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**BODY**

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COUNTRY: (U) ARGENTINA (AR)  
SUBJECT: (b)(3):10 USC 424 CACERES ASSUMES THE OFFICE OF  
ARGARM CHIEF OF STAFF 121530 JUL 89 (U).  
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TEXT: 1. ~~(C/NF)~~ THE CHANGE OF COMMAND CEREMONY FOR THE ARGARM WILL TAKE PLACE 121530 AT THE CUARTEL OF THE FIRST INFANTRY REGIMENT - THE PATRICIOS. BG ISIDRO BONAFACIO ((CACERES)) WILL BE SWORN IN AS CHIEF OF STAFF. MG FRANCISCO EDUARDO ((GASSINO)) WILL RETIRE. JOINING HIM WILL BE MG VALENTIN OSVALDO ((VENIER)), BG ALFREDO MANUEL ((ARRILLAGA)), AND BG JORGE EUGENIO PEDRO ((O'HIGGINS)). ALL ARE SENIOR TO CACERES AND THEREFORE MUST RETIRE. PRESS REPORTS THE MORNING OF 11 JULY STATE THAT BG'S ((CORDOBA)), THE PRESENT V CORPS COMMANDER; ((SALOMON)), THE DIRECTOR OF SUPERIOR STUDIES; AND ((APA)), THE COMMANDER OF 11TH INFANTRY BRIGADE, WILL ALSO RETIRE.

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2. ~~(C/NF)~~ IT IS THE INTENT OF BG CACERES NOT TO NAME A VICE CHIEF UNTIL THE END OF THE YEAR. THIS WILL ALLOW BG PABLO ((SKALANY)) THE OPPORTUNITY TO REMAIN AS DIRECTOR OF SUPPORT. BG MARTIN FELIX ((BONNET)) WILL BE NAMED AS THE INSPECTOR GENERAL INSTEAD OF VICE CHIEF. AGAIN, ACCORDING TO THE PRESS, THIS WILL CAUSE THE FOLLOWING CHANGES. BG HUGO SABINO ((FERNANDEZ)) WILL MOVE FROM COMMANDER, 2ND ARMORED CAVALRY BRIGADE, TO COMMANDER, II CORPS. BG EDUARDO RUBEN ((FIORDA)) WILL MOVE FROM DIRECTOR OF INSTITUTIONAL AFFAIRS TO COMMANDER, III CORPS. BG RAUL JULIO ((GOMEZ SABAINI)) WILL BECOME THE COMMANDER OF IV CORPS. HE HAS BEEN THE CHIEF OF OPERATIONS OF THE JOINT STAFF FOR THE PAST TWO YEARS. BG GERARDO CARLOS LEANDRO

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((RIVAS)) WILL BE NAMED THE COMMANDER OF V CORPS. HE IS CURRENTLY THE DIRECTOR OF THE INSTITUTE OF INSTRUCTION, AN.UMBREL(ACOMMAND OF THE ARMS SCHOOLS AT CAMPO DE MAYO. BG DIEGO ALEJANDRO ((SORIA)) WILL LEAVE THE NATIONAL MILITARY ACADEMY TO BECOME THE DIRECTOR OF MILITARY INSTITUTES. HE WILL BE REPLACED BY BG CARLOS ALBERTO ((QUEVEDO)). QUEVEDO IS CURRENTLY THE COMMANDER OF 5TH BRIGADE IN TUCUMAN. BG MARTIN ANTONIO ((BALZA)) WILL BE THE NEW VICE CHIEF OF THE JOINT STAFF.

3. ~~(C/NF)~~ ANNOUNCEMENTS OF NEW COMMANDERS AT THE BRIGADE LEVEL HAVE NOT BEEN MADE.

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3. ~~(C/NF)~~ THE ANNOUNCEMENTS OF THE RETIREMENTS OF CORDOBA,

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SALOMON, AND APA ARE SOMETHING OF A SURPRISE.

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SALOMON HAD TENDERED HIS RETIREMENT LAST OCTOBER AND THEN STAYED ON AFTER THE MASSIVE GENERAL OFFICER RETIREMENTS MANDATED BY THE APPOINTMENT OF GASSINO AS COS.

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4. ~~(CONF)~~ THE DECISION NOT TO APPOINT A VICE CHIEF OF THE ARGARM AT THIS TIME ALLOWS MORE GENERALS TO REMAIN ON ACTIVE DUTY. APPARENTLY THE DIRECTOR OF SUPPORT CAN BE SENIOR TO THE IG.

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THE FACT THAT CORDOBA APPEARS TO BE ON THE WAY OUT AND SKALANY IS STAYING WOULD APPEAR TO BE A VICTORY FOR THE FORCES MORE AMENABLE TO ((SEINELDIN)). IN ANY CASE, THIS DECISION GIVES CACERES UNTIL DECEMBER TO MAKE HIS CHOICES CONCERNING THE GENERALS WHO WILL STAY AND THOSE WHO WILL GO. DUE TO THE NEW GENERAL OFFICER LIST DUE TO BE RELEASED AT THAT TIME, IT WILL ALSO ALLOW THE ARGARM TO FILL VACANT GENERAL OFFICER SLOTS WITH OFFICERS OF THE APPROPRIATE GRADE.

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