

Back From Brazil



AP Wirephoto

Susan Agnew aboard the Hope, which she left in Brazil

Agnew's Daughter Home After Threats on Life

Washington

Susan Agnew, daughter of Vice President Spiro T. Agnew, was flown back from Brazil suddenly this week after Brazilian police reported a number of threats were made against

her.

Miss Agnew, 26, had been in Maceio, Brazil, on board the hospital ship Hope since last February.

There was some confusion yesterday about the exact nature of the threats. Ag-

new's office described them as threats against her life. Dr. William Walsh, director of Project Hope, said they were kidnap threats.

THREAT

The U.S. Embassy in Brazil said it never heard a thing about any kind of threat. A U.S. diplomat said he had a long talk last Thursday with Walsh "and he told me Susan was doing a great job and everything was fine." 23 Aug *

Agnew's office issued the following statement:

"There had been threats on her life down there and

although the Brazilians thought they could take care of the situation and the vice president has expressed his confidence in the ability of the Brazilian government to provide necessary security, as a father he wanted to take the prudent measure of bring her closer to home."

Walsh, who also returned to Washington recently, said none of the threats reached Miss Agnew directly, but all of them were reported by Brazilian security police.

SERIOUS

"As soon as they'd get one they'd pass it along to us and if it seemed serious enough, she'd just stay on the ship," Walsh said.

Miss Agnew was provided with six Brazilian security men who worked in pairs, one aboard the ship and one on shore, Walsh said. He described Miss Agnew as being cooperative with the security force.

Although the persons responsible for the threats have yet to be identified, Walsh said, Brazilian authorities believe they are from hard-core leftist groups inside Brazil.

RELATIONS

Brazilian authorities had no immediate comment. Relations between Brazil and the U.S. have been excellent. There has been little open anti-Americanism in Brazil in recent years.

A spokesman for Project Hope said there had been a series of threats over the past several months but that recently the threats "became a little more intense."

Walsh confirmed that report and said Miss Agnew was sent home after the last threats were received because "we simply felt it was a more serious threat this time." He did not elaborate.

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*In Washington? Walsh says " ... I left [from context, Brazil] on Aug. 20 ... "
- WXPPost 30 Aug '73, Berger

Miss Agnew: "I got word [25-26 Aug] from Washington." (Same ref as above.)