

U.S. MILITARY TRAINING FOR ARGENTINA

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SOME FACTS AND FIGURES

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More than 4000 members of the Argentine Armed Forces have been trained by the United States since 1950. Almost one-third of these men have been trained since 1970. This training takes place both in the United States and in the Panama Canal Zone.

Within the U.S., Argentine military personnel have been trained at top-level command and staff colleges such as the Naval War College in Rhode Island and the Army Command and General Staff College at Fort Leavenworth, Kansas. At least 34 officers have graduated from this last school, including General Carlos Laidlaw, the present head of the Secretaria de Informaciones del Estado (SIDE), the Argentine Secret Police.

Argentine military personnel have also attended the following programs within the U.S. in the past seven years: the Army Infantry and Ranger School, the Army Civil Affairs and Military Government School, and the Army Intelligence School. Instruction at these schools is heavily weighted towards counter-insurgency training.

More than 600 Argentine officers have also attended courses at the Army School of the Americas in the Canal Zone. This school is the most advanced and specialized counter-insurgency training program conducted anywhere by the U.S. Defense Department tables show that Argentine personnel attended the following courses of instruction at the School of the Americas between 1970 - 1975:

Command and General Staff (4)	Jungle Operations (13)
Urban Counter-insurgency (7)	Counter-insurgency
Military Intelligence (7)	Operations (11)
Military Intelligence,	Military Police (3)
non-commissioned officer (5)	Basic Infantry
Military Intelligence,	Officer (2)
interrogation techniques (6)	

The training program proposed for Argentina in FY78 by the Carter Administration follows the same pattern of courses as previous years. Authorization of \$700,000 under the International Military Education and Training Program (IMETP) is requested for the training of 217 personnel. According to a Defense Department computer print-out, proposed training includes:

FY 78 request

- **2 Air Force officers to be trained in "Counter-insurgency and "Psychological Warfare", one in the U.S. and one in the Canal Zone
- **4 Army personnel to be trained in "Military Intelligence/Counter-Intelligence" at the School of the Americas, Canal Zone
- **3 Army "Distinguished Visitors" for seminars in "Intelligence" and "Civic Action" in the Canal Zone
- **4 Army personnel to be trained in "Jungle Operations" at the School of the Americas, Canal Zone
- **1 Air Force officer to be trained in "Reconnaissance and Imagery Intelligence", in the U.S.

In addition to IMETP training, at least seven training programs in counter-insurgency, urban warfare and intelligence were sold to Argentina under FMS cash sales between 1973 - 1975 alone. * *