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~~(C/NOFORN)~~ Cites (b)(3):10 USC 424 reported Argentine press and official reaction (as expressed to U.S. officials privately) to the visit of a delegation of Soviet military training officials to Argentina. The delegation appeared to have scored a minor public relations coup--receiving decorations from Argentine military brass, along with prominent press coverage. The Soviets were warmly received by Argentine leaders []

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[] Argentine military training officials are presently in the U.S.S.R. on a reciprocal visit.

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22. ~~(C/NOFORN)~~ DETAILS: 1. (U) The following press items are forwarded as enclosures to this IR:

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Enclosure	Source	Date	Pages	No. Copies	Classification
1	La Opinion	790823	1	1	Unclassified
2	La Prensa	790823	2	1	"
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8	Herald	790904	1	1	"
9	Clarín	790906	1	1	"
10	Clarín	790907	1	1	"

2: (U) Summary translation of Encl. 1: "During a ceremony which took place yesterday (790822), Army CINC LTG Roberto Viola presented a gold medal of the Argentine Army General Staff to Gen. Ivan Jacovich Braiko, Deputy Director of Military Studies of the Ministry of Defense of the U.S.S.R. Silver medals were presented to Colonels A.A. Smirnov and B.A. Marencov, and to LTC E.D. Lijutin, who acted as interpreter for the delegation... LTG Viola pointed out, during the reception, that the presence of the delegation would increase the spectrum of existing relations between the two nations, and added that "this significant event symbolizes the effective consolidation of existing relations, the purpose of which is to strengthen ties, overcoming the geographical distances which separate our two nations. Our peoples, of different origins, with widely diverging philosophies, support armies which flourish in different locations and under different circumstances, and, in spite of different characteristics, fully recognize the importance of military education in assessing power on a national level..." Upon receiving the medals, Gen. Braiko stated: 'We have come with good will to strengthen the ties between both nations' armed forces and peoples. We hope that our visit, and a reciprocal visit by the Argentine officers to the U.S.S.R., will be useful for both countries...'"

3. (U) Summary of Encl. 2: Text reported same event as described above, but included a photograph of Gen. Braiko, LTC Lijutin and Argentine Army CINC Viola. Additionally, it elaborated on Gen. Braiko's remarks. The General discussed Soviet military successes in thwarting German fascism during World War II; Gen. Braiko stated that not only were the Soviets successful in liberating the U.S.S.R. from fascism, it "liberated"-- "not conquered"--countries bordering on Russia. According to the text, Gne. Braiko presented the Argentine Army CINC with a small model of a Russian tank.

4. (U) Encl. 3 forwards entire text of Gen. Braiko's remarks.

5. (U) FBIS Asuncion, Paraguay dispatch contains text of "Noticias Argentinas" report of the Soviet delegation's visit to Argentina.

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6. (U) Encl. 5 contains the following information: The delegation is reported to have visited the HQ of Military Institutes in Campo de Mayo, including Engineering and Communications Schools; the delegation also visited the National Military Academy in El Palomar, along with the Superior War and Technical schools. The group was to have traveled to San Carlos de Bariloche to visit the Andean Training School of the Argentine Army.

7. (U) Encl. 6: Soviet delegation departs Argentina. Gen. Braiko states: "The delegation came at the invitation of Army CINC Viola with the purpose of learning about Argentine military training; we have fulfilled that mission."

8. (U) According to an analysis by "Confirmado" writer Miguel Gazzera, Soviet strategy for penetrating Latin America is the following:

A. Moscow will cease financing revolutions in Latin America;

B. In trade negotiations with Latin American countries, Russia will not insist that the Communist Parties in the countries of trading partners be legalized; and

C. The U.S.S.R. will assist Latin American nations in the development of mass communications systems, cultural exchanges and trade--to include technical assistance--with long-term positive results expected.

9. (U) Enclosure 8 provides a summary of relations between Argentina and the U.S.S.R. Text is published in English.

10. (U) Text of Encl. 9 describes arrival of Argentine military mission to Moscow. Headed by Argentine Army General Montes, director of Military Institutes, the delegation arrived in Moscow on 790905 for a one-week visit. The delegation was received at the airport by Soviet Col. Vladimir Macarov, Director of Military Training of the U.S.S.R.

11. (U) Encl. 10 forwards photograph of arrival of Argentine delegation.

COMMENT: ~~(C/NOFORN)~~ The visit of the Soviet delegation to Argentina was apparently a minor coup for the Soviets; their intent appears to be to enhance their prestige in Argentina, at a time when U.S.-Argentine relations are tense--largely because of differences in the human rights area. The Argentine Army CINC's comments to U.S. Ambassador Castro (as reported in Amembassy cable 6815) indicate that the warm exchanges between the two nations' military leaders will in no way alter the Argentine position that, in principle, the exchange of officers for training will simply never take place. Furthermore, the invitation was made to the Soviets at the request of the Soviet Ambassador in Buenos Aires--and not, as implied by Gen. Braiko, at Gen. Viola's initiative.

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many anti-Communist officers express embarrassment over the Soviet visit. They do not know the real reason for the visit, and are quite chagrined over the whole affair.

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Recibió Viola a la delegación de militares soviéticos que visita el país

Durante una ceremonia que se cumplió ayer a primera hora de la tarde en el Salón de Honor del edificio Libertador General San Martín, el Comandante en Jefe del Ejército, teniente general Roberto Eduardo Viola, hizo entrega de una medalla de oro del Estado Mayor General del Ejército Argentino al general Iván Jacovich Braiko, subjefe de la Dirección General de Estudios Militares del Ministerio de Defensa de la Unión Soviética. También otorgó medallas de plata a los coroneles A.A. Smimov y B.A. Marencov y al teniente coronel E. D. Lijutin, quien actuó como intérprete.

Además del Encargado de Negocios de la Embajada Soviética, asistieron el Jefe del Estado Mayor, general Carlos G. Suárez Mason; el Comandante de Institutos Militares, general José Montes; el Secretario del Comando en Jefe, general Reynaldo Bignone, y generales y coroneles que prestan servicio en el edificio.

El teniente general Viola destacó durante la recepción la presencia de la delegación, ya que contribuye -dijo- a incrementar el espectro de las relaciones existentes entre ambos países y añadió que "este significativo hecho simboliza la efectiva consolidación de una relación existente y cuya finalidad consiste en estrechar nuestra vinculación, superando las distancias que, geográficamente, separan a nuestros países. Nuestros pueblos -prosiguió luego- de distinto origen, formados al amparo de diferentes filosofías, nutren a ejércitos que desarrollan su acción en latitudes y circunstancias disímiles, que no obstante tales rasgos diferenciales, conciben igualmente la fortaleza de su actual poderío en el duro crisol de la formación castrense. Más adelante afirmó que el núcleo en torno al cual se mueve la técnica es el hombre, "el elemento más importante de la orgánica de nuestras instituciones. Formarlo soldado es nuestra obligación; colaborar con su educación como ciudadano de la Nación, nuestro más severo compromiso. Por último confío en que el viaje servirá al personal superior que nos visita, a comprobar cual es la verdadera realidad de la Argentina".

Tras recibir las medallas, habló el teniente general Braiko, quien expresó gratitud por la oportunidad de conocer el nivel de instrucción en los centros docentes de este país. "Nosotros -agregó- hemos venido con buena voluntad para fortalecer los vínculos entre ambas fuerzas armadas y ambos pueblos. Esperamos que nuestra visita, y la próxima de la delegación argentina, serán de utilidad para nuestros países". También expresó el general Braiko que "en el segundo día de nuestra visita a vuestro país, ya sentimos el ardor de los corazones del pueblo argentino".

● El comandante en jefe de la Fuerza Aérea, brigadier general Omar Domingo Rubens Graffigna, expondrá hoy acerca de la seguridad nacional y la situación geopolítica mundial, en el almuerzo mensual del Instituto para el Desarrollo de Empresarios en la Argentina (IDEA), que se realizará en salones del Plaza Hotel.

● El jefe del Estado Mayor General de la Armada, vicealmirante Antonio Vañek, viajó ayer a Mar del Plata, para asistir a los ejercicios finales de la Flota de Mar, que está en operaciones frente a las costas de esta ciudad.

El alto jefe naval, arribó al aeropuerto local donde fue recibido por el comandante de Operaciones Navales, vicealmirante Julio Torti y otras autoridades, desde allí se trasladó en helicóptero al portaviones "25 de Mayo", desde donde observó los ejercicios.

● Continuaron ayer las deliberaciones de la XII Conferencia de Comunicaciones de los Ejércitos Americanos, en dependencias de un hotel céntrico de nuestra ciudad.

Participan del evento, oficiales superiores de la especialidad de los ejércitos de Bolivia, Brasil, Colombia, Costa Rica, Chile, Ecuador, El Salvador, Estados Unidos, Honduras, Panamá, Paraguay, Perú, República Dominicana, Uruguay, Venezuela, Haití y La Argentina, además de delegados de la Junta Interamericana de Defensa, de la Red Interamericana de Comunicaciones Navales y otros organismos internacionales.

Para hoy está previsto un plenario donde se considerarán los informes de los distintos grupos de trabajo.

● Se cumple hoy, el cuarto aniversario de la muerte del coronel Julio Argentino del Valle Larraure, en manos de delincuentes subversivos que lo tenían secuestrado.

Cabe recordar que el coronel Larraure permaneció prisionero durante un año y diecisiete días, en una celda de pequeñas dimensiones, siendo estrangulado por sus carceleros al verse descubiertos; sus restos fueron encontrados posteriormente en el acceso sur de Rosario.

● Un suboficial del Regimiento de Infantería III de Paso de los Libres, perdió la vida y otro resultó con heridas de gravedad al producirse la explosión de una carga de dinamita cuando realizaban ejercicios de combate.

La explosión ocurrió en el campo de instrucción ubicado detrás del Hotel Provincial de Turismo de esa localidad, alcanzando al cabo primero Eulogio Ramón Leguiza, quien perdió la vida a consecuencia de las heridas recibidas.

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