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16. (U) THIS IR FORWARDS VIEWS OF A HIGH RANK ARGENTINE MILITARY OFFICER CONCERNING THE USG HUMAN RIGHTS POLICY AND ITS IMPACT ON THE FORMULATION OF FOREIGN POLICY OF NATIONS TRADITIONALLY FRIENDLY TO THE US.

Sec. 3.3(b) (1)

A CONVERSATION WHOSE THEME WAS THE IMPACT OF USG HUMAN RIGHTS POLICY ON GOA AND ON OTHER NATIONS TRADITIONALLY FRIENDLY TO THE US, THE US, ON WHOM ARGENTINA TRADITIONALLY HAS LOOKED AS "ITS SHIELD" (SOURCE'S WORDS) WHEN PARTICIPATING IN INTERNATIONAL POLITICAL FORUMS AND AFFAIRS, HAS TURNED ITS BACK ON ARGENTINA. USG POLICIES AND ACTIONS TOWARD GOA WERE VIEWED AS SEVERE ENOUGH TO GENERATE A "NO LONGER NEED OF THE US AS A FRIEND OR ALLY" FEELING AND ATTITUDE PERMEATE THE UPPERMOST LEADERSHIP WITHIN THE GOA. [Sec. 3.3(b) (1)] WHETHER THE FEELING AND ATTITUDE WAS VIEWED BY GOA TO BE AN ENDURING ONE, SOURCE RESPONDED, NO. IT WOULD NOT BE A LONG-LASTING ONE--BUT QUALIFIED THE STATEMENT BY ADDING, "UNTIL THE US COMES AROUND, ANYWAY."

2. "USG PRESSURES AND ACTIONS WORLDWIDE HAVE PUSHED ARGENTINA AND OTHER TRADITIONALLY FRIENDLY TO THE US NATIONS, LIKE SOUTH AFRICA, TO TAKE SIDES WITH NATIONS OR REGIONAL GROUPS OF NATIONS WITH WHICH THEY FEEL NO COMPATIBILITY OR CONGRUENCE. ARGENTINA IS A WESTERN HEMISPHERE NATION AND BELONGS WITHIN THAT GROUP OF NATIONS. WHAT DO WE HAVE IN COMMON WITH COUNTRIES LIKE SRI LANKA, FOR EXAMPLES," AND ADDED, "WE ARE NOT PART OF THE NON-ALIGNED NATIONS MOVEMENT, EITHER." THE REASON, HE SAID, IS THAT GOA MUST NOW SEEK SHELTER FROM SUCH NATIONS AND BARGAIN FOR THEIR SUPPORT OF ARGENTINE POSITIONS, AS THEY ARISE. THE FENCE GONE (THE US SUPPORT), WE MUST NOW PROTECT OURSELVE. SOURCE THEN GAVE AN EXAMPLE OF US REFUSAL TO PROVIDE SPARE PARTS FOR THE A4B/C AIRCRAFT IN ARGAF INVENTORY AS A MEASURE WHICH FORCED GOA TO SEEK FULFILLMENT OF NEEDS ELSEWHERE. TO

[ ] LEADING QUESTION OF "I IMAGE THAT SOLVED MANY OF YOUR PROBLEMS," SOURCE RESPONDED VERY NEGATIVELY. HE SAID VEY MANY DIFFICULTIES AROSE AND REMAIN WITH THE FRENCH CONCERNING GOA PURCHASES OF MILITARY HARDWARE FROM GOF. HE INDICATED A GREAT DEAL OF DISSATISFACTION EXISTS WITHIN GOA ON SERVICES PROVIDED AND/OR MATERIEL ACQUISITIONS FROM FRANCE. HE CON-

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CLUDED SAYING THE FRENCH WERE IN THE BUSINESS FOR PURELY  
ECONOMIC REASONS AND THEIR POLICIES GREATLY BENEFITTED THEM.  
GOA VIEWS GOF MILITARY SALES TO ARGENTINA NOT WITH THE AIM  
OF HELPING A FRIEND, SUPPORT THE GOVERNMENT, OR STRENGTHEN THE  
COUNTRY. THE REASON IS A SELFISH ONE.

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