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SUBJECT: NOVEMBER 23 ECUADOR MEDIA REACTION:  
ORGAN TRANSPLANT TRAFFICKING  
REF: USIA 56472

1. STORIES BASED ON THE DOCUMENTARY FILMS ON ORGAN TRAFFICKING MENTIONED IN REFTEL HAVE APPEARED IN THE NOVEMBER 22 EDITION OF GUAYAQUIL'S "EL TELEGRAFO" (CONSERVATIVE, CIRC. 40,000) IN A NEWS COLUMN PRINTED IN ENGLISH (A REGULAR EL TELEGRAFO FEATURE), AND IN A FULL PAGE STORY WHICH APPEARED ON THE LEAD PAGE OF THE COMMENTARY SECTION OF THE NOVEMBER 23 EDITION OF GUAYAQUIL'S "EL UNIVERSO" (CENTER-RIGHT, CIRC. 145,000). THE "EL UNIVERSO" FEATURE WAS AN EFE WIRE SERVICE STORY BASED ON THE PROGRAMS. NEITHER STORY BROUGHT UP THE ISSUE OF "BABY PARTS" NOR MENTIONED THE UNITED STATES. SELECTED QUOTES FROM THE "EL UNIVERSO" ARTICLE FOLLOW:
  2. QUOTE: "THE PROGRAM REVEALS THAT IN THESE COUNTRIES NUMEROUS CHILDREN HAVE BEEN MURDERED TO EXTRACT THEIR ORGANS AND BODY PARTS. SIMILARLY, DECEASED PATIENTS IN HOSPITALS HAVE

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HAD ORGANS EXTRACTED WITHOUT THE CONSENT OF THE  
FAMILY."

"(ARGENTINIAN FOREIGN MINISTRY UNDER SECRETARY  
FOR HUMAN RIGHTS, ZELMIRA REGAZZOLI) CONFIRMED  
THAT, 'BEGINNING MANY YEARS AGO, **CHILDREN** HAVE  
BEEN **KIDNAPPED** TO STEAL THEIR ORGANS, NOT ONLY  
IN **ARGENTINA**, BUT IN THE ENTIRE AMERICAN  
CONTINENT.'"

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