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16. SUMMARY: ~~(S)~~ THIS REPORT DESCRIBES COUNTER-TERRORISM RETRAINING FOR ARGENTINE COAST GUARD PERSONNEL. THE INFORMATION CONTAINED HEREIN TENDS TO CONFIRM REPORTS PREVIOUSLY FORWARDED AND MAY INDICATE A JUNTA POLICY HAS BEEN ESTABLISHED THAT WOULD AFFECT ALL ARGENTINE ARMED FORCES.

22. DETAILS: ~~(S)~~ DURING A LUNCHEON WITH AN EMBASSY POLITICAL OFFICER AND IN RESPONSE TO A COMMENT (b)(3):10 U REGARDING THE UNITED STATES RETRAINING EFFORT OF ITS RETURNING VIET-NAM VETERANS, SOURCE LAUNCHED INTO AN EXTENDED CONVERSATION REGARDING THE ARGENTINE NAVY'S ANTI-SUBVERSIVE OPERATIONS. SOURCE NOTED THERE WERE THREE CENTERS FOR NAVY OPERATIONS WITHIN THE GREATER BUENOS AIRES AREA -- THE NAVY HEADQUARTERS, THE NAVY MECHANICAL SCHOOL AND THE COAST GUARD HEADQUARTERS. HE EMPHASIZED THAT THERE HAD BEEN OVER A 50 PERCENT CUTBACK IN THE NUMBER OF OPERATIONS CONDUCTED FROM THE COAST GUARD HEADQUARTERS. SOURCE NOTED THAT HE HAD TWO MAJOR CONCERNS REGARDING THE PERSONNEL INVOLVED IN ANTI-SUBVERSIVE ACTIVITIES. HIS FIRST CONCERN WAS RELATED TO IDENTIFYING THOSE PERSONS WHO DID NOT HAVE THE TEMPERAMENT FOR THIS DIFFICULT ASSIGNMENT. HE NOTED THAT THESE PEOPLE GENERALLY IDENTIFIED THEMSELVES BY INCREASED USE OF SICK LEAVE; WHEN CHANGES IN A PERSON'S PATTERN OF SICK LEAVE WERE NOTED, THEY WERE IMMEDIATELY REASSIGNED TO OTHER DUTIES. HE THEN COMMENTED THAT THE SECOND AND MORE DIFFICULT PROBLEM WAS TO SPOT OVERLY ZEALOUS OFFICERS. HE SAID THAT A NUMBER OF NAVY PERSONNEL HAD BECOME SO DEDICATED TO THEIR ANTI-SUBVERSIVE ACTIVITIES THAT SERIOUS CONTROL PROBLEMS DEVELOPED. NORMALLY THIS RESULTED IN THE UNAUTHORIZED CARRYING OUT OF AN OPERATION WHICH HAD BEEN REJECTED AT HIGHER LEVELS. SOURCE EMPHASIZE THAT A CLEAR SIGNAL HAD BEEN SENT TO ALL COUNTER-SUBVERSIVE OPERATIONAL PERSONNEL; PERSONS FOUND CARRYING OUT UNAUTHORIZED OPERATIONS WOULD BE SEVERELY TREATED. SOURCE COMMENTED ABOUT THE NECESSITY OF PLACING PERSONNEL THROUGH RETRAINING. HE SAID THE SERVICE WAS CONDUCTING RETRAINING FOR ITS PERSONNEL WHO HAD BEEN ENGAGED IN ANTI-SUBVERSIVE OPERATIONS IN ORDER

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TO BETTER PREPARE THEM FOR THE RETURN TO NORMAL RESPONSIBILITIES. RETRAINING AND REASSIGNMENT OF OVERLY AGGRESSIVE PERSONNEL COMING OUT OF ANTI-SUBVERSIVE ACTIVITIES WAS ALSO A MAJOR CONSIDERATION. PERSONS IN THIS CATEGORY WERE GENERALLY ASSIGNED TO TRAINING SLOTS OR TO ASSIGNMENTS ABROAD.

COMMENT: ~~(S)~~

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WHILE HIS REMARKS MAY APPLY TO THE COAST GUARD ONLY, IT IS POSSIBLE THAT SOME OF THE INFORMATION HE REPORTED MAY ALSO APPLY TO THE ARGENTINE NAVY. THIS REPORT PARTIALLY CONFIRMS PRIOR REPORTS (SEE REFERENCES) ON THE SAME TOPIC AND PROBABLY REFLECTS A JUNTA POLICY DECISION TO INCREASE CONTROL OVER COUNTER-TERRORISM OPERATIONS.

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