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15. DRAFT: NO - NOT FOR USE TO AVOID EMBARRASSMENT TO HOST GOVT.
16. SUMMARY: (CONFIDENTIAL) ARGENTINE AIR FORCE LEADERSHIP PERCEIVES A SERIOUS DETERIORATION IN MILITARY RELATIONS BETWEEN US AND ARGENTINA. LOSS OF ACCESS TO TRAINING AND EQUIPMENT, LINKED TO USG HUMAN RIGHTS POLICY, ARE SEEN AS PRINCIPAL REASONS. THIS DETERIORATION IS A SERIOUS CONCERN FOR AIR FORCE LEADERSHIP.

22. DETAILS: 1. (CONFIDENTIAL)


GETTING EXPOSURE TO EUROPEAN CULTURES AND TRAINING, RATHER THAN TO THE AMERICAN MILITARY AND ITS SOCIETY. SOURCE B EMPHASIZED THAT IT IS IN THE BEST INTEREST OF BOTH THE GOA AND THE USG, PARTICULARLY SINCE THE ARGENTINE MILITARY WILL BE IN CONTROL OF THE ARGENTINE SOCIETY FOR THE REST OF THE CENTURY, FOR THE FUTURE MILITARY LEADERSHIP TO HAVE EXPOSURE TO THE AMERICAN SOCIETAL SYSTEM.

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USG. SOURCE A WENT ON TO SAY THAT WITHIN THE ARGAF THERE IS A GROWING PERCEPTION THAT THE US IS NO LONGER A RELIABLE SOURCE OF MILITARY EQUIPMENT AND TRAINING; THEREFORE, THEY QUESTION WHY A CLOSE BOND OF FRIENDSHIP BETWEEN THE TWO AIR FORCES SHOULD BE CONTINUED.


COMMENT: [CONFIDENTIAL] THESE DISCUSSIONS, OR MORE APPROPRIATELY LABELED LECTURES, ON THE DETERIORATION OF MILITARY-TO-MILITARY RELATIONS, APPARENTLY REFLECT REAL CONCERN AMONG THE ARGAF LEADERSHIP THAT WHAT THEY CONSIDER TO BE A LONG STANDING CLOSE RELATIONSHIP WITH THE USAF HAS BEEN DAMAGED. THE OPINIONS AND VIEWS OF SOURCE A ARE PARTICULARLY IMPORTANT BECAUSE HE IS A PRINCIPAL ADVISOR TO THE CINC.

His concern is that ARGAF leadership in the future will not have benefited from the exposure and understanding has.

(b)(3) 10 USC 424 [CONFIDENTIAL] FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION ON ARGENTINE MILITARY'S INTEREST IN DEVELOPING ALTERNATIVE SOURCES FOR ARMS SEE [CONFIDENTIAL] WHICH REPORTS ON THE POSSIBLE OPENING OF SEVERAL NEW ATTACHE POSTS, SOME OF WHICH ARE IN COUNTRIES CAPABLE OF EXPORTING ARMS. THIS MSG COORD W/EMBASSY.