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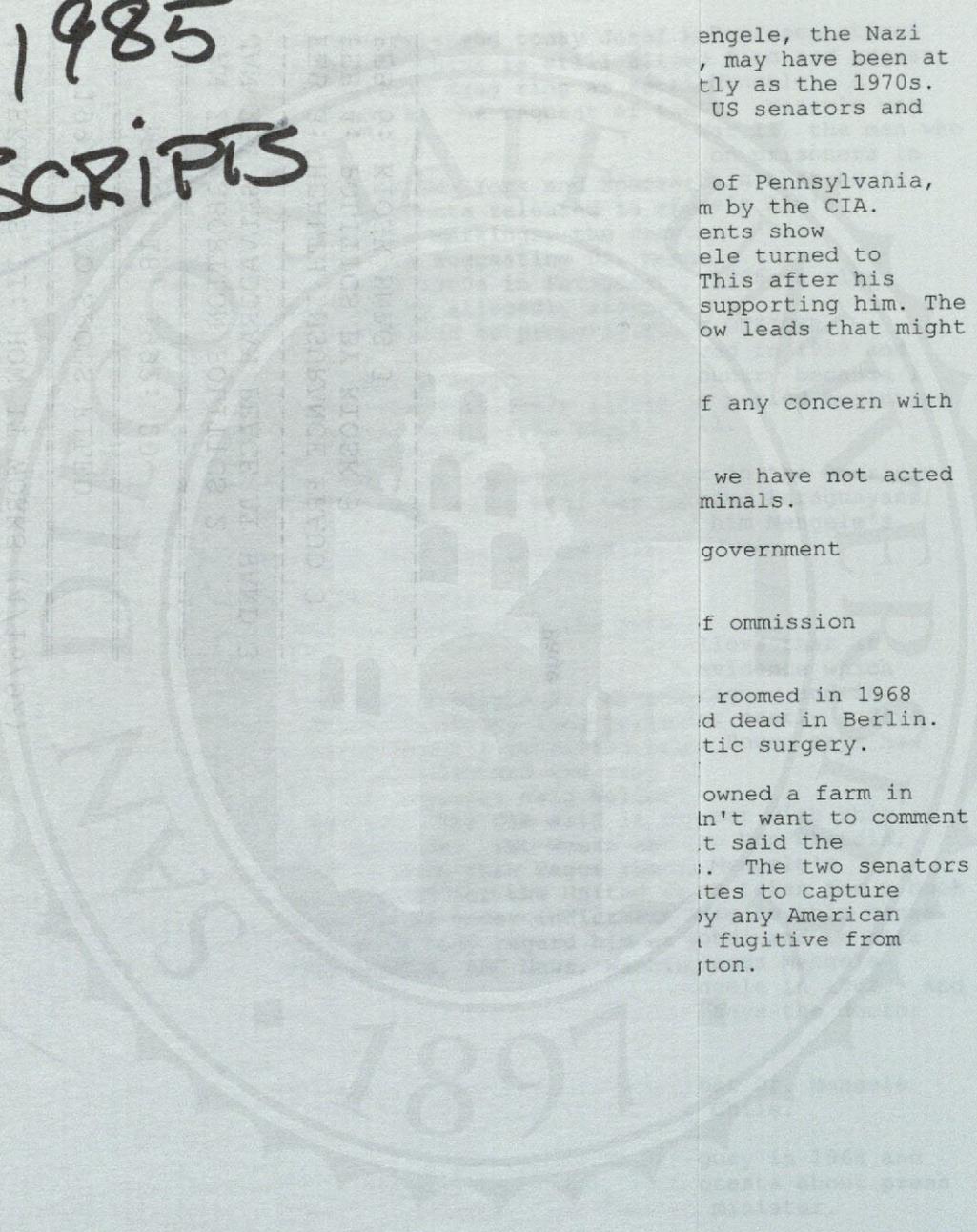
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Correspondent: JOHN MARTIN, WASHINGTON, DC USA

Content: PETER JENNINGS

According to CIA documents released today Josef Mengele, the Nazi war criminal who many people think is still alive, may have been at the center of a South American drug ring as recently as the 1970s. The documents were released at the request of two US senators and here's **JOHN MARTIN**.

JOHN MARTIN

The two senators, D'Amato of New York and Specter of Pennsylvania, displayed blowups of 11 documents released to them by the CIA. Despite line by line censor's markings, the documents show unverified reports to the CIA suggesting Dr. Mengele turned to drug trafficking in the late 1960s in Paraguay. This after his family's manufacturing company allegedly stopped supporting him. The senators said the CIA had failed to properly follow leads that might have led to his capture.

SENATOR ALFONSE D'AMATO

I am convinced that there was absolutely little if any concern with respect to Mengele. Senator Specter is right.

SENATOR ARLEN SPECTER

It's an uncomfortable period in our history where we have not acted and nobody really gives a damn about Nazi war criminals.

REPORTER

But you're not suggesting that the United States government protected Mengele?

SENATOR ARLEN SPECTER

I would respond to that by saying that the acts of omission constitute protection.

JOHN MARTIN

(PHOTOS) One unverified memo suggests Dr. Mengele roomed in 1968 with **MARTIN** Bormann, Hitler's deputy long believed dead in Berlin. The same document mentions Mengele receiving plastic surgery. Another document says Mengele assumed the name of Dr. Henrique Wollman. The senators said Wollman owned a farm in Paraguay with a drug dealer. The CIA said it didn't want to comment on charges that it had been lax. Two weeks ago it said the documents reflected little more than vague rumors. The two senators meanwhile say they are calling for the United States to capture Dr. Mengele, not because he is under indictment by any American court, but because they said they regard him as a fugitive from American custody. **JOHN MARTIN**, ABC News, Washington.

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Story Name: EVIDENCE THAT JOSEF MENGELE HAS BEEN IN PARAGUAY

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There was a resolution introduced in the House of Representatives today which calls on the government of Paraguay to find and arrest, if he is in Paraguay, the Nazi war criminal Josef Mengele. A similar resolution is already pending in the Senate. Mengele was the senior camp doctor at Auschwitz during World War II, the man who conducted some of the most horrendous experiments on prisoners in the concentration camp. No one is absolutely certain that he is alive, but a lot of people are still looking. Here's ABC's

JOHN MARTIN.

JOHN MARTIN

(PHOTO) Josef Mengele, caught by hidden camera in 1966--a clue pointing toward reports he lived in Paraguay.

DANE BOWEN / FORMER US EMBASSY OFFICER

I'm somewhat amused when I hear that Mengele arrived in 1959 and acquired citizenship and moved freely about the country because I was there for more than four years in that precise period beginning in 1959 and I never saw any evidence of that at all.

JOHN MARTIN

(OLD STILL) Professor Bowen was political officer in the American Embassy there and says his contacts with high ranking Paraguayans, including President Alfredo Stroessner, convinced him Mengele's presence was a myth.

PROFESSOR DANE BOWEN

I think they were all rumors, I really do.

GERALD POSNER

I am astonished by Mr. Bowen's statement and I believe that it actually is contradicted by the vast majority of evidence which exists. And that is that Josef Mengele was in Paraguay and in Asuncion and very close to the American Embassy for nearly a five year period, the very same period of time that Mr. Bowen says he never heard of of Dr. Mengele.

JOHN MARTIN

(PHOTOS) Three months ago attorney Posner says he met with this Paraguayan intelligence official, Colonel Alejandro Von Ekstein, who confirmed he was one of two men who sponsored Mengele's citizenship in 1959. Mr. Posner had these pictures taken for a book he is writing. He says Colonel Von Ekstein took him to this house half a mile from the US Embassy, to this jungle hotel and to this house in southern Paraguay, identifying each as places Mengele stayed. A family living here said it last saw Mengele in 1982. And based on Argentine intelligence files, Mr. Posner says the doctor has been on the move.

GERALD POSNER

I have evidence, that I believe is trustworthy, that Dr. Mengele in the last 18 months has visited both Brazil and Chile.

JOHN MARTIN

Benno Varon was Israel's first Ambassador to Paraguay in 1968 and says he had no doubt Mengele was there despite protests about press reports of his presence by the Paraguayan foreign minister.

BENNO VARON

He never said that these statements were slander, he never said that they were untrue. The question whether he was there or not was always finessed.

JOHN MARTIN

Except once.

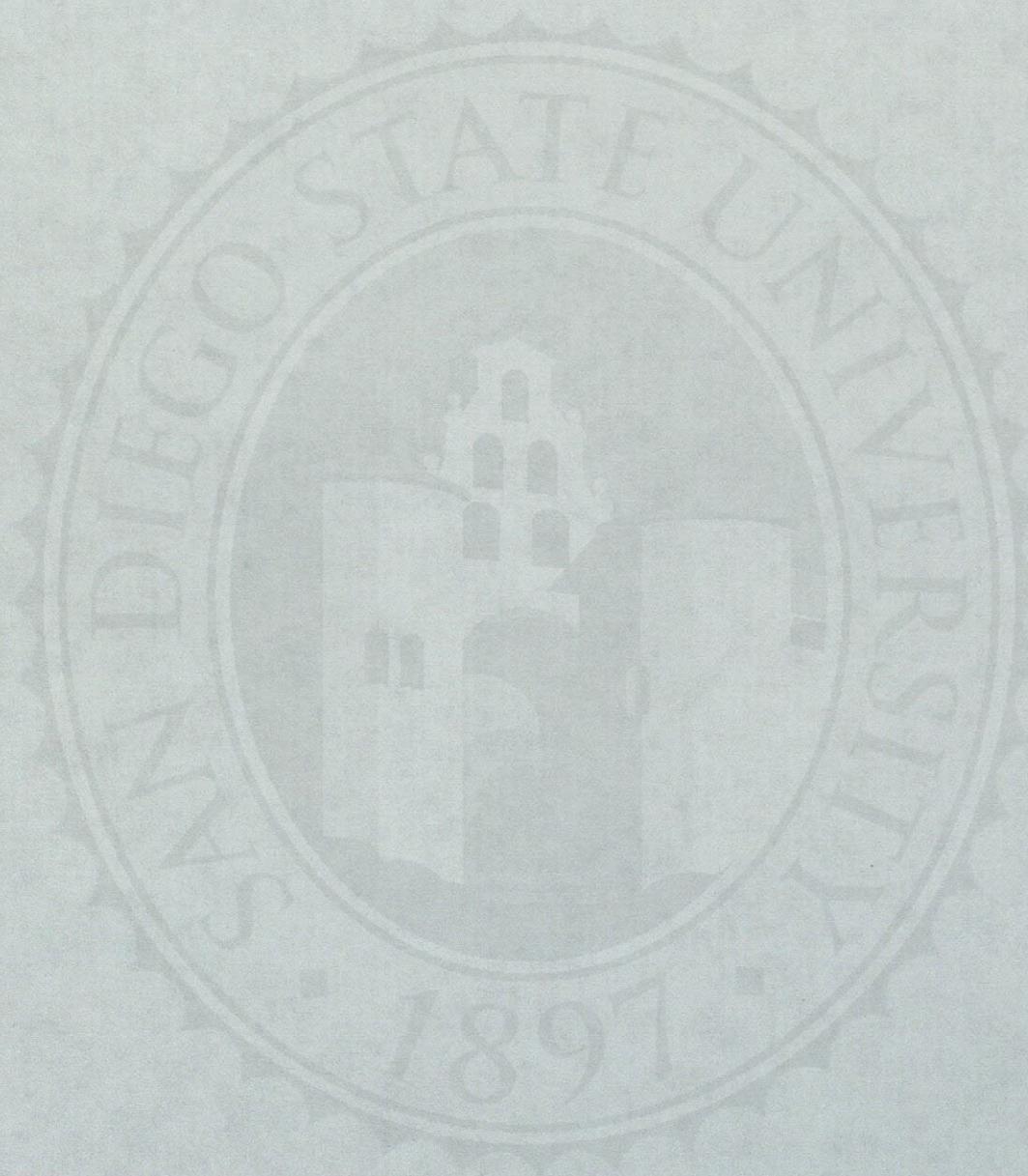
BENNO VARON

He once said, Ambassador, this is not a matter for diplomats, this is a matter for commandos. So I said, is this a hint, your excellency. He shut up.

JOHN MARTIN

The question today, of course, is not so much whether the United States did a poor job of tracking Mengele's movements 25 years ago, but whether Paraguay will now honor its word that it will

not protect him if he is found and will permit his extradition for trial if he is captured. **JOHN MARTIN**, ABC News, New York.



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Story Name: SEARCH FOR MENGELE CONTINUES IN HIS HOMETOWN IN GERMANY

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Correspondent: JOHN MARTIN, GUNZBURG, WEST GERMANY

Content: KATHLEEN SULLIVAN

Today is the 74th birthday of Dr. Josef Mengele, the man who is called by many the "Angel of Death". Mengele is accused of ordering the extermination of hundreds of thousands of inmates in the Auschwitz concentration camp during World War II. And he is currently the subject of an intense manhunt by West German and American authorities. As **JOHN MARTIN** now reports from West Germany, Mengele's trail is not an easy one to follow.

JOHN MARTIN

Josef Mengele was born in this house in the Bavarian town of Gunzburg. But the search for clues of how he first escaped from Germany has shifted momentarily to this tiny village eight miles away. US Army intelligence files have turned up Autenried as Josef Mengele's address, suggesting he was discovered living there after the war.

RABBI MARVIN HIER

If he was, and the US intelligence card indicates that his permanent residence was Autenried, was the US intelligence trying to tell us they knew that and if so why didn't they arrest him?

JOHN MARTIN

But it wasn't the war criminal it was Mengele's first wife and son who moved here in 1945 says a townswomen. Did Josef Mengele live here also?

MARIA WOERLE

Nein, he lived not here.

JOHN MARTIN

Some investigators believe Mengele did live here secretly for perhaps a month before he escaped to South America. The West German prosecutor is looking into this, but says one problem finding Mengele has been his family. (HANS KLEIN TALKING) Mengele's family is not very helpful he says. German law gives them the freedom to deny any help. In Gunzburg, where the Mengele family manufactures farm machinery, there has long been suspicion the family secretly supports the Nazi fugitive. But Mengele's nephew, Dieter, insists the family has nothing to hide and that the firm has never supported his uncle.

DIETER MENGELE

There is no truth at all that Josef Mengele got any money or does have any share of the company. It's absolutely not true.

JOHN MARTIN

If Dieter Mengele is telling the truth about company finances there is one more mystery on his uncle's birthday. How has the most notorious Nazi war criminal still at large managed to support himself for so long? **JOHN MARTIN**, ABC News, Gunzburg, West Germany.

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Story Name: SPECIAL ASSIGNMENT: SEARCH FOR JOSEF MENGELE CONTINUES: IS H E ALIVE?

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Correspondent: JOHN MARTIN, GUNZBURG, WEST GERMANY

Content: PETER JENNINGS

In Washington tomorrow the Senate Judiciary Committee will begin hearings of the following question: Is the infamous Nazi Doctor Josef Mengele still alive? And if so, where is he? Though Mengele is often rumored to be living in Paraguay, the Paraguayan President is quoted in a German magazine today as saying there are witnesses to the fact that Mengele died there in 1976. Well, as the last few weeks and months have made very clear, there are a great many people who simply don't believe that version. ABC's **JOHN MARTIN** is on special assignment. The search continues.

JOHN MARTIN

Auschwitz was a generation ago, today the capsules from that time are underground in Berlin. The files of 10 million Nazis neatly arranged in a bunker. They are all here, but for the moment the most notorious is Josef Mengele.

DR. ELLA LINGENS / AUSCHWITZ SURVIVOR

Arrogant, absolutely arrogant, coldness, absolute cold yet intelligent, no compassion. I would say the singular person because this lack of any moral and human feeling I've never seen in any other people, not even in the other SS people.

JOHN MARTIN

Other SS officers stood beside the trains and selected those who would die, but Josef Mengele conducted cruel medical experiments on the living. After the war he melted away, possibly hiding in this tiny farming village only eight miles from his family home in Gunzburg before escaping to South America. During the 1960s the Israelis tried and failed to find him in Paraguay, Argentina and Brazil. Is he still alive? Authorities in at least five countries believe that he is and much of their suspicion about the way in which he may have supported himself over the years centers on his family in Germany.

DIETER MENGELE / NEPHEW

I'm helpless. I don't know why everybody is stepping on my family and the whole town is getting responsible for a man who is born here and he lived here 18 years and then he's gone.

JOHN MARTIN

Dieter Mengele runs this international farm manufacturing company with a cousin. For years there have been suspicions that the firm secretly finances his notorious uncle.

DIETER MENGELE

There is no truth at all that Josef Mengele got any money or does have any share of the company. That's absolutely not true.

JOHN MARTIN

(PHOTO) Dieter Mengele supplied this photo from a family album, one of only five or six photos known to exist of his uncle. It shows a young medical student in Vienna on his way to becoming an ambitious Nazi doctor. His victims say they will never forget these eyes.

DIETER MENGELE

The whole thing was terrible, you know. Auschwitz was terrible. I think that it doesn't matter how many people are killed there, it doesn't matter if they are Jews or Germans, it was terrible and this is the feeling of the whole family.

JOHN MARTIN

But West German prosecutor Hans Klein is still suspicious that Mengele is getting family help. He admits he has no evidence of that, but he also has no power to subpoena family documents, no authority to send agents to Paraguay. This weekend the best he could do is publish this wanted poster in Mengele's home town newspaper on his 74th birthday. Do you think he is still alive?

HANS KLEIN

(INTERPRETER) I am convinced that Mengele is still alive.

JOHN MARTIN

Are you optimistic that you will find him before he dies?

HANS KLEIN

(INTERPRETER) I have the firm hope that we will catch Mengele during his lifetime.

JOHN MARTIN

If you could say something to him from your generation, what would you say to him?

DIETER MENGELE

I would say he should come here and really stand up and say I did it or I did it not and take away these terrible pressure away from us.

JOHN MARTIN

Do you think he would understand that?

DIETER MENGELE

I have no idea.

JOHN MARTIN

JOHN MARTIN, ABC News, Gunzburg, West Germany.



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Story Name: SPECIAL ASSIGNMENT: SEARCH FOR JOSEF MENGELE, IS HE IN PARAG UAY?

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Correspondent: JOHN MARTIN, ASUNCION, PARAGUAY

Content: PETER JENNINGS

The continuing search for the Nazi war criminal Josef Mengele continues to focus on Paraguay. And that has caused the President of Paraguay, Alfredo Stroessner to comment publicly on the Mengele case for the first time. It came during an interview with our correspondent **JOHN MARTIN** as part of his special assignment, the hunt for Dr. Mengele.

BEATE KLARSFELD

(ON TELEPHONE) You saw somebody who looks like this man and where did you meet this man? Where? Where? Where?

JOHN MARTIN

Beate Klarsfeld hunts Nazi war criminals. Thirteen years ago she tracked down Gestapo officer Klaus Barbie. Now she is tracking Auschwitz Doctor Josef Mengele, offering rewards for information in South American newspapers. Among the responses, this letter pointing to eastern Paraguay as Mengele's sanctuary. Even though the search seems to lead into the jungles along the Parana River, the trail is no longer clear and the trackers concede they are running out of time. The searchers are faced with a staggering task--hundreds of miles of jungle dotted with big farms and tiny villages, thousands of Paraguayans who speak German from years of immigration and intermarriage in a part of the world where the sight of Germans is not unusual even in remote areas. And beyond that only Paraguayan police have the legal right to arrest Josef Mengele inside their sovereign territory, no matter how many outsiders want to track him down. The courts have reissued the arrest order six times in the last four years merely as a formality.

This one was signed during our visit. So far there have been no results.

ANSELMO AVERO

(INTERPRETER) Our desire is that justice prevail. It was a horrible crime against humanity. Justice must prevail.

JOHN MARTIN

But will it? More than a week after the most recent arrest order was issued, the police commissioner in this remote eastern village had not seen it, or any of the others issued since 1962.

AQUILINO SERVIAN

(INTERPRETER) There could be one, but the mail, it could have gotten lost. I really don't have time to see that with all the orders. Newspaper reports are enough authority for us to worry about.

JOHN MARTIN

Do you know how old Dr. Mengele is?

AQUILINO SERVIAN

(INTERPRETER) No, I don't.

JOHN MARTIN

At 74, with no recent photographs, Mengele's appearance and whereabouts seem to be a mystery to the Paraguayans. How could they recognize him or know where to look among dozens of possibilities in this area? The Klarsfeld letter talked of a German compound surrounded by barbed wire inside the jungle, of armed guards, of a German owner reportedly in prison in Europe and of rumors that Mengele lived inside. But townspeople said only a few German agricultural specialists had worked here and left and that none was as old as Mengele. Strangers can cross to and from Argentina on ferries and small boats south of this town. To the north, across a bridge from Brazil, passports are a matter of indifference to guards and border officials. So for the 20 years he carried Paraguayan citizenship, ending in 1979, Josef Mengele probably could have lived here with little risk of discovery. Today, perhaps moving quietly across the borders of these three countries the possibility exists that he is still here, even though some Paraguayan officials insist he left in 1965. Mrs. Klarsfeld says American and German agents should be sent to press the search.

BEATE KLARSFELD

I think the most important is to work on the spot or to oblige Stroessner to give up his friend Mengele. They know where he is and they know about his whereabouts. They know how to find him, where to find him.

JOHN MARTIN

But Paraguayan officials deny Mengele is still in their country. President Stroessner, in his first interview on this case, told ABC News that while Mengele did live here he has dropped out of sight.

PRESIDENT ALFREDO STROESSNER

(INTERPRETER) I will be very sincere, I don't know where he is and we cannot find out where he is. I have received no information personally nor did I ever know him.

JOHN MARTIN

You never met him when he was here?

PRESIDENT ALFREDO STROESSNER

No. Absolutamente nada, absolutamente.

JOHN MARTIN

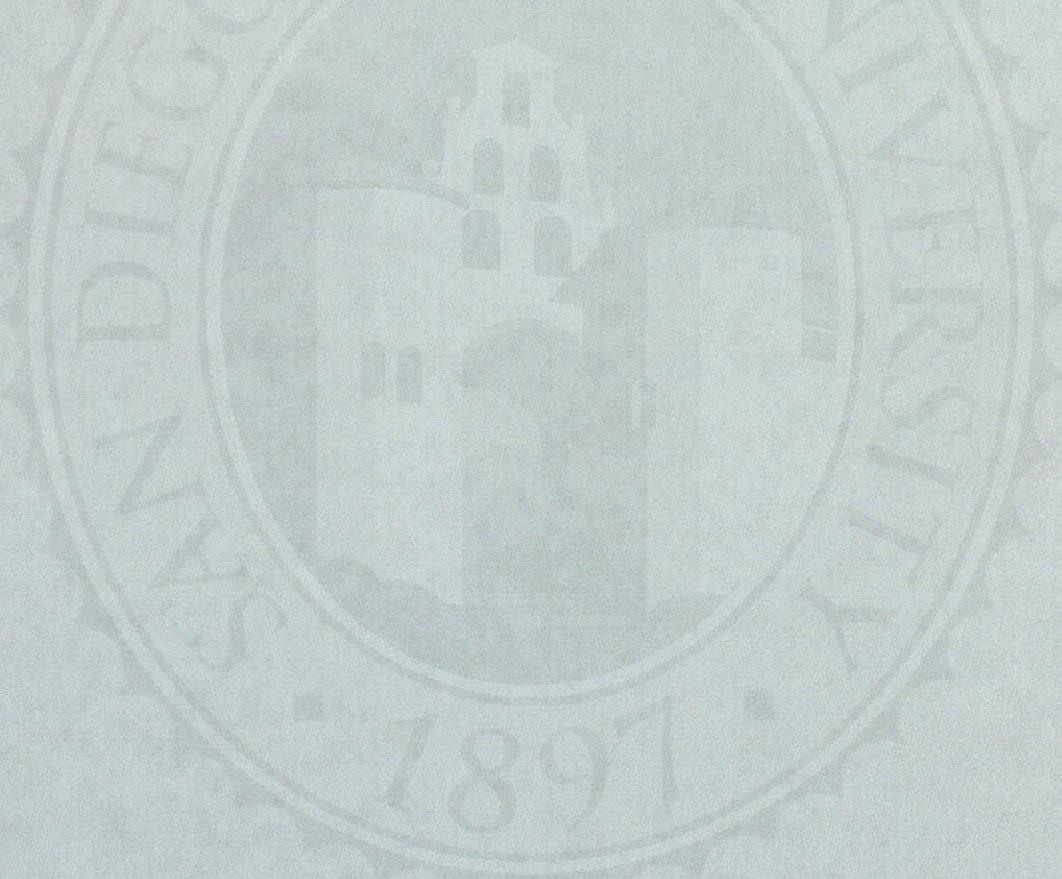
So if I understand you correctly, Mr. President, Dr. Mengele is not here. But do you have any information when he was here last?

PRESIDENT ALFREDO STROESSNER

(INTERPRETER) No, I would not know and that's what I have been telling you. We have given you all the information.

JOHN MARTIN

But if Mengele is still in Paraguay, the world will have to rely on the Paraguayan police and their effort to find an ageing Nazi war criminal seems to have little chance of success. **JOHN MARTIN**, ABC News, Asuncion, Paraguay.



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Story Name: PARAGUAY'S PRESIDENT DENIES ANY KNOWLEDGE OF WHEREABOUTS OF MENGELE

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Correspondent: JOHN MARTIN, PARAGUAY

Content: PETER JENNINGS

In Frankfurt, West Germany today investigators from three nations have been meeting to coordinate the search for one of the architects of that Holocaust--Dr. Josef Mengele. Law enforcement officials from the United States, Israel and West Germany agreed for the first time to pool their efforts in trying to find Mengele, who remains the most wanted Nazi war criminal. There is still some speculation that Mengele may be living in Paraguay. But as ABC's **JOHN MARTIN** reports, Paraguay's military ruler denies the story.

JOHN MARTIN

For 35 years General Alfredo Stroessner has run Paraguay as a military dictatorship. For 20 of those years, until 1979, Nazi fugitive Josef Mengele was a citizen here.

PRESIDENT GENERAL ALFREDO STROESSNER

(INTERPRETER) We didn't know and I had no knowledge that he was here nor how long he stayed in Paraguay.

JOHN MARTIN

But Mengele may have gotten official protection. This Paraguayan colonel told ABC News government security officers helped Mengele avoid capture by Israeli agents in the 1960s.

ALEJANDRO VON EKSTEIN

(INTERPRETER) They told him that he should be very careful.

JOHN MARTIN

So the government warned him that the Israelis were looking for him?

ALEJANDRO VON EKSTEIN

(INTERPRETER) Yes, the chief of investigation told him. Yes.

JOHN MARTIN

According to two sources, Mengele lived openly in this area in the 1960s, yet townspeople still deny it. A big lie, said Calixto Santa Maria. Never saw him, said the Arena family. But at the estate where the escaped Nazi doctor had a house, caretaker Juan Ferrera confirmed the name of his former employer.

JUAN FERERRA

Mengele.

JOHN MARTIN

Forty years after Josef Mengele escaped in the final days of World War II investigators from the United States, Israel and West Germany are using old photos and looking for new information. If by chance you should discover that Dr. Mengele had returned to Paraguay, would you have him arrested and extradited to Germany?

PRESIDENT ALFREDO STROESSNER

(INTERPRETER) Look, we're speaking hypothetically, but yes, we would take the measures required by international treaties.

JOHN MARTIN

Some Nazi hunters point to these river borders with Brazil and Argentina, but Paraguayan police told us there's no way he could be living here without their knowledge. Perhaps that is why some investigators now believe Josef Mengele will never be found.

JOHN MARTIN, ABC News, Puerto Paranambu, Paraguay.

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Story Name: BEATE KLARSFELD IN PARAGUAY TO HELP IN SEARCH FOR JOSEF MENG ELE

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One of the world's best known Nazi hunters is now in Paraguay seeking help in the search for the Nazi doctor Josef Mengele. But Beate Klarsfeld says the going hasn't been easy. And as ABC's **JOHN MARTIN** reports, positively identifying Mengele after all these years won't be a simple task.

JOHN MARTIN

Beate Klarsfeld flew to Paraguay this weekend to ask ordinary citizens to help her find Josef Mengele. She carried a videotape for Paraguayan television describing Mengele's crimes at Auschwitz.

TV COMMERCIAL

(INTERPRETER) Paraguayan citizens we are counting on your help. President Stroessner has promised to capture Mengele and deport him to Germany. Help us locate Mengele's hiding place.

JOHN MARTIN

But today Mrs. Klarsfeld said by telephone that both television stations there had refused to broadcast the message. One demanded that she deposit reward money in a local bank. She vowed to keep trying to reach the public.

BEATE KLARSFELD

And so his permanent address has to be somewhere out in the country and we are counting on these people to give us information.

JOHN MARTIN

Meanwhile a Los Angeles group, the Simon Wiesenthal Center, is circulating this wanted poster in several South American newspapers trying to show what the 74 year old fugitive might look like now. (PHOTOS) The world has only a few glimpses of Josef Mengele--as a medical student in 1933, a Nazi party applicant in 1937, a Red Cross passport applicant in 1949, under a false name; and a resident of Argentina in 1956 and 1959. Identifying him 26 years after his last authenticated photo may be the single most difficult task facing his trackers. Sometimes it leads to mistakes.

This is a South American businessman. We've altered his picture to protect his privacy. Recently acting on a tip that he was Mengele in disguise, Nazi hunters secretly photographed him. Anthropologist Ellis Kerley was one of three American forensic experts who used a photo comparison technique. All three were 90 to 95 percent sure it was Mengele.

ELLIS KERLEY

Everything fits in. It could very well be the same person. And the measurements say that in all probability it is.

JOHN MARTIN

But it wasn't. The man confirmed his identity as a South American with school and birth documents. A teacher and an associate independently verified his identity.

ELLIS KERLEY

I suppose the moral is there are no absolutes.

JOHN MARTIN

Recently the International Red Cross released this blurred copy of a fingerprint it says Mengele provided to obtain a passport in 1949.

These prints said to come from Argentine security files are also described as Mengele's. Are they real or, as some researchers fear, are they forgeries slipped into Mengele's file to throw off his trackers? Investigators from three countries must try to answer those questions if they ever come up with a suspect they believe is Josef Mengele. **JOHN MARTIN**, ABC News, New York.

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Story Name: POLICE IN BRAZIL BELIEVE THEY'VE FOUND REMAINS OF JOSEF MENG ELE

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A Brazilian police official said today he was 90 percent sure that he had found the remains of the Nazi doctor Josef Mengele. Throughout the world the news has caused a sensation and a very great deal of skepticism. Late today in a small town outside Sao Paulo police dug up the remains. Do they belong to the man who caused so much death at the Nazi concentration camp Auschwitz? Here's ABC's **JOHN MARTIN**.

JOHN MARTIN

Today a bizarre scene. A Brazilian grave digger began to exhume a body as dozen of reporters and townspeople crowded around to watch. Police officials said this couple, identified as Wolfram and Liselotte Bossert from Austria had admitted shielding a man they said was Josef Mengele for six years beginning in 1969. The couple watched the exhumation. Police displayed a document they said was their affidavit describing the man's accidental drowning in 1975. A death certificate in the name of Wolfgang Gerhard, described as a 53 year old Austrian mechanic, was also shown to reporters. There was no way to tell whether Mengele could be identified from these remains because there are no known dental records.

ROMEU TUMA / SAO PAULO POLICE CHIEF

(INTERPRETER) We are going to confirm all of this and nothing will be withheld.

JOHN MARTIN

The couple, who have reportedly asked for police protection, declined to answer questions.

WOLFRAM BOSSERT

(INTERPRETER) We prefer not to make any comments.

JOHN MARTIN

In Germany the leading government prosecutor confirmed that the trail had led to Brazil from papers and documents seized in Germany, but not from Mengele's family.

HEINZ HAUEISEN

(INTERPRETER) No, not with relatives. They were found with another person.

JOHN MARTIN

Meanwhile, people who have been hunting Mengele doubted it was him. In New York Simon Wiesenthal.

SIMON WIESENTHAL

In my opinion, 99 percent, I would say 99 percent that this body is not the body of Dr. Josef Mengele. When his wife still say he is dead and the family will say he is dead and his lawyers say he is dead, I don't believe it.

JOHN MARTIN

Tonight leaving for Brazil US investigator Neal Sher promised a full study.

NEAL M. SHER

There are, in fact, forensic techniques that can be used, but we have to wait and see exactly what the situation is, what the exhumation reveals and until then there is really no point in speculating.

JOHN MARTIN

Mengele's nephew, Dieter, has already told ABC News he believes his uncle is dead. Other investigators say he's been sighted more recently than 1975. So until forensic experts have a full opportunity to study these remains there's no way to say tonight for sure just what this bizarre new twist means in the search for Josef Mengele. **JOHN MARTIN**, ABC News, New York.

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Correspondent: JOHN MARTIN, SAO PAULO, BRAZIL

Content: PETER JENNINGS

In Brazil today the police are insisting they really may have found the remains of the Nazi war criminal Dr. Josef Mengele. In Germany we have learned how the police were tipped off on just where to look for that grave in Brazil. And in many parts of the world forensic experts are trying to figure out how the body can be identified. We have a series of reports and we begin in Brazil with **JOHN MARTIN.**

JOHN MARTIN

This morning Neal Sher, the chief American investigator, arrived by plane in Sao Paulo skeptical but curious, he said, about the possibility that Mengele's body had been found. This afternoon while Brazilian forensic experts reportedly studied remains taken from a grave, Sher visited the chief Brazilian investigator, Romeu Tuma. (PHOTOS) Investigators are studying and comparing photos of Mengele and this man, recovered from an Austrian couple who said they befriended Mengele in 1970, introduced by the man whose name Mengele adopted, Wolfgang Gerhard. They reportedly said Gerhard gave Mengele this identity card to replace his picture, then returned to Austria where he died 18 months before Mengele himself suffered a stroke and drowned. Last night Wolfram Bossert talked briefly about the man he had sheltered.

WOLFRAM BOSSERT

(INTERPRETER) He didn't confess anything to me, he avoided speaking on the subject of who he was.

JOHN MARTIN

Mrs. Bossert reportedly called the man she sheltered lonely and domineering. But a former grounds keeper told correspondent **JOHN** Quinones that the man who he called Don Pedro was a formal but friendly employer.

MAN

(INTERPRETER) He was a very good man, a very good boss, that and a very good payer.

JOHN MARTIN

Was it Mengele? Authorities apparently have a 1930s dental chart but only three teeth to compare, from a jar dug up yesterday, in a badly decomposed state. For the moment, based mostly on documents recovered in Germany and from the Austrian couple here, the search for Josef Mengele appears to be nearing a crucial juncture, but with many questions about physical evidence still unanswered.

JOHN MARTIN, ABC News, Sao Paulo, Brazil.

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Story Name: INVESTIGATION CONTINUES TO DETERMINE IF EXHUMED REMAINS ARE

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Anchor: SAM DONALDSON, WASHINGTON, DC USA

Correspondent: JOHN MARTIN, SAO PAULO, BRAZIL

Content: SAM DONALDSON

More information made its way into public view today suggesting that Nazi war criminal Josef Mengele did indeed meet his death six years ago in Brazil. But there's no word yet from Brazilian authorities on the progress of an autopsy they're conducting on a body they exhumed on Thursday to prove or disprove that contention. More on the story from **JOHN MARTIN** in Sao Paulo, Brazil.

JOHN MARTIN

Today the Brazilian government posted guards at the medical institute where forensic experts have been studying what may be Josef Mengele's remains. The experts took the day off but not the man running Brazil's investigation. Romeu Tuma showed reporters a deposition taken yesterday from a woman who admitted, he said, that she and her husband employed and shielded this man on or off for 18 years, a man who she said admitted he was Mengele and warned her and her husband not to betray him. The deposition is the latest in a series of discoveries that appear to verify Mengele's movements and to link his father's company in Germany and his son Rolf more closely to him than ever before. The police released this 1983 picture said to be of Rolf Mengele, his wife and child. They said it was seized at the home of Wolfram and Liselotte Bossert, the Austrian couple who said they shielded Mengele until his death in 1979. The Bosserts reported said Rolf visited his father in 1976 and returned in 1979 to collect his personal effects. Today at his request in Gunzburg, German police protected the home of Mengele's nephew Dieter who waved off reporters. He has denied to ABC News any family or company tie to his uncle.

DIETER MENGELE

(MARCH 1984) Never a money gone to Josef Mengele from this company.

JOHN MARTIN

No payments?

DIETER MENGELE

No payments at all.

JOHN MARTIN

But Mrs. Stammer's deposition released today said a man named Hans had visited twice with money from the Mengele factory in Germany. Hans Sadlmeier is a retired factory official in whose house police say they found documents and coded letters leading them to the Bossert couple in Brazil. But there are still nagging doubts about the body pulled from its grave this week. A body so badly decomposed and so badly handled that even if it is Josef Mengele its true identify may never be established. **JOHN MARTIN**, ABC News, Sao Paulo, Brazil.

SAM DONALDSON

Nazi hunter Simon Wiesenthal said on ABC's Nightline last night that his original skepticism about the Mengele death story has lessened somewhat. But he still wants more evidence than has been produced so far.

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Story Name: INVESTIGATION CONTINUES TO DETERMINE IF EXHUMED REMAINS ARE

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Anchor: BRIT HUME, WASHINGTON, DC USA

Correspondent: JOHN QUINONES, SAO PAULO, BRAZIL

Content: BRIT HUME

In Brazil a coroner says the man whose body was exhumed Thursday from a Sao Paulo grave was too young to be Nazi war criminal Josef Mengele. The coroner performed an autopsy on the body in 1979 after a drowning accident and says the victim, known then as Wolfgang Gerhard, was at least 15 years younger than Mengele would have been. JOHN Quinones reports now on other developments today in the Mengele case.

JOHN QUINONES

The man running Brazil's investigation into the Mengele case today showed off a deposition taken from a woman who admitted, he said, that she and her husband shielded this man on and off for 18 years, a man who went by the name Wolfgang Gerhard and Don Pedro, but later admitted he was Josef Mengele; repeatedly warning them not to betray him. Police have also released this picture said to be of Mengele's son, Rolf, his wife and a child. They said it was seized at the home of another couple, Wolfram and Liselotte Bossert, both Austrians, who said they protected Mengele until his death in 1979. The Bosserts reportedly said Rolf visited his father in 1976 and 1979 to collect his personal belongings. Today at his request in Gunzburg, Germany police protected the home of Mengele's nephew, Dieter, who waved off reporters. He has denied to ABC News any company or family ties to his uncle.

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JOHN QUINONES

In Sao Paulo armed guards are now posted at the medical institute where forensic experts have been studying what may be Mengele's remains. Meanwhile the couple, whose revelations led to their discovery, remains in seclusion. JOHN Quinones, ABC News, Sao Paulo, Brazil.

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Story Name: GITTA STAMMER TELLS WHY SHE DIDN'T TURN JOSEF MENGELE IN

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Correspondent: JOHN MARTIN, SAO PAULO, BRAZIL

Content: SAM DONALDSON

The Mengele mystery is still an open case, but new handwriting findings seem to add new support to the belief that arch Nazi villain Dr. Josef Mengele is indeed dead, that it is in fact Mengele's body that now awaits autopsy in Brazil. **JOHN MARTIN** has the latest from Sao Paulo, Brazil.

JOHN MARTIN

Late today Sao Paulo police chief Romeu Tuma told ABC News a German handwriting analysis of documents seized in Brazil and Germany show that both are almost certainly from the hand of Josef Mengele.

ROMEU TUMA

(INTERPRETER) If it's Mengele's handwriting then we're 90 percent sure that it's Mengele.

JOHN MARTIN

Chief Tuma also said he is still investigating how Mengele, using the name Don Pedro, could have remained hidden so long with a local family. Today Gitta Stammer remained inside this house, but her daughter-in-law, Dirce, emerged to tell in halting English how the family found itself forced to harbor a man they believed was Josef Mengele for 13 years.

DIRCE STAMMER

If the family here, tell something about this man, they don't know what will happen to the children.

JOHN MARTIN

The tension was compounded, she said, by threats of reprisal from Wolfgang Gerhard, the man who brought his friend, Don Pedro, to this farm in 1961. So Gerhard was the one who threatened you?

DIRCE STAMMER

Yes.

JOHN MARTIN

But the other man, Don Pedro, never threatened?

DIRCE STAMMER

Never.

JOHN MARTIN

Don Pedro, in fact, was a paradox--at times serious, at times charming to her. He would say good day and how are you?

DIRCE STAMMER

How are you. The hat. Always kiss my hand.

JOHN MARTIN

Most of these ideas, she said, came from the man whose name is on this grave in Austria and was on this grave opened in Brazil. The German police now want to examine remains from both graves because there are questions. This Brazilian doctor examined a body here before its burial and says it was too young to have been Mengele. So the story Gitta Stammer and her daughter-in-law have told police is of threats and of coercion. But among many unanswered questions is how a man they believed was Josef Mengele could keep them from betraying him as a fugitive for so many years even after he no longer lived with them. **JOHN MARTIN**, ABC News, Sao Paulo, Brazil.

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Story Name: WOMEN WHO CLAIMS TO HAVE HARBORED MENGELE QUESTIONED BY POLI CE

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Anchor: PETER JENNINGS, NEW YORK, NY USA

Correspondent: JOHN MARTIN, SAO PAULO, BRAZIL

Content: PETER JENNINGS

In Brazil today the forensic experts are down to the serious business and the serious challenge of trying to decide whether the body they dug up last week is that of the Nazi war criminal Josef Mengele. And if it is Mengele, how was he protected all these years? Who are the people who wove the tangled web that enabled him to stay free? ABC's **JOHN MARTIN** is in Sao Paulo.

JOHN MARTIN

This afternoon two women who helped keep the secret of a man they say was Josef Mengele went to the federal police station in Sao Paulo. Gitta Stammer and her daughter-in-law, Dierse, were questioned briefly by police as were Liselotte and Wolfram Bossert. Late today Mrs. Stammer emerged at police headquarters to deny her family had received money for harboring Mengele, but offering these photos she said she took of Josef Mengele in the years before his death, always avoiding the lens by turning away. (PHOTOS) One shows a man feeding a horse. Another of a man mowing the lawn. A third, seated before a Christmas tree. And the fourth, a man entering a car. She did not identify the years or others in the photos. Mrs. Stammer said she was afraid to turn in Mengele over the 18 years she knew him out of fear for her two young sons.

REPORTER

Is there any doubt in your mind that this was Mengele?

GITTA STAMMER

No.

REPORTER

Is there any doubt that he is dead?

GITTA STAMMER

No.

JOHN MARTIN

Mrs. Stammer is at the center of questions while her husband and one son are sailing on a Brazilian merchant ship in the orient, according to the family. Police chief Romeu Tuma is looking at family finances to see whether Mengele or Wolfgang Gerhard, the man whose name Mengele reportedly took on Gerhard's return to Austria, might have secretly purchased these farms and houses in the names of the Stammers and Bosserts, places Mengele may have been hiding all these years. Tonight the Brazilian police are still looking for more documents, but they are denying a report that they have found a letter from the Mengele family agreeing not to reveal Josef Mengele's death for many years out of fear of reprisal. "Not true", said police Tuma to ABC News, but he called on the family to help cooperate in his case here, something they've so far refused to do. **JOHN MARTIN**, ABC News Sao Paulo, Brazil.

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Story Name: INVESTIGATION OF ALLEGED REMAINS OF MENGELE CONTINUES IN BRA ZIL

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Anchor: PETER JENNINGS, NEW YORK, NY USA

Correspondent: JOHN MARTIN, SAO PAULO, BRAZIL

Content: PETER JENNINGS

Well, in Brazil there's been even more circumstantial evidence which connects Mengele to the body which was dug up last week. ABC's **JOHN MARTIN** is in Sao Paulo.

JOHN MARTIN

Today the Brazilian police said a third family might have helped Josef Mengele perhaps unwittingly. The chief of federal police held up a photo of the man he believes is Mengele at a 1976 picnic. Seated near him to the left was Noberto Manfredino Glawe. Police say Glawe's father paid Mengele's hospital bills after a cerebral hemorrhage that same year. Late today the son and his father left police headquarters in a hurry--the father turning to hit a cameraman. They refused all comments. After this evening raid at a farm outside Sao Paulo, the authorities say another photo of a large group of people was being studied for others who came to this rural house also in 1976 and may have helped Mengele. The property is owned by the Bossert family, who say they shielded Mengele until he drowned at this beach in 1979. A witness said the body resembled the Mengele suspect, although he had no mustache and was balding. This morning a Justice Department official and two American handwriting experts arrived in Sao Paulo carrying samples of Josef Mengele's handwriting. The samples come from the Berlin documentation center where Mengele's so-called racial purity file contains this handwritten essay. At the same time the Brazilians moved the bones recovered last week to this police laboratory building. Last night one of the forensic experts said the actual examination had not yet begun but there was one possible clue.

WILMES TEIXEIRA / FORENSIC EXPERT

That the bone is not a normal one, has abnormalities. Suggestions of something happened before.

JOHN MARTIN

The investigators think this might be from a fractured pelvis Mengele reportedly suffered in a motorcycle accident at Auschwitz. But tonight police said once again that major tests still must be made before they can say with any certainty that the buried body was Josef Mengele. **JOHN MARTIN**, ABC News, Sao Paulo, Brazil.

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Story Name: GITTA STAMMER DESCRIBES ROLE IN HIDING JOSEF MENGELE

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Correspondent: JOHN MARTIN, SAO PAULO, BRAZIL

Content: PETER JENNINGS

There is some more circumstantial evidence today that the body dug up in Brazil last week is that of the Nazi war criminal Josef Mengele. Some handwritten notes found at a farm where the dead man apparently lived reportedly match Mengele's writing on a Nazi document. Well, if Dr. Mengele did die in Brazil six years ago, and American and West German authorities are still not convinced how did he mask his real identity? With more of the pieces in this puzzle, ABC's **JOHN MARTIN** in Sao Paulo.

JOHN MARTIN

Brazilian police are continuing to search farms and houses for clues to the mystery of whether Josef Mengele lived for 18 years in the obscurity of rural Brazil and the anonymity of urban Sao Paulo. But now the woman who sheltered a man she says was Mengele for 13 of those years has begun to sketch the history of his life in hiding. Gitta Stammer said the man spoke of his capture at war's end. For years there have been unverified reports that Mengele was held at an American POW camp.

GITTA STAMMER

(INTERPRETER) I think the American, I am not sure, but I think it was Americans, but I don't know for how long.

JOHN MARTIN

Later Mrs. Stammer told ABC News she had no doubt the man said he had been both captured and released by American troops. Mrs. Stammer also said a Mengele company official visited twice.

GITTA STAMMER

(INTERPRETER) I think that everything can from Hans.

JOHN MARTIN

Hans Sadlemeier is a former Mengele company official whose house was searched in Gunzburg, Germany 13 days ago. Police found documents, they say, that led them here to Brazil. In 1971 in a deposition to German police obtained by ABC News, Sadlmeier reportedly led them to believe he had not seen Mengele. If so, he may have perjured himself. Gitta Stammer said Hans Sadlmeier visited Mengele in the early 1960s.

GITTA STAMMER

(INTERPRETER) '62 or '63. The second time was in '74 and this I know because it was the good-bye.

JOHN MARTIN

It was good-bye, she said, because the man she knew as Mengele moved then to another family. How had he managed to live 13 years with her family with no more than a reported 7,000 dollars from Hans?

GITTA STAMMER

(INTERPRETER) But look he had the house, he has food, when I bought for a month he would give a little.

JOHN MARTIN

For now police still aren't sure that Gitta Stammer's guest was Josef Mengele. But if it was, and if he lived for years without guards, as she says, and with little support from home, it could change the complexion of what the world thought it knew of how the most hunted Nazi in recent years managed to escape capture.

JOHN MARTIN, ABC News, Sao Paulo, Brazil.

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Story Name: RESEARCH CONTINUES TO DETERMINE IF EXHUMED REMAINS ARE FROM MENGELE

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Anchor: PETER JENNINGS, NEW YORK, NY USA

Correspondent: JOHN MARTIN, SAO PAULO, BRAZIL

Content: PETER JENNINGS

If you have been waiting to hear the definitive news in the case of the Nazi war criminal Josef Mengele, it is a case of still having to wait. In Brazil and Germany more pieces are being filled in on the puzzle daily, but there is still no absolute proof that the man who died in Brazil six years ago is Mengele. We have two reports, the first from **JOHN MARTIN** in Sao Paulo.

JOHN MARTIN

At the medical institute today the Brazilian forensic team displayed two skulls and the bones of research cadavers to show the world how it plans to examine what may be Josef Mengele's remains. Outside, earlier, a forensic dentist said his x-ray studies of a jaw and six teeth might be able to provide an important clue to the body's age.

DR. CARLOS VALERIO

(INTERPRETER) In 48 to 72 hours you'll get some answers.

JOHN MARTIN

Later, members of the Austrian family who say they were closest to the man who drowned in 1979 returned to police headquarters for more questioning. At the same time, police chief Romeu Tuma said today his men had questioned seven more men and women at remote farms yesterday and found they all had similar recollections of the man he believes might be Mengele.

POLICE CHIEF ROMEU TUMA

(INTERPRETER) All the witnesses have confirmed the data and have recognized the pictures shown to them as being Mengele.

JOHN MARTIN

Chief Tuma also discounted reports that the Mengele suspect might have committed suicide in the surf six years ago.

ROMEU TUMA

(INTERPRETER) No, because he asked for help. He was taken out of the water by lifeguards. People tried to help him, including his friend Bossert, who almost died in the attempt.

JOHN MARTIN

Meanwhile, visiting the medical institute today, Chief Tuma insisted again that with sufficient scientific skill the case will be closed without lingering doubts. To make his point he added a note from American detective fiction.

ROMEU TUMA

(INTERPRETER) Dead men will never lie.

JOHN MARTIN

Perhaps, but it is still not clear whether in view of its state of decay this dead man can tell whether Josef Mengele is dead.

JOHN MARTIN, ABC News, Sao Paulo, Brazil.

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Story Name: BRAZILIAN HOUSEKEEPER CONFIRMS THAT MENGELE'S SON VISITED FA THER

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Correspondent: JOHN MARTIN, SAO PAULO, BRAZIL

Content:

JOHN MARTIN

This is **JOHN MARTIN** in Sao Paulo, Brazil. The women who cooked and cared for the man who may have been Josef Mengele provided further confirmation today that this man, Rolf Mengele, visited her employer here for two weeks in 1977.

ELZA GULPIA

(INTERPRETER) They used to go out a lot. Had lunch together, dinner and they would go off to Santos or go into town. They seemed to be very happy together.

JOHN MARTIN

If it was Josef Mengele who lived here, meeting his only son over the years may have been the high point of his life as a fugitive. But a rejected love affair with this woman may have been the lowest point. Elza Gulpia said today that four months before he died she refused to become his common law wife despite their admiration for each other, his gifts of coat and shawl and his kindness. She told him she was marrying another man.

ELZA GULPIA

(INTERPRETER) And he was very upset with this. He used to cry, he used to walk through the streets like a madman.

JOHN MARTIN

This woman served as his maid in the final two months of his life and said he grew despondent and uncertain even about joining friends at the beach.

INEZ MEHLICH

(INTERPRETER) I would say he was half desperate and he said I'm going because my life is at an end and so I'm going to enjoy myself.

JOHN MARTIN

That was the weekend his friends say he drowned at this beach.

ELZA GULPIA

(INTERPRETER) I did feel that it was my fault.

JOHN MARTIN

If those who knew him are trustworthy and correct, the man they believed was Josef Mengele died lonely and despondent, a mass murderer who never expressed any remorse for his victims, yet a man who suffered in his final days by the loss of a woman for whom he had affection. **JOHN MARTIN**, ABC News, Sao Paulo, Brazil.

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Story Name: FORENSIC EXPERTS CONFIDENT EXHUMED REMAINS ARE OF JOSEF MENG ELE

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Correspondent: JOHN MARTIN, SAO PAULO, BRAZIL

Content: PETER JENNINGS

The 40 year search to find the Nazi criminal Josef Mengele alive is over. Forensic experts from several nations announced in Brazil today that the body of a man dug up several weeks ago is that of Mengele. In the words of an American investigator, "It is him, there is no way it is not him". ABC's **JOHN MARTIN** is in Sao Paulo.

JOHN MARTIN

This afternoon, 15 days after they exhumed a body from its grave at Embu, Brazil, the medical authorities here said they believe they have identified it.

DR. DANIEL MUNOZ

It is widely probable that the exhumed skeleton belongs to Josef Mengele.

JOHN MARTIN

Four American experts, including one from the Simon Wiesenthal Center, signed a report saying they agreed.

DR. LOWELL LEVINE

The skeleton is that of Josef Mengele within a reasonable scientific certainty.

JOHN MARTIN

A German expert said he too was convinced. Only the Israeli investigator, Menachem Russek, reserved judgment.

MENACHEM RUSSEK To this very moment the file is open. I'm coming home, I'll think about it.

JOHN MARTIN

Mr. Russek said he was inclined to believe the experts. Here are some of the ways they said they reached their conclusions. They rebuilt the skull, photographed it and compared it to photos of Mengele taken in 1937. They said they found 24 points of similarity, from forehead, to eyebrows, to hairline, to chin, to ear lobes. A forensic dentist said he found a telltale gap in the front two teeth of Mengele and a corresponding space in the skull's upper jaw.

DR. LOWELL LEVINE

The odds are astronomical that another person would be on this earth yet that has all the characteristics that we have examined. And in fact that person probably has not been born.

JOHN MARTIN

In Brazil the experts will file reports soon and the bones will probably go to the Mengele family, this amid mounting evidence that the family paid Mengele modest sums over the 18 years he lived quietly with friends here in Brazil. Was this part of a Nazi network to protect him?

ROMEU TUMA

(INTERPRETER) There was no network of Nazis. There was, I think, a personal scheme for his protection that involved a lot of people.

JOHN MARTIN

So, despite reports over the years that he'd been protected by a vast Nazi organization, today's findings suggest that it was Josef Mengele who died here in 1979, but that he was protected for years by his family and a small circle of friends in a conspiracy that is still under investigation both here and in Germany.

JOHN MARTIN, ABC News, Sao Paulo, Brazil.

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Story Name: HOW MUCH DAMAGE HAS BEEN DONE BY AMERICAN USSR SPIES

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Anchor: PETER JENNINGS, WASHINGTON, DC USA

Correspondent: JOHN MARTIN, WASHINGTON, DC USA

Content: PETER JENNINGS

So how much damage have the Walkers and the other American spies done to the United States recently? And what do the Soviets really know about this country's military capabilities? ABC's **JOHN MARTIN** on special assignment.

JOHN MARTIN

(WALKER ARREST) Right now more Americans are facing trial for espionage than at any time since World War II.

GENERAL RICHARD STILLWELL

From the standpoint of the Soviet Union secrets are now, there's a seller's market on secrets.

JOHN MARTIN

Soviet intelligence has pulled together many pieces of the puzzle it faces in trying to understand American military capabilities from satellites to communications to weapons. (SATELLITES) The Soviets have been successful in uncovering secrets in two kinds of satellite technology, photo reconnaissance and electronic eavesdropping. In 1975 Christopher Boyce sold the Soviets details of the Rialight satellite which listens to phone conversations, radar transmissions, radio signals and missile telemetry. (ANIMATION) To this Jeffrey Prime, an officer in British intelligence, added crucial details.

JAMES BAMFORD

Boyce said they will give away the information on the construction of the satellite, how it works, because he worked for the contractor on that, TRW. Prime was able to give away the information on what the targets were and what our capabilities were in terms of eavesdropping.

JOHN MARTIN

(RADAR DISCS) Perhaps the most damaging loss in satellite photo reconnaissance was the sale the Soviets of a manual for the newest Keyhole satellite, KH-11 by a disgruntled former CIA employee, William Kampiles. (SATELLITE PHOTOS) The KH-11 photographs, similar to these taken by an SR-71 reconnaissance plane, reveal what is happening on earth in great detail. With the stolen manual the Soviet military could have learned how to conceal its movements and installations.

WILLIAM COLBY

Those were telling the Soviets something that presumably they didn't know as to our degree of access through various of these techniques.

Now I would say they were quite damaging.

JOHN MARTIN

At the same time, the Soviets were piecing together elements of another important part of American security--military communications.

GENERAL RICHARD STILLWELL

They wanted to read our mail, sir, or read our electronic mail. It's been a target, a priority target for them from the very beginning.

JOHN MARTIN

(PUEBLO) And they have succeeded. From the Pueblo, captured off North Korea, they got a series of encrypting machines used to send secret information back to the United States. From Christopher Boyce and allegedly **JOHN** Walker and others, they got cryptographic keys to unscramble the codes and with it an important glimpse at US communications. The Soviets have also gotten documents describing an important array of American weapons. (MISSILES) From William Bell, an engineer at Hughes Aircraft, they reportedly got sensitive information on a series of radar systems for tanks, fighters and the stealth bomber. (TANK, JET, BOMBER)

GENERAL RICHARD STILLWELL

That ranks as one of the the more spectacular losses that we had in the past decade, no question about it. Again, primarily with

respect to air-to-air missiles, through the whole missilery, it permits them to devise electronic countermeasures that may assist them in defeating that system.

JOHN MARTIN

(MISSILE) The Soviets got another piece of the puzzle when they learned about US ballistic missile defense and ICBM's survivability from documents they bought from James Harper, a computer engineer.

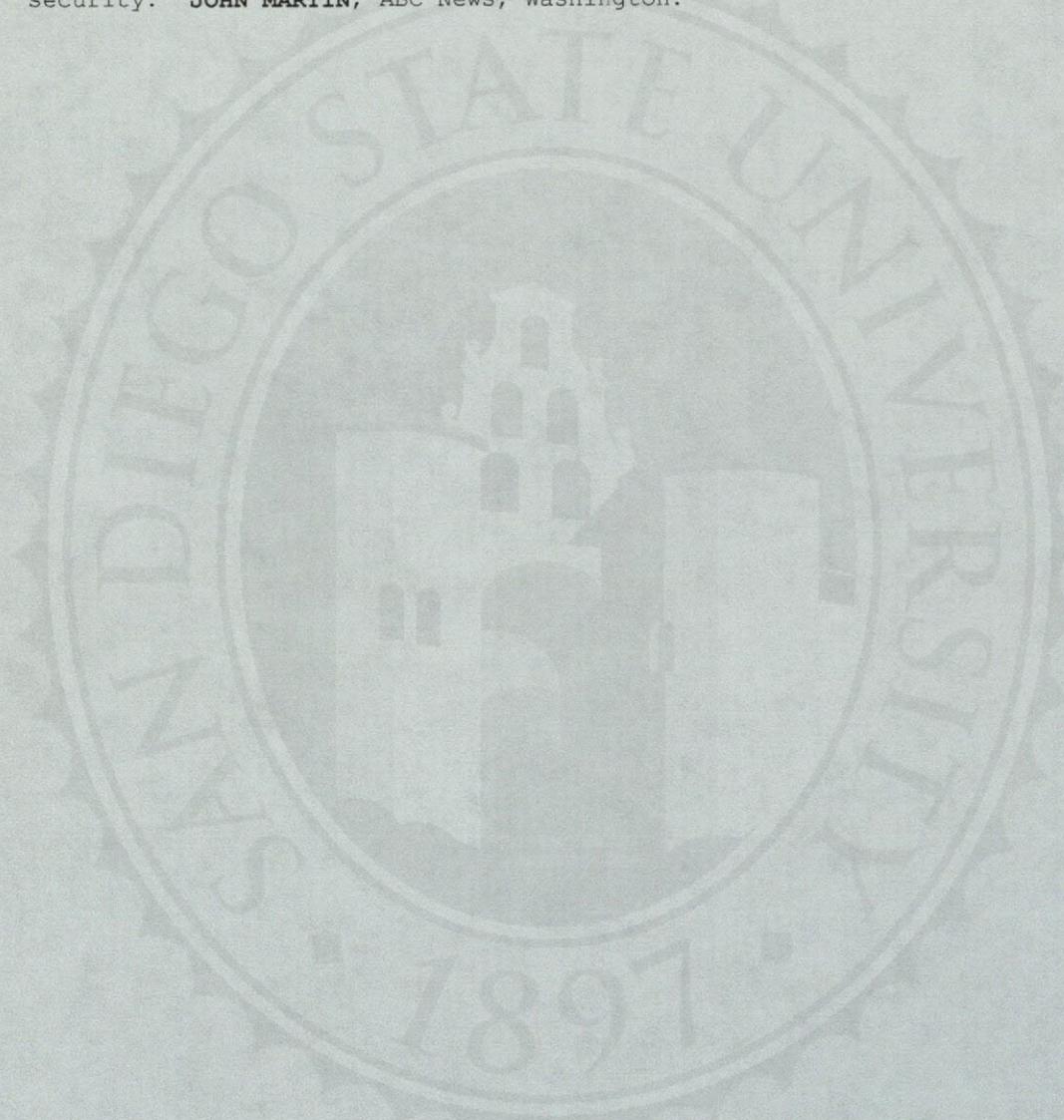
Even so, for all Soviet espionage managed to learn, has the balance of security been altered?

GENERAL STILLWELL

We are ahead technologically, sir, but we have been all, and we want to maintain that lead. That lead is diminishing because of the loss of our technology to them.

JOHN MARTIN

But again so serious that intelligence committees from both Houses of Congress are now investigating the latest series of espionage cases. Their principal goal is to find ways of protecting American secrets from the kind of exposure that has already damaged national security. **JOHN MARTIN**, ABC News, Washington.



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Story Name: JOURNALISTS REACT TO US-SOVIET NEWS BLACKOUT AT SUMMIT

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Anchor: PETER JENNINGS, GENEVA, SWITZERLAND

Correspondent: JOHN MARTIN, GENEVA, SWITZERLAND

Content: PETER JENNINGS

Well, these one-on-ones have been front page news all over the world. We cannot yet tell you what sort of a political message this was intended to be, but for the first time in memory a picture of President Reagan has appeared on the front page of the Communist Party newspaper Pravda in Moscow. (PHOTO) This decision by the two delegations to keep news of substance away from the press until the summit is completed has not come as a total surprise. There was a similar situation here in Geneva at the Soviet-American arms control talks last January. And in January it apparently led to a better atmosphere for the negotiators. How has the press fared this time? Here's ABC's **JOHN MARTIN**.

LARRY SPEAKES

A number of routine announcements to start.

JOHN MARTIN

This morning reporters assembled at the American briefing center and said overnight their sources of information had dried up.

GREGORY NOKES

Suddenly a guy you've talked to for years he'll stop talking to you, but it's harder to get to them.

JACK NELSON

I talked to a guy yesterday, I asked him just really a simple question. I said, I want to ask you about the substance of a meeting, I just want to get your idea about it? He looked out the window and said, "It's snowing outside isn't it?". That was it.

DANIEL SCHORR

I talked to a Russian journalist and he said, "My lips are sealed". And I said, oh come on you're a journalist, he said, "My lips are sealed".

JOHN MARTIN

But there was information, remarks the two leaders made in passing, some marginal matters.

LARRY SPEAKES

Questions yesterday about the gifts.

JOHN MARTIN

The American spokesman used sign language to describe the talks as frank and business-like on two levels. As they tried to interpret these clues, some reporters said the blackout was harmful.

BARRY SCHWEID

Expectations have been driven upward by the very fact of the summit meetings and the folks back home have nothing to go on except some quips and handshakes, and after all these are theatrics.

JOHN MARTIN

But several reporters saw the blackout as a signal.

JOHN MCWETHY

When serious negotiations are underway, the government doesn't talk and probably shouldn't talk to the press.

JOHN MARTIN

Even so, one reporter said she felt she knew what was going on, that arms control talks might resume shortly.

HELEN THOMAS

You just get that out of the air, you know, the general direction of them.

JOHN MARTIN

A British reporter said there were leaks, but little evidence to back them up.

MICHAEL BRUNSEN

It does sound as though there's a very old tough battle going on in there, but it's very difficult to peer through the fog and to find out exactly what's going on.

JOHN MARTIN

Tonight the fog thickened. One correspondent said an American official canceled a meeting with him saying, "If we have dinner, I can't talk; if we're seen, I'll be fired". Still amid confusion and

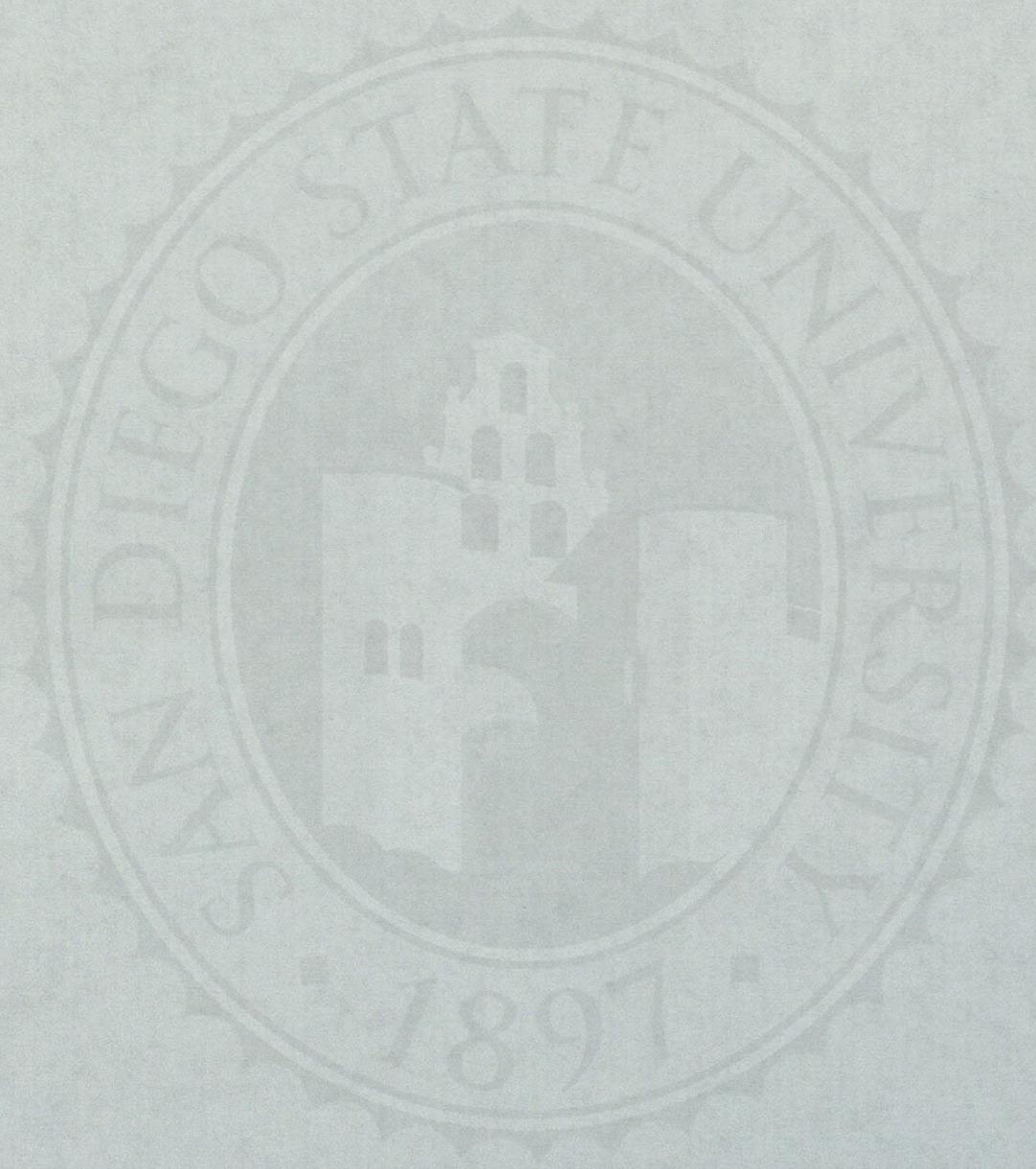
suspicion some reporters agree finally with senior correspondent Daniel Schorr.

DANIEL SCHORR

As a reporter I guess I should be for instant information, but somehow I've reached the age where I can wait a day.

JOHN MARTIN

This is an age of instant information, but that's what most reporters will be doing, waiting a day until the two leaders speak in public and the world begins to find out the substance of what took place here. **JOHN MARTIN**, ABC News, Geneva.



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It has been a busy week for US counterintelligence. In just the last few days four more Americans have been charged with spying for other countries. Why has there been such a sudden wave of arrests? Here's ABC's **JOHN MARTIN**.

JOHN MARTIN

The head of FBI counterintelligence said today the current surge of espionage arrests comes from greater Soviet aggressiveness and greater American vigilance.

JAMES GEER / FBI

There's been an increased aggressiveness as far as their attempts to collect sensitive US information, particularly in the area of science and technology.

JOHN MARTIN

Mr. Geer said the decision to publicly prosecute is aimed at creating a hostile environment for spies and potential traitors.

JAMES GEER

Going public definitely says something to the Soviets, yes. It not only makes that statement, it not only makes that statement to anyone who might be in the back of their mind have the thought of "maybe this is an easy way to earn some money". It also creates an awareness within the general public and within the business-industrial communities that the threat is there.

JOHN MARTIN

In the last five days American authorities have arrested four espionage suspects, one of them is Ronald Pelton, formerly of the National Security Agency, who was identified by Soviet KGB official Vitaly Yurchenko. Months ago Mr. Yurchenko also identified former CIA officer Edward Howard as a Soviet informant. Howard escaped from FBI agents and left the country. When Mr. Yurchenko himself returned to Moscow, some analysts question head of the Pentagon security commission, who met with Mr. Yurchenko, said his information seemed correct.

GENERAL RICHARD STILWELL

The fact that Mr. Howard took a powder, the fact that Mr. Pelton has confessed his transgressions suggests the information was pretty valid coming from Mr. Yurchenko.

JOHN MARTIN

General Stilwell's commission recommended last week that the government step up security investigations, restrict security clearances, expand lie detector exams, develop reliability profiles for military and civilian workers, and increase financial reviews to see whether some workers are susceptible to bribes or already have accepted them. According to ABC correspondent **JOHN Scali** more arrests are expected soon, but neither the CIA nor the FBI had any comment tonight. The irony is that if true, the newest suspects may owe their predicament as much to Mr. Yurchenko and the KGB as to the FBI. **JOHN MARTIN**, ABC News, Washington.