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1. ARGENTINA
2. TERRORIST ATTACK ON ARMY ORDNANCE UNIT (U)
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4. 1975 APR 13
5. 1975 APR 13 BUENOS AIRES

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

7. PRESS-VARIOUS

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

9. 1975 APR 14

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

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15. AT 1300 HOURS 13 APR 75, THE 121ST ARSENALS (ORDNANCE) BATTALION, LOCATED IN SAN LORENZO (2443S-6529W), PROVINCE OF

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SANTA FE, WAS INFILTRATED (BY TERRORISTS POSING AS VISITORS DURING SOLDIER VISITING HOURS) AND ATTACKED BY TERRORISTS, IN PART DISGUISED AS SOLDIERS WITH VEHICLES ALSO DISGUISED AS ARMY VEHICLES. THE TERRORISTS SUCCEEDED IN RAIDING ONE ARMS ROOM AND STEALING SOME WEAPONS BEFORE THEY WERE DRIVEN OFF BY SOLDIERS OF THE BATTALION GUARD. DESPITE POLICE AND ARMY ROADBLOCKS ESTABLISHED IN THE AREA, THE ATTACKERS APPARENTLY SUCCEEDED IN FLEEING, EXCEPT FOR TWO, ONE MAN AND ONE WOMAN, KILLED. AS A RESULT OF THE ATTACK, COL ARTURO HORACIO CARPANI COSTA, OF II CORPS STAFF, WAS KILLED, AND 4 NCO AND 2 CONSCRIPTS REPORTED WOUNDED. ATTACKERS TARGET MAY HAVE BEEN 121ST ARSENALS BN ITSELF, OR THE ADJACENT FRAY LUIS BELTRAN SMALL ARMS FACTORY, A MAJOR PRODUCER OF SMALL ARMS AND AMMUNITION FOR ARGENTINE ARMED FORCES. NUMBER OF ATTACKERS IS NOT FIRM, BUT SOME REPORTS CITED 40-60 ATTACKERS, PLUS OTHER IN SUPPORT.

CMT: THIS IS THE FIRST MAJOR TERRORIST ATTACK AGAINST AN ARMY INSTALLATION SINCE THE FAILED ATTEMPT TO TAKE OVER THE CATAMARCO GARRISON. THIS ATTACK TOO FAILED, BUT IT IS NOT KNOWN IF IT WILL LEAD TO A MAJOR ARMY-LED ANTI-TERRORIST ACTION SUCH AS THAT IN TUCUMAN, WHICH IN PART DERIVED FROM OUTCOME OF CATAMARCA ATTACK. OTHER ARMY UNITS CAN PROBABLY EXPECT TO BE PUT TO TEST SOON.

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