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SUBJ: THIS IS (b)(3):10 USC 424

1. COUNTRY: ARGENTINA (AR) (b)(3):10 USC 424
2. REPORT NUMBER: [redacted]
3. TITLE: (U) INSURGENCY - NO REDEFINITION OF TERRORIST TARGETS
4. PROJECT NUMBER: N/A
5. DATE OF INFORMATION: 780302
6. DATE OF REPORT: 780306
7. DATE AND PLACE OF ACQUISITION: 780302, BUENOS AIRES, ARGENTINA
8. REFERENCES: [redacted]
9. ASSESSMENT: SOURCE: (b)(3) 10 U.S.C. 424
10. ORIGINATOR: [redacted]

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11. REQUEST EVALUATION: OMIT

12. PREPARING OFFICER:

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13. APPROVING AUTHORITY

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14. SOURCE:

15. SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS - ~~NOFORN TO AVOID EMBARRASSMENT TO HOST GOVT, DIRC - NO~~

16. SUMMARY: ~~(S/NOFORN)~~ SOURCE STATES THAT THE ARMY IS NOT BROADENING ITS DEFINITION OF TERRORISM.

22. DETAILS. 1. ~~(S/NOFORN)~~ DURING A CONVERSATION WITH

A SENIOR ARMY OFFICER FROM V CORPS,   IF THERE

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WAS ANY SIGNIFICANCE IN MG VAQUERO'S RECENT COMMENTS REGARDING SUBVERSIVE OPERATIONS.   THAT

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SOME OBSERVERS BELIEVE THAT THE V CORPS COMMANDERS'S REMARKS, ALONG WITH OTHERS, MIGHT SIGNAL A RE-ORIENTATION OF THE GOVERNMENT IN THE ANTI-SUBVERSIVE CAMPAIGN. SOURCE ASSURED THAT SUCH OBSERVATIONS WERE INCORRECT. HE WENT ON TO SAY THAT GENERAL VAQUERO'S REMARKS MEANT ONLY THAT THE ARMY WOULD CONTINUE ITS STRUGGLE AGAINST THE SUBVERSIVE ELEMENTS IN ARGENTINA.

2. ~~(S/NOFORN)~~ THE SOURCE, WHO IS A RELIABLE REPORTER, STATED THAT THE ARMED FORCES LONG AGO HAD IDENTIFIED PEOPLE WHO THEY CONSIDERED SUBVERSIVE THREATS, AND THERE WAS NO PLAN AFOOT TO EXPAND TARGET LISTS TO INCLUDE UNIVERSITY PROFESSORS, SCIENTISTS, ETC. HE CONFIED THAT THERE MAY BE SOME INTELLECTUALS AMONG THE TERRORIST ELEMENTS STILL ACTIVE; IF SO, THEY MUST BE STOPPED. NEVERTHELESS, HE PICTURED THE THREAT AS HAVING BEEN REDUCED CONSIDERABLY AND SAID THAT NOW THE ARMY WAS FOCUSING ITS ATTENTION ON LOW PRIORITY TARGETS WHICH HAVE BEEN UNCOVERED DURING PREVIOUS OPERATIONS.

COMMENT: ~~(S)~~ SOURCE WAS VERY SINCERE IN HIS COMMENTS AND FIRMLY BELIEVES THAT THE SUBVERSIVE SITUATION IN ARGENTINE IS FAIRLY WELL UNDER CONTROL. HE ALWAYS HASTENS TO ADD THAT THE ARMED FORCES MUST REMAIN VIGILANT. A FEW HARD NOSED ARMY OFFICERS WOULD PROBABLY RELISH THE OPPORTUNITY TO EXPAND THEIR TARGET LISTS TO PROFESSORS AND INTELLECTUALS, BUT THEY HAVE HAD LITTLE SUCCESS IN THE PAST. FOR EXAMPLE, BG VILAS WAS FORCED TO RETIRE AFTER HIS ATTACK AGAINST UNIVERSITY PROFESSORS IN BAHIA BLANCA. GEN VIDELA CONTINUES TO BE

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A MODERATING INFLUENCE IN THE ARMY AND VAQUERO IS ONE OF HIS FAITHFUL FOLLOWERS. IT IS NOT LOGICAL THAT SUDDENLY HE WOULD CHANGE COURSE IN MID STREAM AND BEGIN A PURGE OF INTELLECTUALS. IT IS POSSIBLE, HOWEVER, THAT VIDELA'S ADVERSARIES MIGHT TRY TO CARRY OUT SUCH A PLAN IN AN EFFORT TO DISCREDIT THE PRESIDENT. THIS MSG COORD W/AMEMBASSY. ~~688 DEC 84~~

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