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15. DIRC: ~~(S/NOFORN)~~ TO AVOID EMBARRASSMENT TO HOST GOVT
16. SUMMARY: (U) THIS IR FORWARDS OBSERVATIONS ON THE
TERRORIST THREAT IN SAN LUIS AND MENDOZA PROVINCES.

22. DETAILS: 1. ~~(S)~~ DURING A RECENT TRIP THROUGH
MENDOZA AND SAN LUIS PROVINCES, [] THE
OPPORTUNITY TO TALK TO A NUMBER OF MILITARY OFFICERS
AND OBTAIN THEIR IMPRESSIONS OF THE TERRORIST
SITUATION IN THOSE AREAS. ALL WERE IN AGREEMENT THAT
CONDITIONS WERE MUCH IMPROVED AND THE SUBVERSIVE
THREAT HAD DIMINISHED CONSIDERABLY.

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2. ~~(S/NOFORN)~~ [] SPOKE AT LENGTH TO BG JUAN SAA,
THE COMMANDER OF THE VIO MOUNTAIN INFANTRY BRIGADE,
REGARDING TERRORISM AND UPCOMING WORLD SOCCER
CHAMPIONSHIP. THE GENERAL BOASTED THAT THERE
WOULD BE NO TERRORIST PROBLEM IN MENDOZA AND HIS
FORCES HAD CONTINGENCY PLANS TO COVER VERY
EVENTUALITY. HE ADDED THAT THE SUBVERSIVES,
PRACTICALLY, HAVE BEEN ELIMINATED, ALTHOUGH HE
ACKNOWLEDGED THAT A FEW MIGHT BE WANDERING
IN THE HILLS. THE SECURITY ATMOSPHERE IN
MENDOZA CONFIRMED THE GENERALS COMMENTS
AS MILITARY PERSONNEL WERE SEEN WASLKG THROUGH THE
STREETS IN UNIFORM; A SIGHT THAT WAS EXTREMELY
RARE DURING THE HEIGHT OF THE TERRORIST
CAMPAIGN. [Sec. 3.3(b)(1)] CONCLUDED THAT THE ONLY
PEOPLE WITH A SECURITY PROBLEM IN MENDOZA AND THE
OTHER PROVINCES FOR WHICH IS RESPONSIBLE ARE THE
SUBVERSIVES. HE CAUTIONED THAT IN SPITE OF
THE IMPROVED SITUATION THE MILITARY WOULD MAINTAIN
ITS VIGILANCE AND ONCINTUE TO KEEP PRESSURE ON
THE EXTREMISTS ON ALL FRONTS.

3. ~~(S/NOFORN)~~ ANOTHER SOURCE WHO IS A HIGH RANKING
[(b)(3) 10 U.S.C. 424; Sec. 3.3(b)(1)] THAT SAN LUIS PROVINCE
IS ONE OF THE MOST PEACEFUL IN ARGENTINA AND A
PLEASANT PLACE TO LIVE. HE COMMENTED THAT
SUBVERSION HAS BEEN ELIMINATED AND CITIZENS
ARE LEADING QUIET AND PRODUCTIVE LIVES. THE
OFFICER WAS VERY SATISFIED WITH THE ACHIEVEMENTS
OF THE MILITARY IN THE LAST TWO YEARS AND REMARKED
THAT THE ARMED FORCES SAVED ARGENTINA FROM IMPENDING
DISASTER.

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COMMENT: ~~(S)~~ ALL SOURCES WERE EXTREMELY OPTIMISTIC ABOUT THE SUBVERSIVE SITUATION IN ARGENTINA, YET ALL CAVEATED THEIR REMARKS WITH THE COMMENT THAT THE STRUGGLE HAS NOT YET ENDED. IT APPEARED TO

[REDACTED] OBSERVATIONS ON THE TERRORISTS THREAT WERE OVERLY OPTIMISTIC, ESPECIALLY ON THE EVE OF THE WORLD CUP COMPETITION AND CONSIDERING THE SECURITY PROBLEMS WHICH COULD ARISE IF INTERNATIONAL TERRORISTS INTERVENE, OTHERS IN THE GOVERNMENT DO NOT SHARE HIS CONFIDENCE AND ANTICIPATE INCREASED TERRORIST ACTIVITY DURING THE SOCCER GAMES. NEVERTHELESS, IT IS INTERESTING TO NOTE THAT MILITARY PERSONNEL OUTSIDE THE FEDERAL CAPITAL PERCEIVE A DIMINISHED THREAT AND BELIEVE THAT THEY CAN CONTRD THE SITUATION.

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