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STATEMENT BY THE PRESIDENT

The kidnapping and murder of U.S. Consular Agent John Patrick Egan by terrorists in Cordoba, Argentina is a vicious act which will be condemned by men of decency and honor everywhere. There can be no justification for the wanton killing of an innocent and defenseless person. Mr. Egan served his country loyally and well. All Americans will join in honoring the memory of Mr. Egan and expressing deepest sympathy to his widow and family.

The following is the text of a telegram the President sent to Mrs. Egan:

Dear Mrs. Egan:

Mrs. Ford and I want you to know you have our deepest sympathy. The death of your husband is as unjust as it is tragic. Words cannot capture the strain nor mitigate the suffering you have undergone, but we want you to know that our hearts are with you in this most difficult moment.

Your husband was highly esteemed in Cordoba. As U.S. Consular Agent there he served his country well. His tragic, senseless death is mourned by all men of goodwill.

GERALD R. FORD

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