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SUBJ: IIR [redacted] ARGENTINE-BRAZILIAN ARMY

BILATERAL RELATIONS FLOURISH (U)

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SUMMARY: (U) RELATIONS BETWEEN THE BRAZILIAN AND ARGENTINE ARMIES ARE EXCELLENT. THE LEADERS OF BOTH ARMIES EXCHANGED AWARDS DURING RECENT STAFF TALKS IN BUENOS AIRES.

TEXT: 1. (U) A BRAZILIAN ARMY DELEGATION, HEADED BY THE MINISTER OF THE ARMY, IS CONCLUDING A VISIT TO BUENOS AIRES THAT INCLUDED STAFF TALKS, VISITS TO UNITS AND THE AWARDING OF DECORATIONS TO THE LEADERS OF BOTH THE ARGARM AND THE BRAZILIAN ARMY.

2. (U) THE BILATERAL STAFF TALKS WERE HIGHLIGHTED THIS YEAR AS BOTH SIDES DECLARED THAT RELATIONS WERE THE BEST THEY HAVE EVER BEEN. ON 940826, THE ARGARM CHIEF OF STAFF, GENERAL **MARTIN ANTONIO ((BALZA))** DECORATED HIS COUNTERPART IN THE BRAZILIAN ARMY, MINISTER OF THE ARMY GENERAL ZENILDO ((GONZAGA ZOROASTRO DE LUCENA)). ON 940829, THE BRAZILIAN AMBASSADOR TO ARGENTINA RETURNED THE FAVOR BY DECORATING GEN BALZA WITH THE "ORDEN AL MERITO

MILITAR". PRESENT AT BOTH AWARD CEREMONIES WAS THE ARGENTINE MINISTER OF DEFENSE.

3. (U) AT THE AWARD CEREMONY FOR GEN BALZA, THE BRAZILIAN AMBASSADOR TO ARGENTINA COMMENTED THAT RELATIONS BETWEEN THE TWO MILITARIES AS WELL AS THE TWO COUNTRIES WERE EXCELLENT. HE ALSO COMMENTED THAT AS A CAREER DIPLOMAT, HE COULD ASK FOR NO BETTER ASSIGNMENT THAN TO BE IN BUENOS AIRES AT THIS TIME OF OUTSTANDING RELATIONS BETWEEN THE TWO COUNTRIES. IN THEIR REMARKS, BOTH GEN ZOROASTRO AND GEN BALZA ALSO CHARACTERIZED THE RELATIONS BETWEEN THE TWO ARMIES AS THE BEST EVER. IN ADDITION TO THE MINISTER OF DEFENSE, ALSO PRESENT AT THE BRAZILIAN EMBASSY IN BUENOS AIRES FOR THE PRESENTATION OF THE AWARD TO GEN BALZA WERE THE CHIEF OF THE JOINT STAFF, THE CHIEFS OF THE ARMY AND NAVY, AS WELL AS NUMEROUS MEMBERS OF THE DIPLOMATIC CORPS, MILITARY ATTACHES AND GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS.

4. (U) TO DEMONSTRATE THE DEGREE OF CLOSENESS THE ARMIES HAVE REACHED, AT AN EARLIER CEREMONY ON 940829 IN GUALEGUAYCHU, THE ARGARM NAMED ITS 12TH TANK REGIMENT AFTER A BRAZILIAN WAR HERO. THIS IS THE FIRST TIME THAT AN ARGARM UNIT HAS CARRIED THE HISTORIC NAME OF A HERO FROM ANOTHER COUNTRY.

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