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BODY (b)(3):10 USC 424

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

SUBJ: IIR [redacted] CHIEF OF ARMY GENERAL STAFF
WILL COMPLETE NORMAL TOUR LENGTH IN NOVEMBER (U)
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TEXT: 1. (U) THE CHIEF OF THE ARGENTINE ARMY (ARGARM) GENERAL STAFF, GENERAL **MARTIN ANTONIO ((BALZA))** WILL COMPLETE FOUR YEARS IN OFFICE IN NOVEMBER 1995. ALTHOUGH THE NATIONAL DEFENSE LAWS STATE THAT MILITARY SERVICE CHIEFS SERVE AT THE PLEASURE OF THE PRESIDENT, TRADITIONALLY FOUR YEARS HAS BEEN THE MAXIMUM AMOUNT OF TIME OFFICERS SERVE IN THE POSITIONS.

2. (U) ASSUMING THAT PRESIDENT MENEM IS RE-ELECTED IN

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MAY, GENERAL BALZA WILL, IN ALL LIKELIHOOD, REMAIN AS THE CHIEF OF THE ARMY UNTIL THE END OF THE YEAR. HE WILL ALSO PROBABLY STAY UNTIL AFTER THE COMMANDERS CONFERENCE OF THE CONFERENCE OF AMERICAN ARMIES, SCHEDULED TO TAKE PLACE IN NOVEMBER IN BARILOCHE, ARGENTINA. HOSTING THIS EVENT MAY BE BALZA'S LAST IMPORTANT REGIONAL TASK, SINCE IT COINCIDES WITH HIS COMPLETING FOUR YEARS AND SINCE ARGARM END-OF-YEAR PROMOTIONS AND RE-ASSIGNMENTS. NORMALLY OCCUR IN DECEMBER. HOWEVER, THERE IS NO OBVIOUS REPLACEMENT FOR BALZA WAITING IN THE WINGS.

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