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On April 29, US Trade Representative Carla Hills told reporters that 10 Latin American nations are among 22 placed on an "observation" list for unfair trade practices. Most of the complaints refer to pirating of patents and other intellectual property rights. Brazil, Australia and the European Economic Community are on the "priority" observation list, the last step before US legislation authorizes reprisal procedures. The other Latin American nations on the list are Argentina, Chile, Colombia, Ecuador, El Salvador, Guatemala, Paraguay, Peru and Venezuela. (Basic data from Agence France-Presse, 04/29/92)

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