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PAGE 2 CONFIDENTIAL 37701 15. 1. (U) ARGENTINA AND PARAGUAY ARE PLANNING TO CONDUCT A JOINT ANTI-GUERRILLA EXERCISE. RADM LUIS SANCHEZ MORENO WILL BE THE ARGENTINE NAVAL OFFICER IN CHARGE OF THE OPERATION. THE OPERATION WILL COMMENCE 19 AUG 76. THE "ENEMY" WILL BE COMPOSED OF SOME 40 PERSONS FROM ARGENTINA AND PARAGUAY ACTING AS SUBVERSIVE AGENTS UNDER THE LEADERSHIP OF LCDR ALFREDO WEINSTHIL, ARG MARINE CORPS. ACTION WILL BE INITIATED WITH THE SAILING OF BOATS OF BOTH COUNTRIES FROM ASUNCION AND DROPPING OFF THE "ENEMY" ALONG THE BANKS OF THE RIVER PARAGUAY, THE WAR GAMES WILL THEN CONSIST OF DETECTING, FOLLOWING AND SIMULATE DESTRUCTION OF THE "ENEMY". AIR PHOTOS INCLUDING INFRA RED WILL BE USED. THE FIRST PHASE WILL START IN THE BORDER AREA OF ARGENTINA WITH THE "ENEMY" THEN ATTEMPTING TO PASS INTO PARAGUAYAN TERRITORY TO SEEK REFUGE. ACTION WILL LAST 24 HOURS. COMMENT: - (C/NOFORN) RADM LUIS SANCHEZ MORENO, ARA, WHEN PROMOTED TO HIS PRESENT RANK WAS PERSONALLY GIVEN THE JOB OF RIDDING SUBVERSIVE ACTIVITIES IN THE NORTHEASTERN AREA OF ARGENTINA (SEE IR (b)(3):10 USC 424 BY ADM MASSERA. USING AIRCRAFT, SHIPS AND GOING THROUGH THESE DELTA AREAS ON FOOT HE AND HIS FORCES HAVE HAD SUCCESS IN DISCOVERING AND DESTROYING HIDING PLACES AND MATERIAL USED BY THE GUERRILLAS. THERE IS CONCERN THAT THE GUERRILLAS NOW UNDER HEAVY PRESSURE FROM ALL SIDES WILL ATTEMPT TO CROSS THE BORDER INTO PARAGUAY. THIS EXERCISE IS TO TRAIN THE FORCES INVOLVED TO PREVENT THIS FROM HAPPENING. THIS MSG COORD W/EMBASSY -XCDG-0 BT #0619 ANNOTES JOE 117

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