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A TERRORIST ATTACK ON 19 AUG IN A BUENOS AIRES SUBURB. GEN ACTIS GRADUATED FROM THE MILITARY ACADEMY ONE YEAR AHEAD OF LTG VIDELA AND HAD PROMINENT CLASSMATES INCLUDING RETIRED BRIGADIER GEN DELIA, NEWLY APPOINTED AMBASSADOR TO BELGIUM AND RETIRED MGEN GOMEZ CENTURION, GOVERNOR OF CORRIENTES PROVINCE. THE DECEASED OFFICER WAS A FORMER HEAD OF YACIMIENTOS PETROLIFEROS FISCALES (YPPF), THE NATIONAL PETROLEUM ORGANIZATION AND WAS ALSO RECENTLY NOMINATED TO HEAD THE PLANNING COMMISSION FOR THE WORLD CUP FOOTBALL TOURNAMENT IN 1978.

COMMENT: ~~(S//NNINTEL//NOFORN)~~ THE MURDER OF GEN ACTIS ONCE AGAIN DEMONSTRATES TERRORIST CAPABILITY TO CARRY OUT ISOLATED ATTACKS ON SPECIFIC TARGETS. THIS OFFICER IS THE SIXTH GENERAL TO DIE AT TERRORIST HANDS SINCE 1978. IT IS ANTICIPATED THAT SIMILAR TYPE GUERRILLA OPERATIONS WILL TAKE PLACE IN THE FUTURE AS MORE PRESSURE IS APPLIED TO THE TERRORISTS BY SECURITY FORCES. THIS MSG COORD W/EMBASSY. *688-2

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