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The Three Prisoners: Guillermo Garcia Ponce, Teodoro Petkoff and Luis Miquilena are imprisoned together in the San Carlos military stockade.



1992: Chávez's coup attempt fails, but much to the surprise of many, he becomes a cult hero.

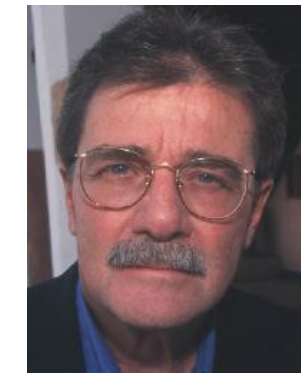


April 11, 2002: After a bloody street battle which many blame on Chávez, Luis Miquilena pulls his support for the government. Chávez is then ousted by the military only to be restored less than 48 hours later thanks to the efforts of Guillermo García Ponce and a group of loyal military officers



1977: Chávez and Bravo begin working together. Soon Chávez begins an insurgency group within the army with the goal of eventually taking power and setting up a civilian-military junta.

1994: After his release from prison, Luis Miquilena takes Chávez into his home and launches him as a political candidate. Together they travel to Cuba to meet Fidel Castro. That same year Carlos is apprehended in Sudan and imprisoned in France.



2011: Teodoro Petkoff, now a socialist democrat and editor of the Tal Cual Newspaper is an outspoken critic of Hugo Chávez.



1968: The FALN breaks apart. Douglas Bravo, the most radical of the group, continues his armed struggle against the government.



1999: Hugo Chávez becomes president of Venezuela, and the government begins a campaign to extradite the Jackal back to Venezuela.



Now over 90, Luis Miquilena has retired from public life. He has described his role in mentoring Chávez as his "great sin."



In 1964, at the age of 15, Ilich Ramírez is the leader of the communist party's youth wing. During this time, Ilich and his father move between Colombia, Venezuela, Cuba and Florida working with Castro, the FALN, and disgruntled Venezuelan military officers in an effort to overthrow the Venezuelan government.

1975: Working with The Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine, Ilich pulls off the spectacular kidnapping of 11 OPEC oil ministers and takes the *nom de guerre* of "Carlos the Jackal." In 1976 he begins his own terrorist group and is contracted by East Germany, Libya, Czechoslovakia, Syria, Iraq, and anti-Zionist groups.



Today: The Jackal remains in a French jail (posing here in front of a backdrop), but the Venezuelan government is still pushing for his extradition. Guillermo García Ponce used to publish regular updates on his life in prison in the pro- Chávez newspaper VEA.