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

1. ARGENTINA (AR)

2. (b)(3):10 USC 424

3. ~~10~~ POLITICAL - CONCEPTS OF INTERIOR MINISTRY OFFICIALS

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7. 770722, BUENOS AIRES, ARGENTINA

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16. SUMMARY: ~~(C/NOFORN)~~ [Sec. 3.3(b) (1)] LUNCHED WITH  
MINISTRY OF INTERIOR OFFICIALS [ (b)(3):10 USC 424 ] US POLICY OF  
HUMAN RIGHTS AND ITS IMPACT ON ARGENTINA WERE DISCUSSED.  
ARGENTINES CONTINUE TO CONDUCT RELATIONS WITH US ON TWO  
LEVELS.

22. DETAILS: 1. ~~(C/NOFORN)~~ [ ]

[ ] Sec. 3.3(b) (1)

[ ] HAD LUNCH

[ ] WITH [ ]

[ ] AND SEVERAL OF HIS  
ASSISTANTS. THE INVITATION WAS EXTENDED THROUGH ARMY  
FOREIGN LIAISON OFFICER WHO ALSO ATTENDED.

2. ~~(C/NOFORN)~~ ATMOSPHERE WAS INFORMAL AND CONGENIAL, BUT  
US POLICY ON HUMAN RIGHTS WAS OBVIOUSLY ON THEIR MINDS.  
WHEN THE SUBJECT WAS FINALLY BROUGHT UP IT WAS IN A VERY LOW  
KEY. HOSTS EXPRESS THE FOLLOWING SENTIMENTS AND OPINIONS  
WHICH HAVE BEEN HEARD ON MANY PREVIOUS OCCASIONS:

A. ARGENTINES ARE AT WAR, AND DURING WARTIME SOME  
VIOLENT ACTIONS MUST BE TAKEN (US BOMBS ON HIROSHIMA AND  
NAGASAKI CITED AS EXAMPLES) AND SOME LIBERTIES MUST BE  
SUSPENDED IN ORDER TO PRESERVE THE OVERALL FABRIC OF  
SOCIETY;

B. WHILE PUNISHING FRIENDS SUCH AS ARGENTINA AND  
URUGUAY, WHO HAVE BEEN FIGHTING FOR THEIR LIVES AGAINST  
COMMUNISM, THE US IS MAKING FRIENDLY OVERTURES TOWARD  
CUBA, A COUNTRY IN WHICH HUMAN RIGHTS ARE IGNORED AND IN  
WHICH THE INDIVIDUAL IS COMPLETELY SUBJECTED TO THE STATE.  
HOSTS POINTED OUT THAT WHILE US WOOES CUBA, CASTRO CONTINUES  
TO PROVIDE SUPPORT TO LEFTIST FORCES IN AFRICA.

C. WHEN SUBVERSION IS SUFFICIENTLY DEFEATED ARGENTINA  
WILL BE ABLE TO RETURN TO A RULE OF LAW, BUT TO EXPECT  
CIVILIAN POLICE AUTHORITIES AND COURTS TO CONTEND WITH THE  
PROBLEMS POSED BY ACTIVE TERRORISM IS UNREALISTIC. HOSTS  
POINTED OUT THAT US INSISTENCE ON DUE PROCESS AND DEPENDENCE  
ON NORMAL JUDICIAL SYSTEM REFLECTED THE COMPLETE LACK OF  
UNDERSTANDING OF THE SITUATION EXISTING IN ARGENTINA TODAY.  
THEY WENT ON TO LAMENT THAT THE US PROBABLY WOULD NEVER  
UNDERSTAND SINCE THE US HAS NEVER BEEN FACED WITH A SERIOUS  
SUBVERSION PROBLEM WHICH THREATENED ITS VERY EXISTENCE.

3. ~~(C/NOFORN)~~ AT ONE POINT [Sec. 3.3(b) (1)] ASKED TO  
WHAT EXTENT HE HAD DETECTED COMMUNIST SUBVERSION IN US  
UNIVERSITIES. HE INDICATED THAT THEY VIEWED SUBVERSION IN  
ARGENTINE UNIVERSITIES AS A SERIOUS PROBLEM AND ONE WHICH STILL  
HAD TO BE RESOLVED. WHEN WE REPLIED THAT THE PRESENCE OF  
LEFTIST, AS WELL AS RIGHTIST, POLITICAL THOUGHT IN US

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UNIVERSITIES WAS NOT GENERALLY PERCEIVED AS A SERIOUS THREAT TO NATIONAL SECURITY, OUR HOSTS CHUCKLED AND IMPLIED THAT WE SHOULD NOT BE SO NAIVE.

A. ~~(C/NOFORN)~~ AT THE END OF THE LUNCHEON [Sec. 3.3(b) (1)] STATED THAT HE HAD INVITED US TO GET ACQUAINTED AND TO INITIATE A FRANK EXCHANGE OF IDEAS [Sec. 3.3(b) (1)] HE SAID THAT HE WOULD LIKE TO CONTINUE MEETING PERIODICALLY TO KEEP OUR LINES OF COMMUNICATIONS OPEN.

COMMENT: ~~(C/NOFORN)~~ WHILE THE LUNCHEON CONVERSATION WAS INTERESTING, IT REVEALED NOTHING NEW. WHAT IS IMPORTANT, HOWEVER, IS THAT THIS IS ANOTHER EXAMPLE OF THE MILITARY GOVERNMENT SEEKING TO EXCHANGE IDEAS WITH [Sec. 3.3(b) (1)]

[ ] IN ADDITION TO THEIR NORMAL CONTACTS, IT CONFIRMS PREVIOUS REPORTING THAT THE GOA IS ATTEMPTING TO CONDUCT THEIR RELATIONS WITH THE USG [ ]

[Sec. 3.3(b) (1)]

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