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3. TITLE: (U) OTHER - MILITARY GOVERNMENT TIGHTENS CONTROL OF SECURITY FORCES
4. PROJECT NUMBER: N/A
5. DATE OF INFORMATION: 7712-7804
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15. SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS: DIRC: NO
16. SUMMARY: (U) THIS IS FORWARD INFORMATION ON
GOVERNMENT'S EFFORTS TO NORMALIZE SECURITY FORCE OPERATIONS.
22. DETAILS: 1. (U) THERE ARE INCREASING INDICATIONS
THAT THE MILITARY GOVERNMENT IS TIGHTENING UP CONTROL
OF SECURITY FORCES. ON 780407 A NUMBER OF BUENOS AIRES
NEWSPAPERS PUBLISHED AN ARTICLE BASED ON A FEDERAL
POLICE DEPARTMENT COMMUNIQUE RELEASED ON 780406.
THE POLICE ADVISED THE CITIZENS OF BUENOS AIRES THAT
ALL FEDERAL POLICEMEN ARE OBLIGED TO IDENTIFY
THEMSELVES WHEN DEALING WITH THE PUBLIC. PHOTOGRAPHS
AND DESCRIPTIONS OF POLICE DOCUMENTS WERE PUBLISHED
BY THE NEWS MEDIA. THE POLICE DEPARTMENT WARNED THAT
IMPOSTERS WERE POSING AS POLICEMEN AND CAUTIONED
THE PUBLIC TO DEMAND IDENTIFICATION. THE DEPARTMENT
REMINDED THE POPULATION THAT POLICE PERSONNEL ARE
NOT EMPOWERED TO ENTER HOMES WITHOUT HAVING PREVIOUSLY
IDENTIFIED THEMSELVES. ONCE AN OFFICIAL RAID IS
ENDED, AN INVENTORY DOCUMENT LISTING ALL CONFISCATED
BE longings MUST BE SIGNED AND WITNESSED BY PERSONNEL
CARRYING OUT THE RAID.
2. (U) IN THE LAST FOUR MONTHS AN INCREASING NUMBER
OF NEWS ITEMS HAVE APPEARED INDICATING THAT THE
GOVERNMENT IS CRACKING DOWN ON WAYWARD POLICEMEN.
EXAMPLES FOLLOW: ON 771211, FOUR POLICEMEN IN
TUCUMAN WERE ARRESTED FOR ROBBERY. ON THE SAME
DATE IT WAS ANNOUNCED THAT EIGHT POLICEMEN IN SANTA
FE WOULD BE PROSECUTED FOR TERRORIZING PEOPLE
ON A PUBLIC BEACH. ON 771229, THREE FEDERAL POLICEMEN
IN BUENOS AIRES WERE ARRESTED FOR MURDER. ON 780326,
THE FEDERAL POLICE CHIEF BG EDUARDO OJEDA ANNOUNCED
THAT 334 POLICEMEN WERE DISMISSED FROM THE FORCE IN 1977.
HE ADDED THAT THE CASHIERED OFFICERS REPRESENT LESS
THAN 1 PERCENT OF THE FORCE. HE CONCLUDED BY SAYING THAT
HE WOULD NOT TOLERATE BAD BEHAVIOR BY ANY
MEMBER OF THE FEDERAL POLICE DEPARTMENT. FINALLY
ON 780405, IT WAS REPORTED THAT 4 POLICE OFFICERS
The disreputable state of the police forces, both federal and provincial, was due to politicization by former governments. Yet, they did very little during the initial phases of the military government to correct this problem, claiming that the institution had to be kept in tact in order to combat subversion. This report, along with earlier ones (see REF) suggests that the pendulum is beginning to swing the other way and the police are actually cleaning house. The corrective actions taken so far appear to be aimed at eliminating corruption rather than returning to due process of law in dealing with suspected terrorists. Nevertheless, it is an encouraging development. This MSG Coord w/Amembassy.

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