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SUBJECT: Office of Public Safety Worldwide Police Casualty Study
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The attached study is an analysis of statistics dealing with the number of police killed in the line of duty in countries in which there are Public Safety programs. The study covers a ~~one~~ ~~and a half year~~ period, CY-1969 through ~~and~~ CY-1971.

Initial pages - The summary provides comprehensive tables of police strengths, the number of police killed in each country, the ratio of police killed vs police population, the number of police killed per 1,000 and projects the number of police killed in the U.S. if the U.S. had the foreign countries ratio of police losses. The summary also provides a comparative profile of police strength vs the number of police killed in the line of duty in East Asia and Latin America.

Part I provides, progressively arranged, the worldwide police strength profile.

Part II examines the ratio of police killed vs the police strength; however, instead of examining all the countries, the analysis focuses on a selected few countries from East Asia and Latin America.

Part III reflects percentage profile of police killed vs the police strength in selected countries of East Asia and Latin America.

Part IV reflects analysis of the police killed per thousand of police population.

Part V sets out a set of comparative analyses of selected countries.

The comprehensive table indicates the number killed with respect to force strength for each country and a comparison of the ratio with a computation of the same ratio applied in the U.S.

The latter reflect the greatest number of police casualties in the Philippines and Guatemala. Figures for the Africa and NESAs areas are incomplete and consequently are not being analyzed.

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SUMMARY

THE SUMMARY PROVIDES COMPREHENSIVE TABLES OF POLICE STRENGTHS, THE NUMBER OF POLICE KILLED IN EACH COUNTRY, THE RATIO OF POLICE KILLED VS POLICE POPULATION, THE NUMBER OF POLICE KILLED IN THE U.S. IF THE U.S. HAD THE FOREIGN COUNTRIES RATIO OF POLICE LOSSES. THE SUMMARY ALSO PROVIDES A COMPARATIVE PROFILE OF POLICE STRENGTH VS THE NUMBER OF POLICE KILLED IN THE LINE OF DUTY IN EAST ASIA AND LATIN AMERICA.

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	CY - 69					CY - 70					CY - 71				
	Police Strength	Police Killed	Ratio	Killed x/1000		Police Strength	Police Killed	Ratio	Killed x/1000		Police Strength	Police Killed	Ratio	Killed x/1000	
East Asia															
Korea	43,172	43	1/1004	1.0	370	44,140	42	1/1051	.9	350	PROGRAM DISCONTINUED				
Laos	5,500	8	1/688	1.4	525	5,500	8	1/688	1.4	540	5,344	3	1/1781	.6	250
Philippines	32,700	148	1/221	4.5	1685	32,000	190	1/168	5.9	2270	33,033	181	1/182	5.5	2288
Thailand	74,001	132	1/561	1.8	671	73,235	169	1/433	2.3	880	76,708	85	1/902	1.1	463
Vietnam	92,200	301	1/306	3.3	1230	100,000	360	1/278	3.6	1380	113,688	348	1/328	3.0	1250
Latin America															
Bolivia	5,939	0	0/5939	0	0	6,137*	4	1/1534	.7	270	6,532	8	1/816	1.2	500
Brazil ²	240,000	14	1/17142	N/A	N/A	240,000	12	1/20000	N/A	N/A	238,700	8	1/29837	N/A	N/A
Colombia	37,775	57	1/663	1.5	559	43,500	62	1/702	1.4	540	44,660	53	1/842	1.2	500
Costa Rica	4,596	1	1/4596	.2	77	4,970	0	0/4970	0	0	5,428	1	1/5428	.2	88

* Estimated

¹ If the U.S. had the same ratio (x/1000), police killed would have been!

² Data on Police Killed is Incomplete

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	CY - 69					CY - 70					CY - 71				
	Police Strength	Police Killed	Ratio	Killed x/1000	¹	Police Strength	Police Killed	Ratio	Killed x/1000	¹	Police Strength	Police Killed	Ratio	Killed x/1000	¹
Latin America (Cont.)															
Dom. Rep.	8,759	19	1/461	2.2	826	8,753	21	1/417	2.4	920	9,000	7	1/1285	.8	338
Ecuador	4,510	0	0/4510	0	0	6,178	12	1/515	1.9	730	7,050	²	—	—	—
El Salvador	4,600	2	1/2300	.4	146	4,261	4	1/1065	.9	350	4,824	9	1/536	1.9	788
Guatemala	6,437	36*	1/179	5.6	2090	6,462	26	1/249	4.0	1540	6,494	29	1/224	4.5	1875
Guyana	2,173	5	1/435	2.3	860	2,318	0	0/2318	0	0	PROGRAM DISCONTINUED				
Honduras	2,554	5	1/511	1.9	714	2,465	6	1/411	2.4	920	2,500	8	1/313	3.2	1338
Jamaica	4,814	4	1/1204	.8	301	4,029*	7	1/575	1.7	650	3,266	3	1/1089	.9	375
Nicaragua	2,100	0	0/2100	0	—	2,300*	0	0/2300	0	0	2,635	2	1/1318	.6	338
Panama	4,164	2	—	—	—	6,900	2	—	—	—	7,308	0	0/7308	0	0
Uruguay	17,210	6	1/2868	.3	122	18,745	9	1/2083	.5	190	19,153	17	1/1126	.9	375
Venezuela	34,490	2	—	—	—	34,074	2	—	—	—	36,717	12	1/3059	.3	125

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	Police Strength	Police Killed	Ratio	Killed x/1000	1	Police Strength	Police Killed	Ratio	Killed x/1000	1	Police Strength	Police Killed	Ratio	Killed x/1000	1
Africa															
Zaire ¹	22,656	0	0/22,656	0	0	20,854	0	0/20,854	0	0	20,854	12	1/737	.6	250
Ghana	18,670	2	—	—	—	18,670	2	—	—	—	18,650	2	—	—	—
Liberia	1,386	1	1/1386	.7	258	1,324	3	1/411	2.3	860	1,525	0	0/1525	0	0
Tunisia	8,300	2	—	—	—	8,850	2	—	—	—	—	PROGRAM DISCONTINUED			
NESA															
Pakistan	120,597	2	—	—	—	120,597	2	—	—	—	86,600	2	—	—	—
U.S.	392,275	86	1/4212	.23	—	384,139	100	1/3841	.26	—	404,000	125	1/3232	.30	—

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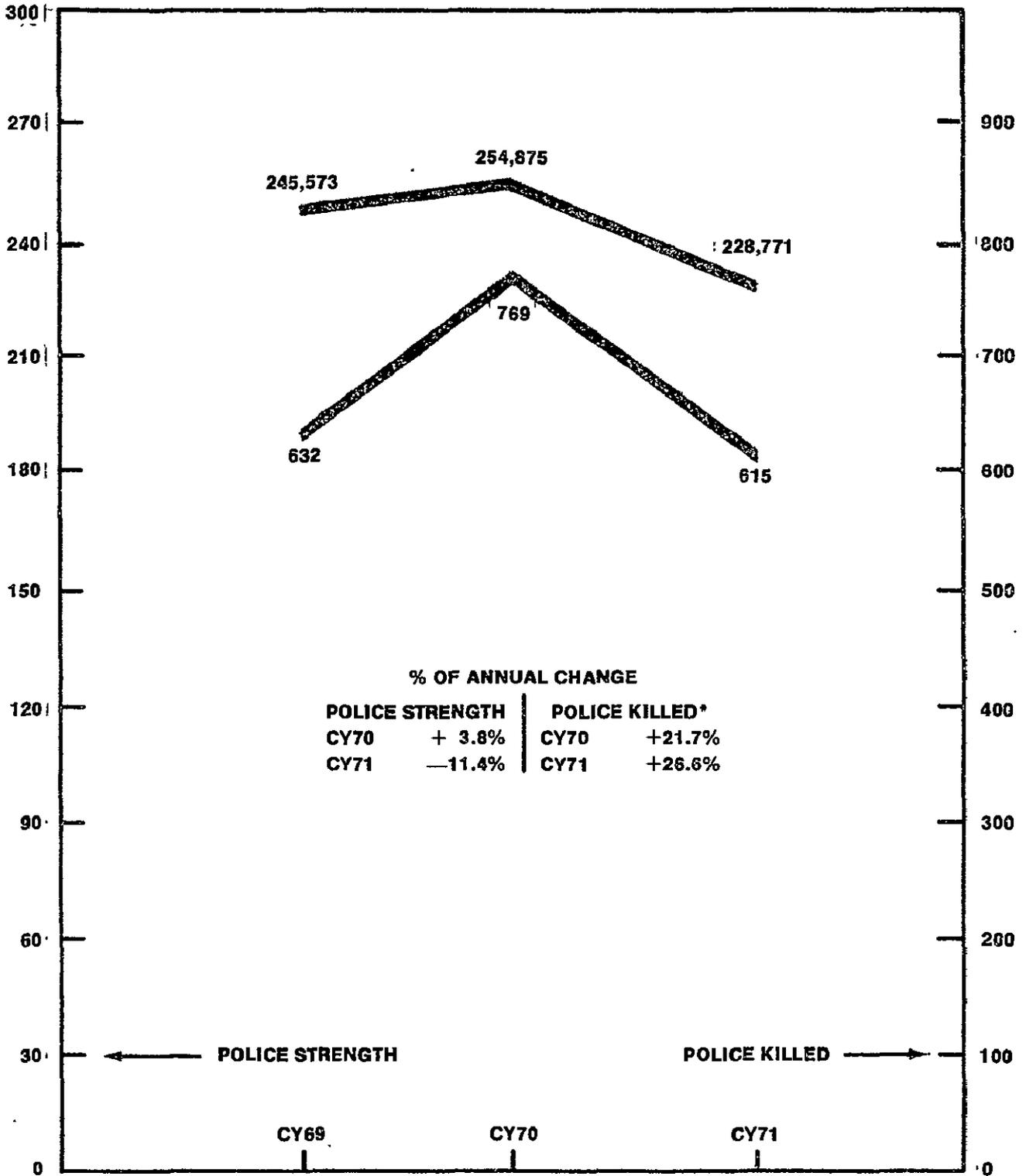
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COMPARATIVE PROFILE OF POLICE STRENGTH vs. POLICE KILLED IN LINE OF DUTY

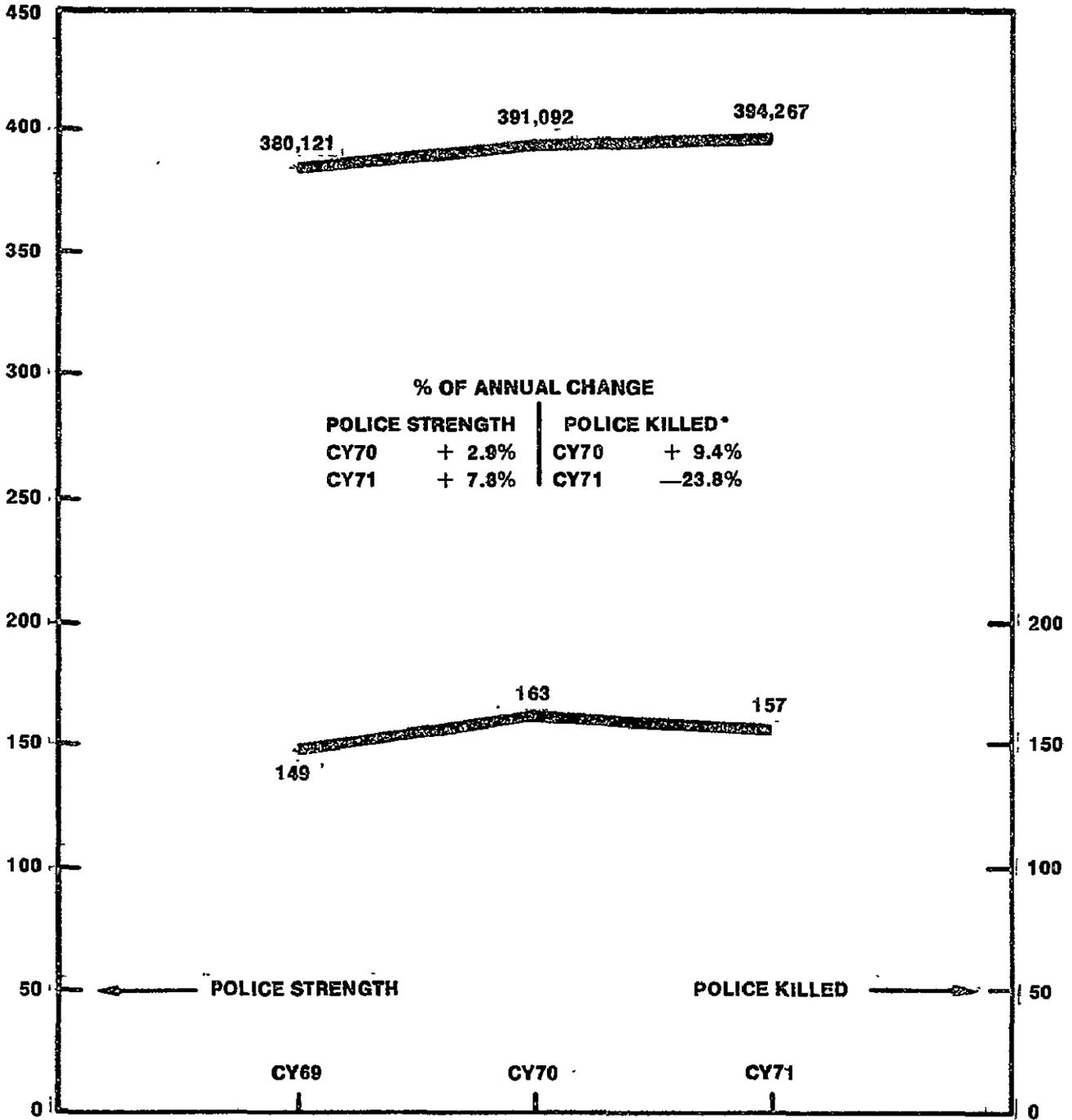
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Comparative Profile of Police Strength vs. Police Killed in Line of Duty
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*Police Killed data for Korea is incomplete.

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Comparative Profile of Police Strength vs. Police Killed in Line of Duty
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*Police Killed data for Brazil and Ecuador is incomplete.

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POLICE STRENGTH PROFILE

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WORLDWIDE POLICE STRENGTH PROFILE
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<u>CY-69</u>		<u>CY-70</u>		<u>CY-71</u>	
<u>Countries</u>	<u>Police Strength</u>	<u>Countries</u>	<u>Police Strength</u>	<u>Countries</u>	<u>Police Strength</u>
1. Liberia	1,386	1. Liberia	1,324	1. Liberia	1,525
2. Nicaragua	2,100*	2. Nicaragua	2,300*	2. Guyana	Program discontinued
3. Guyana	2,173	3. Guyana	2,318	3. Honduras	2,500
4. Honduras	2,554	4. Honduras	2,465	4. Nicaragua	2,635
5. Panama	4,164	5. Jamaica	4,029*	5. Jamaica	3,266
6. Ecuador	4,510	6. Costa Rica	4,970	6. El Salvador	4,824
7. Costa Rica	4,596	7. El Salvador	4,261	7. Laos	5,344
8. El Salvador	4,600	8. Laos	5,500	8. Costa Rica	5,428
9. Jamaica	4,814	9. Bolivia	6,137*	9. Guatemala	6,494
10. Laos	5,500	10. Ecuador	6,178	10. Bolivia	6,532
11. Bolivia	5,939	11. Guatemala	6,462	11. Ecuador	7,050
12. Guatemala	6,437	12. Panama	6,900	12. Panama	7,308
13. Tunisia	8,300	13. Dominican Rep.	8,753	13. Tunisia	Program discontinued
14. Dominican Rep.	8,759	14. Tunisia	8,850	14. Dominican Rep.	9,000
15. Uruguay	17,210	15. Ghana	18,670	15. Ghana	18,650
16. Ghana	18,670	16. Uruguay	18,745	16. Uruguay	19,153
17. Zaire	22,656	17. Zaire	20,854	17. Zaire	20,854
18. Philippines	32,700	18. Philippines	32,000	18. Philippines	33,033
19. Venezuela	34,490	19. Venezuela	34,074	19. Venezuela	36,717
20. Colombia	37,775	20. Colombia	43,500	20. Korea	Program discontinued
21. Korea	43,172	21. Korea	44,140	21. Colombia	44,660
22. Thailand	74,001	22. Thailand	73,235	22. Thailand	76,708
23. Vietnam	92,200	23. Vietnam	100,000	23. Pakistan	86,600
24. Pakistan	120,597	24. Pakistan	120,597	24. Vietnam	113,686
25. Brazil	240,000	25. Brazil	240,000	25. Brazil	238,700
<u>U.S.</u>	<u>362,275</u>	<u>U.S.</u>	<u>384,139</u>	<u>U.S.</u>	<u>404,000</u>

*Estimated Level
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SOURCE: OPS/Records

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RATIO OF POLICE_KILLED vs POLICE_STRENGTHS

PART II EXAMINES THE RATIO OF POLICE KILLED VS THE
POLICE STRENGTH: HOWEVER, INSTEAD OF EXAMINING ALL
THE COUNTRIES, THE ANALYSIS FOCUSES ON A SELECTED FEW
COUNTRIES FROM EAST ASIA AND LATIN AMERICA.

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WORLDWIDE RATIO OF POLICE KILLED
vs POLICE STRENGTH**

EAST ASIA

CY 69		CY 70		CY 71	
Philippines	1/221	Philippines	1/168	Philippines	1/182
Vietnam	1/306	Vietnam	1/278	Vietnam	1/328
Thailand	1/561	Thailand	1/433	Thailand	1/902
Laos	1/688	Laos	1/688	Laos	1/1781
Korea	1/1004	Korea	1/1051	Korea*	—
US	1/4213	US	1/3841	US	1/3232

LATIN AMERICA

CY 69		CY 70		CY 71	
Guatemala	1/179	Guatemala	1/249	Guatemala	1/224
Dom Rep	1/461	Dom Rep	1/417	Dom Rep	1/1285
Colombia	1/663	Colombia	1/702	Colombia	1/842
Jamaica	1/1204	Jamaica	1/575	Jamaica	1/1089
Uruguay	1/2868	Uruguay	1/2083	Uruguay	1/1126
Ecuador	0/4510	Ecuador	1/515	Ecuador ¹	—
US	1/4213	US	1/3841	US	1/3232

*Program discontinued

¹Data not available

SOURCE: U.S. data. FBI Uniform Crime Reports (Police strength includes Municipal Police, Suburban Police and County Sheriff's Departments as well as State Police and Highway Patrol).

OPS/OD Records. (Police strength from OPS Branch files. Police killed from missions' reports.)

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% PROFILE OF POLICE..KILLED vs POLICE STRENGTH.

PART III REFLECTS PERCENTAGE PROFILE OF POLICE KILLED
VS THE POLICE STRENGTH IN SELECTED COUNTRIES OF
EAST ASIA AND LATIN AMERICA.

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WORLDWIDE % PROFILE OF POLICE KILLED
vs POLICE STRENGTH
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EAST ASIA

CY 69		CY 70		CY 71	
Philippines	.45%	Philippines	.59%	Philippines	.55%
Vietnam	.33%	Vietnam	.36%	Vietnam	.30%
Thailand	.18%	Thailand	.23%	Thailand	.11%
Laos	.14%	Laos	.14%	Laos	.06%
Korea	.10%	Korea	.09%	Korea*	—
US	.023%	US	.026%	US	.03%

LATIN AMERICA

CY 69		CY 70		CY 71	
Guatemala	.56%	Guatemala	.40%	Guatemala	.45%
Dom Rep	.22%	Dom Rep	.24%	Dom Rep	.08%
Colombia	.15%	Colombia	.14%	Colombia	.12%
Jamaica	.08%	Jamaica	.17%	Jamaica	.09%
Uruguay	.03%	Uruguay	.05%	Uruguay	.09%
Ecuador	.0 %	Ecuador	.19%	Ecuador ¹	—
US	.023%	US	.026%	US	.03%

*Program discontinued

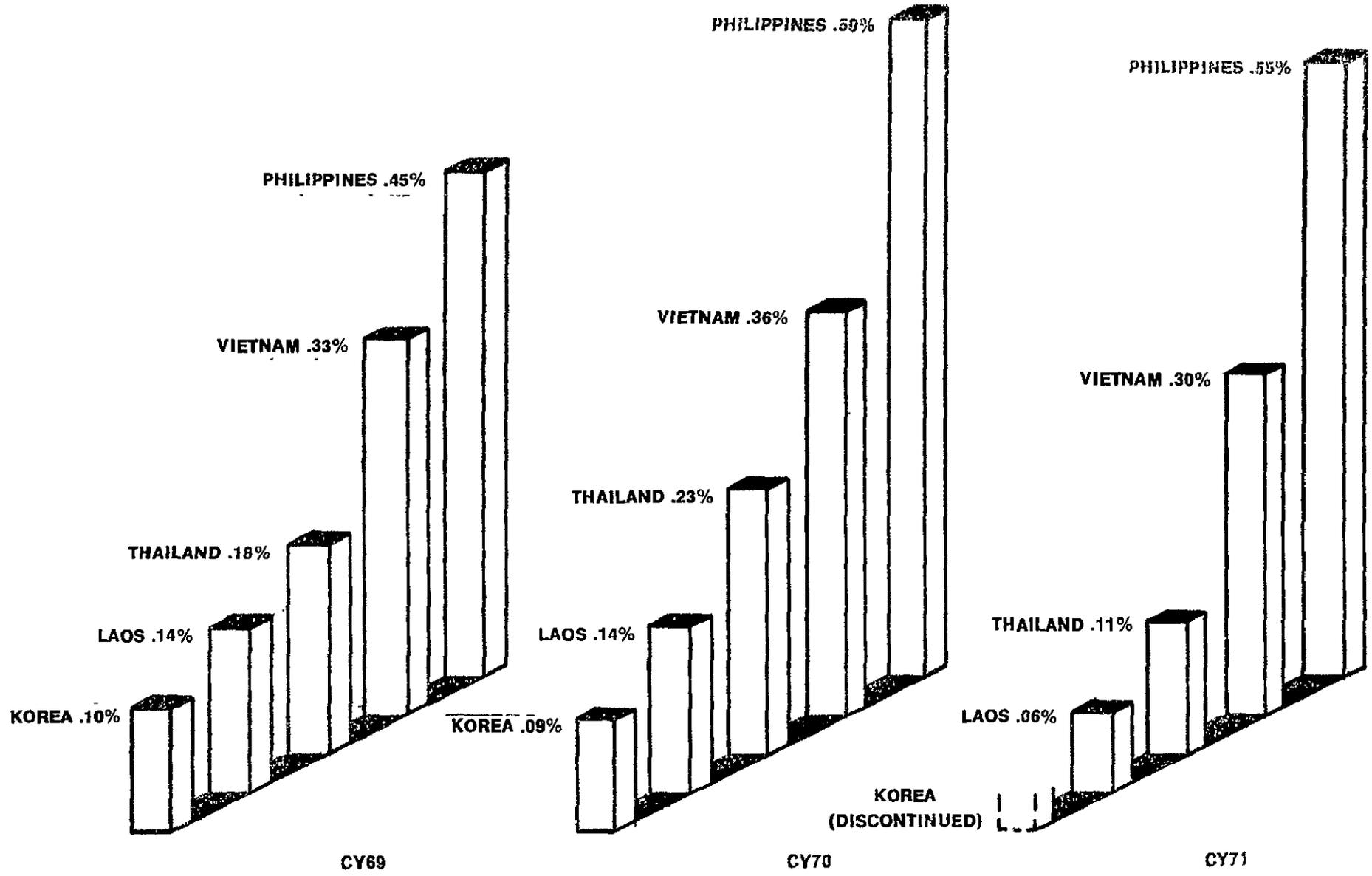
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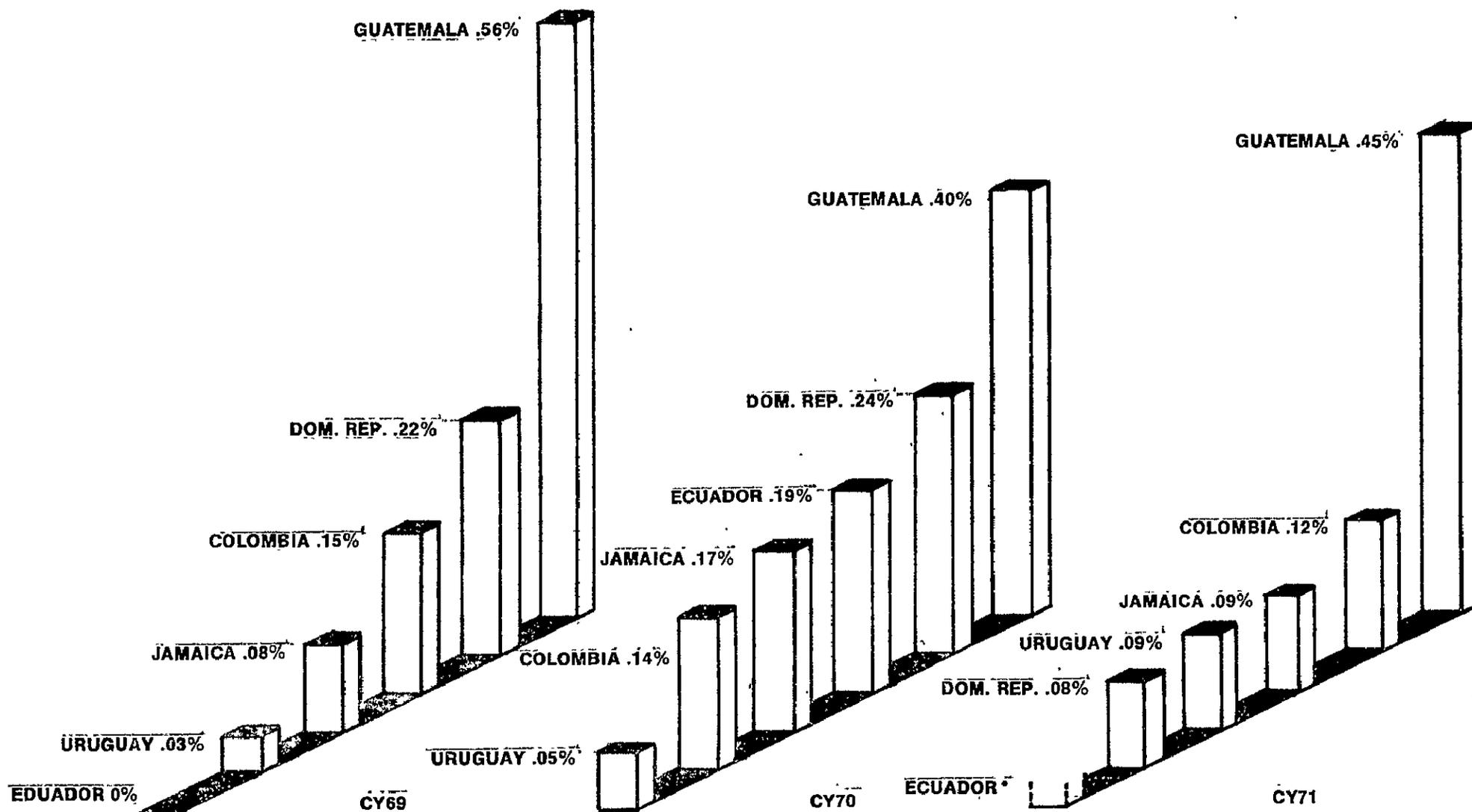
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East Asia % Profile of Police Killed in Line of Duty vs. Police Strength,
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Latin America % of Police Killed in Line of Duty vs. Police Strength
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* Data not available.

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PROFILE OF POLICE KILLED x/1000

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WORLDWIDE PROFILE OF POLICE KILLED x/1000**

EAST ASIA

CY 69		CY 70		CY 71	
Philippines	4.5	Philippines	5.9	Philippines	5.5
Vietnam	3.3	Vietnam	3.6	Vietnam	3.0
Thailand	1.8	Thailand	2.3	Thailand	1.1
Laos	1.4	Laos	1.4	Laos	.6
Korea	1.0	Korea	.9	Korea*	
US	.23	US	.26	US	.3

LATIN AMERICA

CY 69		CY 70		CY 71	
Guatemala	5.6	Guatemala	4.0	Guatemala	4.5
Dom Rep	2.2	Dom Rep	2.4	Dom Rep	.8
Colombia	1.5	Colombia	1.4	Colombia	1.2
Jamaica	.8	Jamaica	1.7	Jamaica	.9
Uruguay	.3	Uruguay	.5	Uruguay	.9
Ecuador	0	Ecuador	1.9	Ecuador [†]	
US	.23	US	.26	US	.3

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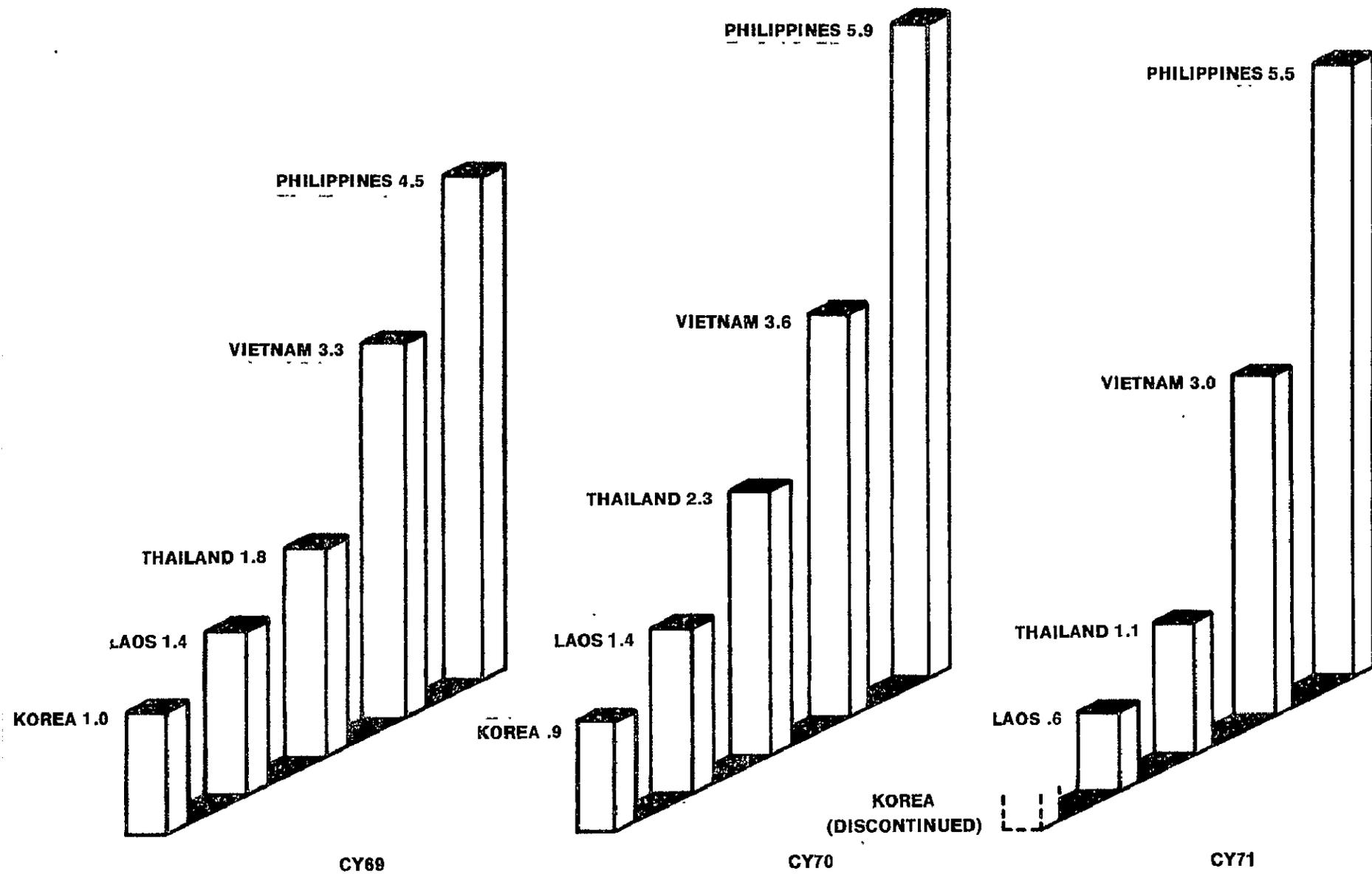
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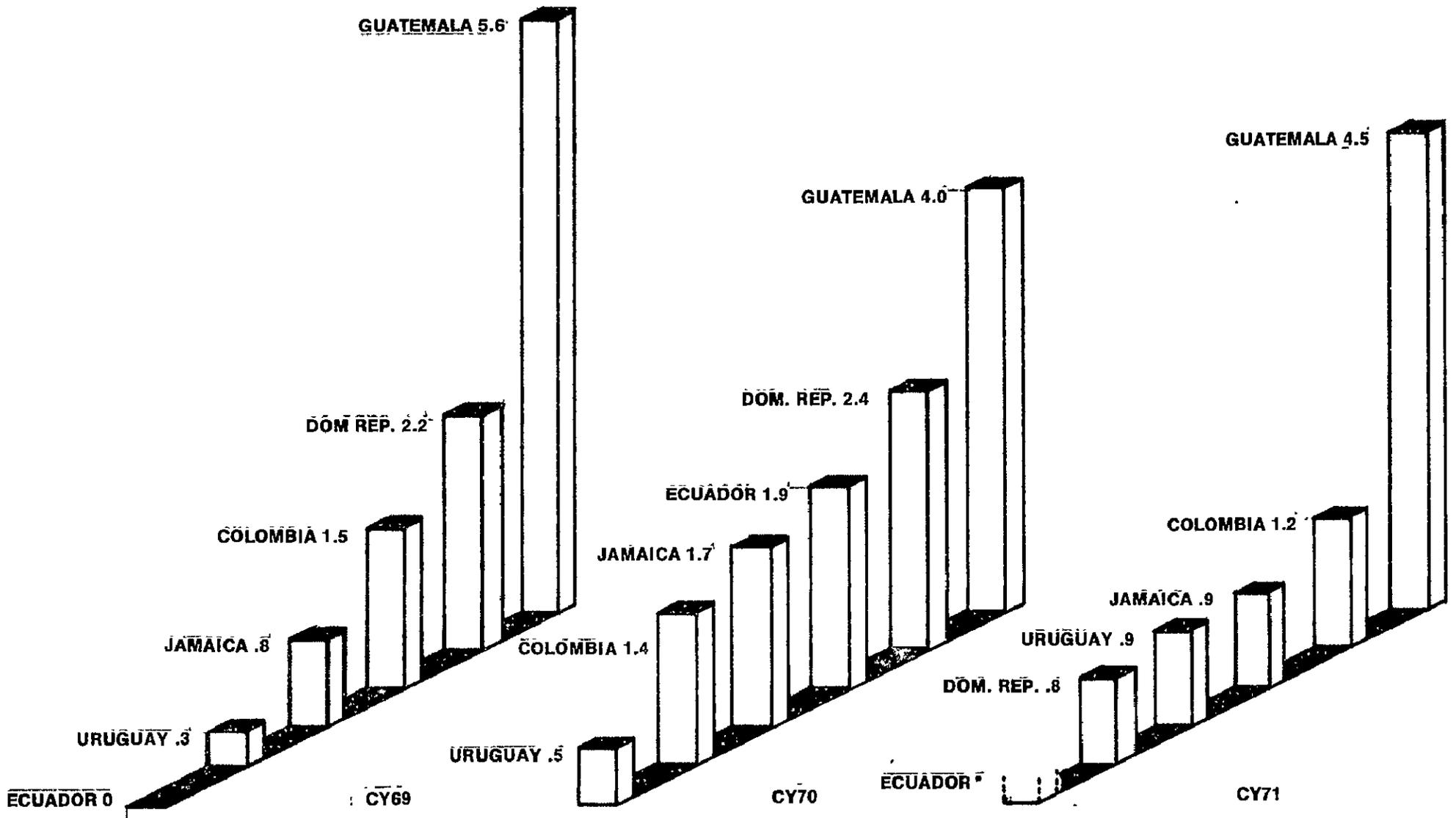
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East Asia Profile of Police Killed in Line of Duty x/1000
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 Latin America Profile of Police Killed in Line of Duty x/1000
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SUMMARY ANALYSIS OF POLICE KILLED IN LINE OF DUTY

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EAST ASIA

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Uruguay	18,745	9	.5	190
Ecuador	6,178	12	1.9	730
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Jamaica	3,266	3	.9	375
Uruguay	19,153	17	.9	375
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