole GRISONAS and Victoria GRISONAS (Uruguayans)

Aged 4 years and 1 year respectively. They were abducted in Buenos Aires with their parents, Roger Julien Caceres and Virginia Crisonas. There has been no further news either of the children or their parents.

Mariana ZAFFARONI ISLAS (Uruguayan)

Abducted with her parents, Jorge Zaffaroni and Maria Emilia Islas on 27 September 1976. There has been no further news either of the child or her parents.

Jorgelina PLANAS

Born on 5 August 1973 in Rosario. Jorgelina Planas was abducted with her mother, Cristina Planas, a 32 year old university student in May 1977 in Buenos Aires.

Elena BLEZA

Abducted with her mother in May 1977. Aged 2 at the time.

Sebastian MARQUEZ (aged 4)

Abducted with his mother in May 1977. Both have disappeared.

Pablo MENNA (aged 2)

Abducted with his mother in May 1977.

Carlos SANTILLAN (aged 2) and Maria Lucila SANTILLAN (aged 4)

Abducted with their parents in Pergamino, Provincia de Buenos Aires in November 1977. All have disappeared.

Freida LASCHIAN MELLADO and her son (Chilean)

Freida Laschian had been imprisoned in Chile and after her release she had fled to Buenos Aires for fear of re-arrest. She was arrested by Argentine Police on 14 April 1976 in Buenos Aires, along with her son aged 1½. Relatives travelled to Argentina in an attempt to locate the woman. They visited the women's prison, Villa Devoto, but were told she was not in detention there. It was rumoured that she had been transferred to a distant detention centre in a remote part of the country but further details of her present situation, and that of her son, are unknown.

Gabriel Matias CERVASCO

Born 14 October 1976. He was taken from his mother's arms as she was leaving her place of work, a textile factory in San Andres, at 2.00 pm on 11 January 1977.

Ines Beatriz ORTEGA

Ines Beatriz ORTEGA in Quilmes disappeared on the same day as her husband, Ruben Leonardo FOSSATI on 18 March on 21 January 1977. Ines Ortega was pregnant at the time of her arrest. Apparently she sent word that she had given birth to a boy, Leonardo, on 18 March 1977. He was taken from her four hours after the birth. Ruben, Ines and Leonardo have not been seen since.

Marta BRUGNONE, Jorge AYUSTUY

Abducted between 8 and 12 December 1977 in Buenos Aires. Their son, Matias, aged 8 months, was abducted at the same time. There has been no further news of them.

Sebastian MARQUEZ

Argentine. 4 years old. Abducted with mother in May 1977.

On 14 December 1978 the Argentinian police announced that 40 children had been returned to their homes or placed in institutions. No further details were given. There are unconfirmed reports that abducted infants have been given new identities and sent for adoption. Another group of women, who have come to be known as the grandmothers of the Plaza de Mayo, are searching for grandchildren they have never seen. The grandmothers only know that their daughters or daughters-in-law were pregnant when they disappeared. On 5 August 1978 the grandmothers placed a paid advertisement in La Prensa pleading with the authorities and to persons unknown who might have adopted their grandchildren. In a few cases children born in captivity have been handed over to their grandparents.

Silvia Angelica CORAZZA de SANCHEZ

Silvia Angelica Corazza de Sanchez was abducted on 13 May 1977 in a bar called El Nuevo Clave in the town of Lanus, Buenos Aires province, by persons dressed in civilian clothing. At the time of her abduction she was two months' pregnant.

In December 1977 Silvia's parents received a letter in her handwriting announcing that she was expecting to give birth to her baby around Christmas. On 3 January 1978 three men in plain clothes arrived at her parents' house bringing with them Silvia herself and her baby daughter, who had been born on 29 December 1977. The men forced Silvia's mother to sign a document which, among other points, stated that she would not hand over the baby to anyone else. The men then left the baby, called Maria de las Mercedes, with her grandparents. They took Silvia away again and nothing has been heard of her since.

Since receiving the baby, Silvia's parents have attempted to obtain a birth certificate and identity document for her from the authorities. The Minister of the Interior promised Silvia's father that the baby would be given a birth certificate.

Silvia's husband, Alberto Sanchez, a 37-year old surgeon, now lives in Europe. He believes that the Argentine Ministry of the Interior's promise to give his daughter a birth certificate indicates that the government is also in a position to locate his wife.

In June 1978 the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees in Buenos Aires was informed by the Argentine authorities that Silvia Corazza de Sanchez was in detention at the disposal of the Executive Power (ie in preventative detention without charge or trial under the State of Siege imposed on 6 November 1974).

Her place of detention was not made known. By this time she had a visa for Norway and it was expected that she would shortly be able to join her husband in that country. However, in mid-November 1978 the Argentine authorities stated that Silvia Corazza de Sanchez was not in detention and that the previous statement was an error, due to a misunderstanding.

Carla Rutilo ARTES

Official connivance between the Argentine and Uruguayan Security Forces is well known. However, according to the French publication *Cimade* (February 1978) the Argentine Ambassador to Paris admitted on 6 February 1978 that the same (un)official agreement exists between the Argentine authorities and the Bolivian government. According to the *Cimade* source, four Argentinians have been arrested in Bolivia by the Bolivian security forces. All four were handed over to the Argentine authorities and all four have disappeared without trace.

On 2 April 1976, the Bolivian Police arrested 24 year old Graciela Rutilo Artes an Argentine national and her daughter Carla, then aged nine months (and a Peruvian national) in Oruro, Bolivia. They were both transferred to La Paz, where mother and daughter were separated. Graciela was kept in the Bolivian Ministry of the Interior, where it is alleged that she was tortured and her daughter Carla was sent to an orphanage in La Paz where she was registered under a false name.

It is reported that on 26 August 1976, Carla was removed from the orphanage and that on 29 August, both mother and daughter were handed over to the Argentine authorities at the frontier. There has been no formal extradition order.

Although Graciela is of Argentine nationality, she had been living in Bolivia since the age of nine. Relatives state that she had no known political affiliation; the motive of her arrest would appear to be her participation as a representative of a students' organization, in a tin miners' strike. To date there has been no news as to the whereabouts of either.

Liliana Isabel ACUNA de GUTIERREZ and her husband Oscar Romulo GUTIERREZ

Liliana Isabel Acuna de Gutierrez (DNI 10.395.124), aged 25 and a student of agronomy, was abducted with her husband Oscar Romulo Gutierrez, a 26 year old sociologist who worked at Empresa Metalurgica, Santa Rosa, in August 1976.

At 6.30 am on 26 August 1976 a group of heavily armed people in civilian clothing arrived (in three motor cars) at Lilliana Acuna's house near San Justo. Acting with considerable violence, they brought Sra Acuna de Gutierrez, who was at the time in the latter stages of pregnancy, out of the house. They also arrested her husband. Sra Acuna de Gutierrez's baby was due at the end of December 1976.

The same people who took part in the arrest returned to the house on three other occasions, always in full daylight and in full sight of the neighbours. (The last occasion was on 31 August). The three men were aged between 30 and 45 and they always wore civilian clothes and were heavily armed. They removed much of the furniture and other possessions in the house.

Relatives have taken the following actions in connection with the disappearance of Lilliana and her husband.

- (a) Visits to the Ministry of the Interior (negative)
- (b) Telegrams to the Minister of the Interior (negative)

- (c) Two letters to President Videla requesting an audience (denied) and answered by the Secretario General de la Presidencia (General Villarreal)
- (d) Official and personal requests at the Bolivian Embassy - there are other relatives in Bolivia (negative)
- (e) Requests for information at barracks, police stations and prisons
- (f) Letters to Monsenor Tortolo (negative)
- (g) Letters and telegrams to the Asamblea Episcopal
- (h) First writ of habeas corpus presented at the Juzgado Federal No 2 in San Martin (Federal Court) before Juez Luis M Perez Habellini on 30 August 1976. It was rejected with costs - because the two persons were not in any detention centre.
- (i) Second writ of habeas corpus presented in Juzgado Federal No 1 in San Martin before Dr Virasoro in April 1977. No result as yet.

Ana Maria BARAVALLE and Julio Cesar GALIZZI

Disappeared 7 August 1976. Ana Maria was pregnant and the baby was due in mid-January 1977.

Liliana Beatriz CAMMI de MARIZCURRENA and Andres MARIZCURRENA

Disappeared with her husband Andres on 13 October 1976 in the locality of Martinez. Liliana was pregnant and baby was due in January or February 1977.

Gabriela CARRQUIBORDE de REPEJUR and her husband Jorge REPEJUR (photograph available)

Disappeared with her husband on 30 September 1976 in La Plata, Buenos Aires Province. Baby was due in the last two weeks of January 1977.

Liliana Graciela CASTILLO BARRIOS de OVEJERO (photograph available)

Disappeared with her husband Hector OVEJERO on 5 May 1977 in the locality of San Justo. Baby was due in first two weeks of September 1977.

Maria Cristina COUNOU de GRANDI and Claudio Nicolas GRANDI (photograph available)

Disappeared from their home in Perdido de Moreno, Buenos Aires Province on 22 June 1976. Baby was due sometime between November 1976 and January 1977.

Elena de la CUADRA (photograph available)

Disappeared 23 February 1977. Baby due in June 1977.

Maria Claudia GARCIA IRURETA GOYENA de GELMAN and Marcelo Ariel GELMAN

Disappeared 24 August 1976 in Buenos Aires. Baby due at beginning of November 1976.

Ana Maria LANCILOTTO de MENNA and Domingo MENNA

Disappeared 19 August 1976 in Buenos Aires. Baby due at end of August 1976.

Monica Maria LEMOS de LAVALLE and Gustavo Antonio LAVALLE

Disappeared 20 July 1977 in San Fernando de Jose C. Paz, Buenos Aires. Baby due in mid-September 1977.

Monica Susana MASRI de ROGERONE and Carlos Maria ROGERONE

Monica Susana Masri de Roggerone, 22 year old Argentinian national (DNI 11.677.744) and Carlos Maria Roggerone, a 31 year old Argentinian national (OI No 5.276.331; IE 457.630) disappeared 12 April 1977 from their home in Buenos Aires. Baby due in mid-November 1977.

This is an extract from a letter regarding their disappearance:

On 12 April 1977 at about 17.00 hrs a group of people, among them two women, who showed police credentials, presented themselves at the porter's office which is located in the entrance hall of the building. Some of them went up to the flat belonging to Monica Susano Masri de Roggerone and Carlos Maria Roggerone and others went up on to the roof, to await the arrival of the owners of the flat. They waited until 22.30 hrs... After identifying my relatives, they hooded them and took them away in dark coloured motor cars. From this time I have had no further knowledge as to the whereabouts of my relatives.

I have presented writs of habeas corpus to the Juzgado Federal Criminal y Correccional No. 22 Sec. 3. I made an official complaint to the Police at the Ministry of the Interior. I reported the case to the Red Cross. I sent telegrams to the following: President Videla; Minister of the Interior General A. Harguindeguy and to General Suarez Masson. I wrote a letter to the President's wife, Dona Raquel de Videla. I went personally to see Rev Father Inaki de Azriazu and to Monsenor Emilio Grasselli. In spite of all these actions I still know nothing about my relatives or their present whereabouts.

Those who arrested my relatives also took advantage of the fact they they lived alone, in that they removed most of the furniture and other possessions, leaving only the bed and the dining room table.

Stella Maria MONTESANO de OGANDO (photograph available)

Disappeared with her husband Jorge Oscar OGANDO on 16 October 1976 from their home in La Plata, Buenos Aires. Baby was due in December 1976.

Monica Edith de OLASO (photograph available)

Disappeared with her husband Alejandro Efraim FORD on 11 May 1977. Baby was due in January 1978.

Maria Hilda PEREZ de DONDA

Disappeared 28 March 1977 in Moron or Castelar, Buenos Aires Province. Baby due at the end of July 1977.

Silvia M QUIWELA

Kidnapped on 17 January 1977. Baby due in July 1977.

Alicia Estela SEGARRA

According to reports made by neighbours, the Army surrounded the house belonging to Alicia Estela Segarra and her husband, Carlos Alberto Mendoza on 23 June 1978. Alicia was eight months pregnant at the time. There has been no further news of the adults or the baby.

Beatriz RECCHIA de GARCIA

Abducted in Villa Adelina on 12 January 1977. She was six months pregnant at the time.

Silvia Parodi de OROZCO

Abducted on 26 March 1976, Pregnant.

Graciela Gladis PUJOL BRUNO de OLMEDO (L.C. 10.633.613

Abducted when she was seven months pregnant in October 1976.

Gloria Delard de MELERO

Abducted with her husband Roberto. Cristi Melero on 16 March 1976 in Ramos Mejia. She was two months pregnant.

Beatriz Heydee NEUHAS de MARTINIS

Abducted on 16 March 1976 when she was eight months pregnant, with husband Juan Francisco Martinis.

Mirta Alonso de HUERAVILLO

Abducted with her husband on 19 May 1977. She was six months pregnant.

Liliana Celia FONTANA

Aged 20. Abducted on 1 July 1977 when she was five months pregnant.

Sra de DLAZ

Wife of Mario Diaz. She was abducted a few days after her husband on 14 September 1976.

Marcela Cristina COEVITES de CARRANZA

Teacher. Abducted with her husband on 19 August 1976. She was four months pregnant. Wife of Carlos Alberto CARRANZA.

Raquel NEGRO

Abducted with her son Sebastian aged 18 months at Mar del Plata on 2 January 1978. She was six months pregnant.

Mirta Monica ALONSO de THUERAVILLO

Disappeared on 19 May 1977 when she was five months pregnant. Wife of Oscar Thueravilo.

Ariana GATTI de Rey. 9 April 1977 disappeared. 18 year old daughter of trade union leader Gerardo Gatti (disappeared). Uruguayan. 8 months pregnant. Boyfriend also disappeared 23 February 1977 from sister's home. Photo available.

Maria Hilda de DONDA

Disappeared on 28 March 1977 when she was five months pregnant.

Susana Elena OSSOLA de URRRA

Disappeared on 22 May 1976 when she was five months pregnant.

Noemi J JANJENSON de ARSCHCHIN

Disappeared on 13 September 1976. Baby was due in April 1977.

Laura Estela CARLIOTTO

Disappeared on 16 November 1977. Her baby was due in June 1978. Laura Carlotto's dead body was handed over to her mother on 25 August 1978 at the Comisario de Isidro, Casanova, Buenos Aires Province.

Cristina MANCUSO de ROSENFELD and Walter Claudio ROSENFELD

Disappeared between 16 and 25 October 1977 from their home Almirante Brown No 2951, Mar del Plata, Buenos Aires. Baby due in March 1978.

Maria ARTIGAS de MOYANO and Alfredo MOYANO

Disappeared on 30 December 1977 from their home in Benazategui. Maria Artigas was pregnant. The baby was due in September 1978.

Patricia Delia PALACIN de TORANZO and Roberto TORANZO

Disappeared on April 5 1978 in a street in Villa Urquiza. Patricia Palaci was pregnant and her baby was due in October 1978.

Yolanda CASCO de D'ELIA and Julio Cesar D'ELIA PALLARES

Aged 29, a Uruguayan national, she was abducted in Buenos Aires with her husband, also Uruguayan, in December 1977, when she was eight months pregnant.

There are also several teenage children who have disappeared, some were picked up by armed men from their schools and have never been seen since.

Juan Angel NUGHES (photograph available)

Aged 14. He was arrested on 11 August 1976 at 18.00 hrs by men in civilian clothing as he was leaving school, the Instituto Agropecuario in Ciudad Alberdi, Provincia de Tucuman. The headmaster of the school immediately went to the local police station to make a complaint and to ask for the reason for the arrest. He was told by the Comisario (senior officer in charge) that there was no need to worry as the boy had been detained by the Cuerpo de Investigaciones del Ejercito which was carrying out certain inquiries, but that the boy would be released within a short time. There has been no further news of him.

Juan Alejandro FERNANDEZ (17) and Jorge Luis FERRANDEZ (16)

At 23.00 hrs on 19 September 1977 a group of armed men who identified themselves as members of the security forces came to the house. The family were told to get out of bed and Juan Alejandro, aged 17, was taken away. Fifteen minutes later, the men returned and took away Jorge Luis (aged 16). Writs of habeas corpus have been presented without result.

Bettina TARNOPOLSKY

Aged 15. Abducted from the house of her grandmother in July 1976. Four other members of her family are also missing.

Further information on the case provided by Bettina's grandmother, Rosa Daneman de Edelberg:

.....because of my advanced age, 72 years, I usually have with me my grandchildren, who each take it in turns to sleep with me for a week or two. At 1.00 o'clock in the morning of 15 July (1976), plainclothed persons came to the house, bringing my son-in-law, Hugo Tarnopolsky, who knocked on the door and asked us to open it saying, 'Open up, Nona, it's Hugo. When I opened it, I met my son-in-law and the plainclothes men who said they were the police and, with threats and blows, they asked for my granddaughter, Bettina Tarnopolsky, who, for the reasons given before, had been sharing my house for a few days. After they had violently locked me out on the patio, I heard them taking away my

granddaughter, half-dressed, since most of her clothes were in her room. I also found, when I tried to contact my daughter Blanca Edelberg de Tarnopolsky that these people who claimed to be policemen had ripped out the telephone, leaving me incommunicado. It took me some hours to recover from the physical and psychological violence of my unexpected visitors; then I went down to the street and rang my relatives from a public telephone, as it was impossible to contact my daughter. Together with one of my sons, I went to the home of my granddaughter Bettina's parents, at Pena 2600, Dept A, Capital Federal, and found the front door completely destroyed and the place empty.

We asked the neighbours and the caretaker for information and found out that, some hours before the events at my house recounted above, plainclothes men, claiming to be police, asked the caretaker for the Tarnopolsky family and he showed them the apartment they lived in. When these policemen received no immediate response to their shouts from my granddaughter's parents, the apartment door was blown open, so that they could enter straight away, to detain and take away my daughter and son-in-law. It was to be remembered that this took place before the events at my home.

María Claudia FALCONE

Aged 15. Abducted from the house of a relative on 16 August/September 1976.
Student at the Colegio de Bellas Artes.

The attitude of the dictatorship at the end of that same year (1976) was that the ferment of the so-called 'university subversion' was also to be found in secondary schools and therefore they concentrated on the Liceo Victor Mercante, the Colegio Nacional and the Escuela Superior de Bellas Artes. According to 'denuncias' made by the Rector (Sta Macaruk) and by fellow-pupils, Claudia disappeared, according to eye-witness accounts, at the hands of military personnel, wearing civilian clothes on the morning of 16 September 1978 from the home of an aunt, along with a friend. From that time onwards, in spite of actions undertaken at police stations and military barracks in the area, as well as at the Ministry of the Interior, there has been total silence.

Versions began to circulate that she was being held in a local police station but this was not confirmed. We know that police personnel from No 9 Police Station were aware of the incident and we even began to be aware of a conflicting viewpoint on the part of one of the staff of Police Headquarters in La Plata, who made the error of telling my mother that the case was documented - a fact which he later retracted, on the orders of his superiors in their attempts to keep a smoke screen over the events.

Even more concrete is the information dated February-March 1977 of the confession of a boy who had been in detention with her and who, after his release, had stated that she was in good health and was being held in a "granja" in the area. He added that she might have been transferred from there now because in the cases of such "detainees" there is no permanent place of detention - in case international organisations detect it.

Finally, at the end of 1977, we learnt from a friend of the family who had access to confidential sources, that my sister was still alive. We continue to receive extra-official versions concerning her present whereabouts and state of health, some of which state that she is undergoing an extensive "brainwashing treatment prior to her reintegration into society". However the majority of these accounts are not worthy of belief."

The above information was provided by a relative.

Rodney GAR IA (aged 13)

Arrested with his parents in Caseros, Provincia de Buenos Aires in July 1976 (77).

Pablo MARQUEZ (aged 13)

Arrested with his mother Graciela de Marquez in Avelaneda, Provincia de Buenos Aires.

Maria ZIMMERMAN (aged 18); Leonora ZIMMERMAN (17); Eduardo MUNIZ (17) and Pablo Fernandez MELIIDE (NEIDIDE)

All four were pupils at the Colegio Nacional Vicente Lopez. After conducting inquiries at the school, police arrested them on 22 October 1976.

Daniel RUS

A 17 year old student. Abducted in Buenos Aires in July 1977.

Dagmar HÄGELIN

Aged 17. She was arrested in Paloma, Provincia de Buenos Aires on 27 January 1977. Dagmar Hägelin holds joint Swedish-Argentine nationality. She is the daughter of a Swedish businessman and had lived all her life in Argentina.

Guillermo Mario CARCEDO (CI 9.695.323)

Disappeared 23 March 1978 in Buenos Aires.

It must be emphasised that this is not a complete list of missing women and children in Argentina.

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Beatriz RECCHIA DE GARCIA.

This case was included in the paper twice: once in section on pregnant women and again among those women who had given birth in prison. The initial information received was not clear but it now seems that Sra. Recchia de Garcia gave birth to a daughter in prison. Three days after the birth, the baby was taken to her grandparents' home. The child is not, therefore, missing.

Sebastian MARQUEZ.

This name appears twice on the list.

Anatole GRISONAS and Victoria GRISONAS.

The full name of these children is: Anatole and Victoria JULIEN GRISONAS.

Pablo MENNA.

The youngest son of Rachele Rina LORENZANO MENNA who is the sister of Domingo Menna. Although it is quite clear that his mother was abducted in May 1977 it has not been possible to ascertain whether or not Pablo Menna was abducted with her. The latest information we have indicates that he is now living with his grandparents. This case should therefore not be used in the "Special Action".

Liliana Beatriz CAMIMI de MARIZCURRENA.

Correct name: Liliana Beatriz CAIMI de MARIZCURRENA.

Gabriela CARRIQUIRIBORDE.

Her husband's name is: Jorge REPPETUR.

Graciela PUJOL.

Correct name: Graciela Gladis PUJOL BRUNA de OLMEDO

Gabriel Matias CERVASCO

Correct name: Gabriel Matias CEVASCO

Mirta Mónica ALONSO de THUERAVILO.

It now seems likely that the second surname is HUERAVILO. Her husband's full name is: Oscar LAUTARO HUERAVILO.

Maria Hilda de DONDA

Full name: Maria Hilda PEREZ de DONDA

Daniel RUS

Reliable new information reveals that Daniel Rus is aged 27 and he is a university student.

Marta BRUGNONE correct name: BUGNONE.

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