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

14. RECORDS & REPORTS

15. DIPC - NO. ~~NOFORN TO AVOID EMBARRASSMENT TO~~

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16. SUMMARY: (U) THIS IR SUPPLEMENTS (b)(3):10 USC 424

22. DETAILS: ~~(C/NOFORN)~~ (KEYED TO PARA 2.F. REF ICR) THE ARGENTINE ARMED FORCES HAVE BEEN LOCKED IN A BITTER STRUGGLE WITH THE TERRORISTS SINCE THE PERON YEARS, FOLLOWING THE 24 MAR 76 TAKEOVER OF THE GOVERNMENT, THE SECURITY FORCES HAVE DEALT HAMMER BLOWS TO THE SUBVERSIVES WHICH HAVE RESULTED IN SIGNIFICANT DISRUPTION OF THEIR INFRASTRUCTURE AND VIRTUAL NEUTRALIZATION OF THEIR COMBAT FORCES. NEVERTHELESS THE SUBVERSIVES MAINTAIN THE CAPABILITY FOR ISOLATED KIDNAPPINGS AND ASSASSINATION ATTEMPTS SUCH AS THE ATTACK LAST MAY ON EX FOREIGN MINISTER ADMIRAL GUZZETTI. IN ADDITION, MANY OF THE SUBVERSIVES, INCLUDING SOME LEADERS FROM BOTH THE MONTONERO GROUP AND THE EJERCITO REVOLUCIONARIO DEL PUEBLO (ERP) HAVE FLED ARGENTINA. THE ARGENTINE ARMY INTELLIGENCE COMMUNITY BELIEVES THAT THESE TERRORISTS ARE OPERATING COVERTLY IN EUROPE AND THE US AND MAY HAVE MISSIONS TO ASSASSINATE ARGENTINE OFFICIALS.

2. ~~(C/NOFORN)~~ THE ARGENTINE DELEGATION WOULD BE LIKELY TARGET AS GROUP, NOT FOR THE INDIVIDUALS WHO ARE IN IT BUT WHAT THEY REPRESENT. THIS WOULD INCLUDE THE CIVILIAN REPRESENTATIVES WHO ARE TRAVELING WITH THE PRESIDENT. THE ASSASSINATION OF ANY ONE OF THEM (MILITARY OR CIVILIAN) WOULD PROVIDE THE EXTREMISTS TREMENDOUS PROPAGANDA VALUE AND DEMONSTRATE TO THE WORLD THAT THE TERRORIST MOVEMENT IN ARGENTINE IS ALIVE AND WELL.

3. ~~(C/NOFORN)~~ FURTHER, THE ARGENTINE DELEGATION TO THE US WILL LIKELY HAVE EXTENSIVE CONTACT WITH THEIR EMBASSY PERSONNEL IN WASHINGTON. ADMIRAL MENDIA, CHIEF OF THE ARGENTINE DELEGATION TO THE IADB, COULD BE A TERRORIST TARGET BECAUSE OF HIS SENIORITY (JUNIOR ONLY TO NAVY CINC MASSERA) AND HIS DIRECT INVOLVEMENT IN THE COUNTER-SUBVERSIVE CAMPAIGN. TWO OTHERS, BG ADOLFO SIGWALD, ARMY ATTACHE AND COL HUGO I. PASCARELLI, STUDENT AT INTER-AMERICAN DEFENSE COLLEGE, COULD ALSO BE HIGH PRIORITY TERRORIST TARGETS BECAUSE OF THEIR PREVIOUS COMMAND POSITIONS WHICH

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WERE DIRECTLY INVOLVED IN THE ANTI-SUBVERSIVE CAMPAIGN. THEIR OFFICIAL DUTIES AND PROXIMITY TO THE ARGENTINE DELEGATION COULD CREATE SIGNIFICANT COMPLICATIONS AND PROVIDE INCENTIVE TO THE EXTREMISTS TO ATTACK A VERY LUCRATIVE TARGET.

COMMENT: ~~(CONFIDENTIAL)~~ IF THE ARGENTINE ARMY INTELLIGENCE ASSESSMENT IS CORRECT AND EVIDENCE SEEMS TO SUBSTANTIATE THE CLAIM, THE MONTONEROS AND ERP EXILES MAY BE ABLE TO TAKE ADVANTAGE OF THIS OPPORTUNITY TO DEMONSTRATE THAT THEY ARE STILL A VIABLE FORCE TO BE RECONDED WITH. THIS MSG COORD W/EMBASSY. ~~008 DEC 83.~~

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