1. COUNTRY: ARGENTINA (AR)

2. REPORT NUMBER: (b)(3) 10 USC 424

3. TITLE: (U) Military Logistics - Purchase of Military Material

4. PROJECT NUMBER: N/A

5. DATE OF INFORMATION: 770317

6. DATE OF REPORT: 770324

7. DATE & PLACE OF ACQUISITION: 770317 Buenos Aires, Argentina

8. REFERENCES:

9. ASSESSMENT: SOURCE INFO

10. ORIGINATOR:

11. REQUEST EVALUATION NO QPQ (country)

12. PREPARING OFFICER:

13. APPROVING AUTHORITY:

14. SOURCE: (b)(3) 10 USC 424

15. SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS: REPORT TO AVOID EMBARRASSMENT TO HOST GOVT.

16. SUMMARY: (U/SUR) This IR provides information on Argentine Army Intentions to purchase selected weapons and explosives.

17. SUBJECT AND AREA CODES:

18. DISTRIBUTION BY ORIGINATOR:
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   None

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21. This IR contains 2 pages.
She stated that her company represents several European and US businesses, but is interested in identifying US firms that manufacture unusual types of military equipment. When asked to elaborate, she stated that her organization which has been in existence for seven years, has served as a point of contact for the Argentine Armed Forces to research, identify and procure military equipment for special requirements.

2. (G/NOFORN) Then source added that a logistics officer from the Argentine Army had requested her firm to obtain information on and locate a supplier for a non-lethal incapacitating weapon and for plastic explosives. Source commented that she believed that the Army had become sensitive to human rights criticism and was searching for a weapon that could be used to neutralize terrorists without killing them. Source believed the best weapon to do the job would be an incapacitating gas or agent delivered either by hand or rifle grenade. When source was asked for what reason and in what volume the Argentine Army wanted plastic explosives, she stated she was not sure, but believed the purpose was to study the product.

**COMMENT:** (G/NOFORN) Source either did not know or was unwilling to provide too many details on the proposed military purchase. The former possibility seemed more reasonable since the source was really not certain where to begin looking for incapacitating weapons or plastic explosives. It appeared as though she was in the process of doing homework and chose the US military as a possible source of information. It was explained that it was doubtful that any US manufacturer would or could supply such items to the Argentine military under present circumstances.

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