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COUNTRY: (U) ARGENTINA (AR)

SUBJECT: (b)(3):10 USC 424 NEW ARGAR ASSIGNMENTS AND PROMOTIONS (U).

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- B. (U) OPEN. LA NACION, MODERATE SPANISH LANGUAGE DAILY NEWSPAPER, 29 DEC 88

- C. (U) OPEN. NUEVA PROVINCIA, SPANISH LANGUAGE EWSPAPER FROM BAHIA BLANCA, 28 DEC 88

- SUMMARY: (S) THE ARGAR GETS THREE NEW CORPS COMMANDERS AND MAKES OTHER COMMAND AND STAFF ASSIGNMENTS AND PROMOTIONS FOLLOWING THE END OF YEAR RETIREMENTS OF GENERAL OFFICERS SENIOR TO ((GASSINO)) AND OTHER RETIREMENTS AND RELIEFS AS A RESULT OF THE DEC UPRISING.

- TEXT: 1. (U) ARGAR CSA FRANCISCO ((GASSINO)) PRESIDED IN CHANGE OF COMMAND CEREMONIES AT SANTA ROSA AND BAHIA BLANCA 28 DEC 88. AT SANTA ROSA, BG JORGE ((O'HIGGINS)) TOOK OVER AS CDR, IV CORPS AND LATER IN THE DAY BG OSVALDO ((CORDOBA)) TOOK COMMAND OF V CORPS. WITH ISIDRO ((CACERES)) ALREADY IN COMMAND OF II CORPS AND MARTIN ((BONNET)) DESIGNATED FOR III CORPS, THE CORPS COMMAND SLATE FOR 1989 IS COMPLETE. THE REST OF THE KEY ARGAR SLATE WILL BE:

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ARMY COS           BG FRANCISCO EDUARDO ((GASSINO))  
DEP COS   BG VALENTIN ((VENIER))  
INSPECTOR GENERAL    BG ALFREDO MANUEL ((ARRILLAGA))  
II CORPS (ROSARIO)    BG ISIDRO BONIFACIO ((CACERES))  
III CORPS (CORDOBA)   BG MARTIN FELIX ((BONNET))  
IV CORPS (LA PAMPA)   BG JORGE ((O'HIGGINS))  
V CORPS (BAHIA BLANCA) BG OSVALDO ((CORDOBA))  
ARMY CM OF PERS (G-1)   BG FRANCISCO ((SALAS))  
ARMY CH OF INTEL (G-2)   BG EDUARDO ANTONIO ((CARDOZO))  
ARMY CH OF OPS (G-3)   BG ENRIQUE BENITO ((LAURENTI))  
ARMY CH OF LOG (G-4)   BG RICARDO FELIPE ((MATTALONI))  
CDR, 1ST AR BDE (TANDIL) BG MAXIMO R. ((GROBA))  
CDR, 2ND AR BDE (PARANA) BG HUGO ((SABINO FERNANDEZ))  
CDR, 3RD INF BDE       BG HECTOR LUBIN ((ARIAS))  
- (CURUZU CUATIA)  
- 2ND IN COMMAND       COL TOMAS A. ((CASELLA))  
CDR, 4TH ABN INF BDE   COL ARTEMIO ((BARRIERO)) ACTING  
- (CORDOBA)

- 2ND IN COMMAND COL ((NUNEZ ALMEIDA))  
CDR, 5TH INF BDE BG CARLOS ((QUEVEDO))  
- (TUCUMAN)  
- 2ND IN COMMAND COL ABEL FERNANDO ((DALBO))  
CDR, 6TH INF BDE BG JORGE ALBERTO ((MAFFEY))  
- (NEUQUEN)  
- 2ND IN COMMAND COL OSCAR ((TORRES))  
CDR, 8TH INF BDE COL HECTOR JOSE ((MARTINEZ))  
- (MENDOZA)  
CDR, 9TH INF BDE COL DAVID ((COMINI)) ACTING  
- (COMMODORO RIVADAVIA)  
CDR, 10TH INF BDE BG JORGE ((HALPERIN))  
- (LA PLATA)  
CDR, 11TH INF BDE BG JORGE ((APA))  
- (RIO GALLEGOS)  
CDR, 12TH INF BDE COL MIGUEL ((ARMUA))  
- (POSADAS)  
DIR OF PROGRAMS BG HORACIO GUILLERMO ((CANESTRO))  
DIR OF SUPPORT BG PABLO ((SKALANY))  
DIR OF FINANCE BG MIGUEL ANGEL ((DI CIO))  
INSTITUTIONAL AFFAIRS BG EDUARDO RUBEN ((FIORDA))  
- DIR  
ADMIN DIR BG VICTOR ((GOMEZ))  
DIR GEN MIL INSTITUTES BG MARTIN ANTONIO ((BALZA))  
DEP DIR MIL INDUSTRIES BG JOSE LUIS CAYETANO ((TORRES))  
MIL DIR OF PRODUCTION BG JORGE ((REMETIN))  
DIR ARMY SUP INSTITUTES BG OSCAR OSVALDO ((SALOMON))  
DIR ARMY TRNG BG GERARDO CARLOS ((RIVAS))  
- INSTITUTES  
DIR NATL MIL ACADEMY BG DIEGO ((SORIA))  
DIR WAR SCHOOL COL ANIBAL ((LAINO))  
CH OF JOINT STAFF BG TEODORO ((WALDNER))  
DEP CH OF JOINT STAFF VADM RODOLFO ORLANDO  
- ((TETTAMANTI))  
DIR OF PLANS BG EUGENIO ((DALTON))  
- (JOINT STAFF)  
DIR OF OPS BG RAUL JULIO ((GOMEZ SABAINI))  
- (JOINT STAFF)  
DIR OF INF SCHOOL COL HECTOR ((GIRALDA))  
CDR 29TH INF REGT LTC WALTER ROQUE ((MINOD))  
- (FORMOZA)  
CDR 30TH INF REGT LTC ALEJANDRO ISMAEL ((ZAMUDIC))

- (APOSTALES)

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2. (U) ONE KEY POSITION REMAINS UNFILLED, THE DIRECTOR OF PLANS WHICH BECAME VACANT WHEN BG FRANCISCO ((MACHINANDIARENA)) ANNOUNCED HIS RETIREMENT 30 DEC 88. MACHINANDIARENA TOLD RO THAT HIS DECISION TO RETIRE WAS BASED UPON THE ADVERSE PUBLICITY THAT HE CONTINUES TO RECEIVE BECAUSE OF HIS ACTIONS AS MILITARY JUDGE. WITH HIS SON RECENTLY COMMISSIONED AS A 2LT, HE SAID IT WAS TIME TO RETIRE.

3. (U) MACHINANDIARENA'S RETIREMENT MAY PRECIPITATE ANOTHER PROMOTION. IN ADDITION TO THE ELEVEN COLONELS ORIGINALLY SELECTED FOR PROMOTION, GENERAL OFFICER RETIREMENTS HAVE OPENED THE WAY FOR PROMOTIONS FOR COLS JUAN CARLOS ((GRANDE)), A CAVALRY OFFICER WHO WILL BECOME DEP IG, HECTOR LUKIN ((ARIAS)), CDR OF 3RD BDE AND JORGE ((APA)), CDR OF THE 11TH BDE.

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COMMENT: (C) BG SALAS AS THE NEW CHIEF OF PERSONNEL WILL PROBABLY STILL HAVE TO MAKE FURTHER ASSIGNMENTS. A REPLACEMENT FOR BG MACHINANDIARENA WILL BE A TOP PRIORITY AND COULD CAUSE ADDITIONAL ADJUSTMENTS. THE PLANS DIRECTORATE EARLIER LOST TWO DIVISION CHIEFS, LAINO AND COMINI. COL GIRALDA WAS THE ARMY ATTACHE TO PARAGUAY AND ALTHOUGH DESIGNATED FOR DEP CMD FIRST IN CORDOBA AND LATER IN TUCUMAN, NOW HAS THE INF SCHOOL. BG GOMEZ ((SABAINI)) WILL NOW GO TO THE IADB, IN WASHINGTON, DC IN JULY 89 INSTEAD OF LAURENTI. IT'S THE ARMY'S TURN FOR THE VICE CHIEF OF JOINT STAFF POSITION. DALTON HAS BEEN MENTIONED AS A LEADING CANDIDATE. LTC ZAMUDIC REPLACES LTC JOSE TADEO LUIS ((BETTOLLI)) IN APOSTALES, MISIONES. BETTOLLI HAD REPORTEDLY SUPPORTED SEINELDIN WHICH WOULD EXPLAIN HIS DEPARTURE. ALTHOUGH THERE WILL BE FURTHER CHANGES, THE LIST AS REPORTED IS PROBABLY ACCURATE AT THIS DATE.

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