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**BODY** (b)(3):10 USC 424

COUNTRY: (U) **ARGENTINA (AR)**.

SUBJ: IIR (b)(3):10 USC 424 BIOGRAPHIC REPORT - ARGENTINA,  
**MARTIN ANTONIO ((BALZA))**, TENIENTE GENERAL, CHIEF OF  
STAFF OF THE ARGENTINE ARMY (U)

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DO I: (U) 921221.

REQS: (U) (b)(3):10 USC 424

SOURCE: A. (S)

(b)(1);(b)(3):10 USC 424;(b)(3):50 USC 3024(i);Sec. 1.4(c)

- B. (U)

SUMMARY: (S) REPORT FORWARDS BIOGRAPHIC DATA ON  
TENIENTE GENERAL **MARTIN ANTONIO ((BALZA))**.

TEXT: (S) THE FOLLOWING BIOGRAPHIC INFORMATION IS IAW  
DIAM 58-13, VOL III, PART TWO DATED 28 MARCH 1988.

1. NAME OF COUNTRY (U) ARGENTINA

2. DATE OF INFORMATION (U) 921221

3. DATE OF REPORT (U) 921221

4A. FULL NAME (U) **MARTIN ANTONIO  
((BALZA))**

4B. NAME(S) BY WHICH INDIVIDUAL PREFERS TO BE  
ADDRESSED

4B(1) IN OFFICIAL CORRESPONDENCE (U) TENIENTE  
GENERAL D. **MARTIN ANTONIO BALZA**

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4B(2) ORALLY AT OFFICIAL GATHERINGS (U) TENIENTE  
GENERAL BALZA

5. RANK (U) -

5A. ENGLISH LANGUAGE (U) LIEUTENANT  
GENERAL

5B. NATIVE LANGUAGE (U) TENIENTE  
GENERAL

6. DATE OF RANK (U) 911220

7A. PRESENT POSITION (U) CHIEF OF  
STAFF, ARGENTINE ARMY

7B. MILITARY ADDRESS (U) AZOPARDO  
250; 3RD FLOOR; 1328 CAPITAL FEDERAL

7C. DATE ASSUMED POSITION (U) 911104

7E. NAME OF PREDECESSOR (U) TENIENTE  
GENERAL BONNET

7E(1) PREDECESSOR'S RANK (U) TENIENTE  
GENERAL

8. BRANCH OF SERVICE (U) ARTILLERY

9. SPECIALTY/OTHER ORGANIZATIONS (U) MOUNTAIN  
QUALIFIED

10. DATE OF BIRTH (U) [REDACTED]

11. PLACE OF BIRTH (U) [REDACTED] (b)(6)

12. SEX (U) MALE

13. HOME ADDRESS (U) [REDACTED]

14. TELEPHONE (U) [REDACTED] (b)(6)

14A. HOME (U) [REDACTED]

14B. WORK (U) [REDACTED]

7646/4257/2204

15. MARITAL STATUS (U) MARRIED

16. CITIZENSHIP (U) ARGENTINE

17. ETHNIC GROUP (U) CAUCASIAN

18. NATIONALITY (U) ARGENTINE

19. RELIGIOUS AFFILIATION

19A. NAME (U) [REDACTED] (b)(6)

19B. PRACTICING OR NON-PRACTICING (U) [REDACTED]

20. TITLES, HONORIFICS (U) GENERAL  
STAFF OFFICER (I.E., GRADUATE OF ARGENTINE EQUIVALENT  
OF COMMAND AND GENERAL STAFF COLLEGE)

21. HIGH ORDER DECORATIONS (U) UNITED

NATIONS MEDAL FOR SERVICE TO PEACE; MALVINAS CAMPAIGN  
INSIGNIA; MILITARY MERIT MEDAL AWARDED FOR PERFORMANCE  
DURING SOUTH ATLANTIC CONFLICT

22. PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION

- 22A. FACIAL HAIR (U) NO
- 22B. TEETH (U) YES
- 22C. HARD OF HEARING (U) NO
- 22D. GLASSES (U) YES
- 22E. COLOR OF EYES (U) BROWN
- 22F. BALD (U) NO
- 22G. COLOR OF HAIR (U) SILVER
- 22I. POSTURE (U) ERECT
- 22J. HEIGHT (U) 77 INCHES
- 22K. WEIGHT (U) 200
- 22L. BUILD (U) MEDIUM

24. PREFERENCES (U)

COMPETITIVE SWIMMER WHO HAS SET SEVERAL FREE STYLE  
RECORDS IN ARGENTINA; DOES NOT SMOKE;

(b)(6)

25. PUBLISHED WORKS (U)

LTG BALZA HAS PUBLISHED SEVERAL MILITARY ARTICLES IN  
THE EQUIVALENT OF THE "MILITARY REVIEW" OF THE ARGARM.  
HE ALSO HAS PUBLISHED TWO BOOKS IN ARGENTINA. HE  
COORDINATED THE COLLECTION OF ARTICLES IN THE BOOK  
"MALVINAS-STORIES OF SOLDIERS" AND HE WAS THE COAUTHOR  
OF THE BOOK "LAND CAMPAIGN IN THE MALVINAS" (BOTH WERE  
PUBLISHED AFTER HE SERVED AS A LIEUTENANT COLONEL IN  
THE FALKLANDS/MALVINAS WAR IN 1982)

27. LANGUAGES (U) SPANISH-  
NATIVE; ENGLISH-VERY GOOD (TWICE A WEEK HE STUDIES  
ENGLISH WITH AN INSTRUCTOR, WHENEVER HIS SCHEDULE  
PERMITS)

28. INTERNATIONAL TRAINING/TRAVEL (U) HAS TRAVELED  
TO THE US ON FOUR OCASSIONS--1970, 1977, 1990 AND 1991  
FOR SHORT OFFICIAL VISITS; MILITARY OBSERVER IN SUEZ  
CANAL ZONE FROM 691216 TO 701200; ATTENDED THE PERUVIAN  
COMMAND AND GENERAL STAFF COURSE FROM 751217 TO 771200.

29. PHOTO SUBMITTED (U) NO

31. MILITARY SERVICE (U)

520216 ENTERED MILITARY ACADEMY

551217 COMMISSIONED SUB-LIEUTENANT  
- ASSIGNED TO LST MOUNTAIN ARTILLERY GROUP  
581231 PROMOTED TO LIEUTENANT  
590109 ASSIGNED TO LST MOTORIZED FIELD ARTILLERY GROUP  
- (LIGHT)  
601201 ASSIGNED TO ARGARM ARTILLERY SCHOOL  
611201 ASSIGNED TO ARGARM MILITARY ACADEMY  
631231 PROMOTED TO FIRST LIEUTENANT  
660117 ASSIGNED TO 3RD ARTILLERY GROUP  
650407 COMPLETED HUMAN RELATIONS COURSE  
670421 COMPLETED ADVANCED ARTILLERY COURSE  
671219 ASSIGNED TO ARGARM ARTILLERY SCHOOL  
671231 PROMOTED TO CAPTAIN  
691216 MILITARY OBSERVER - SUEZ CANAL  
710101 ASSIGNED AS STUDENT IN THE COMMAND AND GENERAL  
- STAFF COURSE  
721231 PROMOTED TO MAJOR  
731200 COMPLETED COMMAND AND GENERAL STAFF COURSE (3  
- YEAR COURSE)  
731213 ASSIGNED TO HQ, IX INFANTRY BRIGADE  
750110 COMPLETED FINANCIAL COURSE  
750917 ASSIGNED TO ARGARM GENERAL HQS  
751217 COMPLETED THE STAFF OFFICER - COMMAND AND  
- ADMINISTRATION COURSE - PERUVIAN WAR COLLEGE  
771205 STAFF OFFICER, ARTILLERY SCHOOL  
771231 PROMOTED TO LIEUTENANT COLONEL  
790329 STAFF OFFICER, ARTILLERY HQS  
791207 ASSIGNED TO 3RD ARTILLERY GROUP, COMMANDER  
820409 DEPLOYED UNIT TO MALVINAS TO FIGHT IN SOUTH  
- ATLANTIC WAR  
820714 RETURNED FROM SOUTH ATLANTIC  
820728 STAFF OFFICER, ARGARM WAR COLLEGE  
820801 MILITARY PROFESSOR AT ARGARM WAR COLLEGE  
821231 PROMOTED TO COLONEL  
830201 STUDENT, SUPERIOR NATIONAL DEFENSE COURSE  
831122 ASSIGNED TO ARGARM MILITARY ACADEMY-  
- COMMANDER, CADET CORPS  
841221 ASSIGNED TO ARGARM MILITARY ACADEMY - SUB  
- DIRECTOR  
861231 ASSIGNED TO ARTILLERY IG - INSPECTOR  
870423 ASSIGNED TO VI MOUNTAIN INFANTRY BRIGADE,  
- COMMANDER

871231 PROMOTED TO GENERAL DE BRIGADA

881223 ASSIGNED AS DIRECTOR, ARGARM MILITARY

- INSTITUTES

890719 ASSIGNED TO JOINT STAFF, DEPUTY CHIEF OF JOINT

- STAFF

900327 ASSIGNED TO ARGARM GENERAL HQS, DEPUTY CHIEF OF

- STAFF

901231 PROMOTED TO GENERAL DE DIVISION

911104 CHIEF OF STAFF, ARGENTINE ARMY

911220 PROMOTED TO TENIENTE GENERAL

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33. NAMES OF CHILDREN (U) 3 CHILDREN--

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