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1. ARGENTINA (AR)

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3. (U) MILITARY TRAINING - ARMY MANEUVERS IN PATAGONIA

4. N/A

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7. 771102, BUENOS AIRES, ARGENTINA

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15. DIRC: NO - ~~NOFORN TO AVOID EMBARRASSMENT TO HOST GOVT~~
16. SUMMARY: (U) THIS IR FORWARDS INFORMATION ON ARMY
MANEUVERS IN SOUTHERN ARGENTINA.

Sec. 3.3(b) (1)

2. ~~(C/NOFORN)~~ Sec. 3.3(b) (1) ARGENTINE TERRITORY SOUTH
OF ESQUEL WAS IMMENSE AND THE ONLY MAJOR UNIT IN THE REGION WAS
THE IX INFANTRY BRIGADE AT COMODORO RIVADAVIA (4252S-6730W).
AT BESTX, THE BRIGADE'S 3 INFANTRY REGIMENTS COULD MANEUVER ONLY A
SMALL SECTION OF THE TERRAIN. WHEN ASKED IF ADDITIONAL ARMY
UNITS WERE BEING MOVED TO THE SOUTH, HE STATED THAT THEY WERE NOT
NOR WAS THE GENDARMERIA REINFORCING ITS BORDER POSTS. HE DID
ADD THAT FOUR NEW COMPANIES WERE BEING FORMED, AND WOULD BE ORGANIC
TO THE IX BRIGADE (SEE IR (b)(3):10 USC 424)

3. ~~(C/NOFORN)~~ SOURCE COMMENTED THAT THE CHILEANS HAVE REDEPLOYED
A DIVISION FROM THE AREA NEAR THE PERUVIAN BORDER. HE ADDED THAT
THE MANEUVERING OF ARGENTINE TROOPS IN PATAGONIA IS DESIGNED
TO SHOW THE FLAG AND RATTLE THE SABER.

COMMENT: ~~(C)~~ SOURCE'S ADVICE TO REMAIN OUT OF THE ZONE NEAR
ESQUEL WAS A REAL SURPRISE. IN THE PAST, THERE HAVE BEEN NO
TRAVEL RESTRICTIONS FOR ATTACHES WHEN CONNECTED WITH VACATION.
IT IS CURIOUS THAT THE ARMY IS BEING SO SECRETIVE ABOUT
MANEUVERS IN THE SOUTH SINCE SOONER OR LATER THE WORD WILL
LEAK OUT. ALTHOUGH THE AREA HAS NOT BEEN OFFICIALLY PUT OFF
LIMITS, IT IS QUITE POSSIBLE THAT IT WILL BE IN THE FUTURE.
THIS MSG COORD W/EMBASSY

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