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COUNTRY: (U) **ARGENTINA (AR)**; UNITED KINGDOM (UK).

SUBJ: IIR (b)(3):10 USC 424 ARMY CHIEF OF STAFF TO VISIT THE U.K. (U)

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TEXT: 1. (U) RECENT ARGENTINE PRESS REPORTING HERALDED THE ANNOUNCEMENT THAT ARMY CHIEF OF STAFF, GENERAL **MARTIN ANTONIO ((BALZA))**, WILL TRAVEL TO GREAT BRITAIN BETWEEN 25 AND 28 JUNE AT THE INVITATION OF THE BRITISH MILITARY.

2. (U) THE PRESS REPORTS AS WELL AS STATEMENTS ATTRIBUTED TO PRESIDENT CARLOS ((MENEM)) EMPHASIZE THE FACT THAT GENERAL BALZA FOUGHT AGAINST THE BRITISH IN THE 1982 MALVINAS/FALKLANDS WAR AND WAS TAKEN PRISONER BY THEM AT THE END OF THE CAMPAIGN. THEREFORE, THIS INVITATION AND THE NEWLY ANNOUNCED DATES FOR THE VISIT ARE BEING DESCRIBED AS MARKING A "THAWING" IN THE RELATIONS BETWEEN THE TWO MILITARIES WHICH FOUGHT AGAINST EACH OTHER IN THE PREVIOUS DECADE.

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