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COUNTRY: (U) ARGENTINA (AR)
SUBJECT: (b)(3):10 USC 424 SENATE BUDGET COMMITTEE'S
- MILITARY REFORM PLAN (U)
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SUMMARY: (U) THE SENATE BUDGET COMMITTEE IS WORKING ON
- ITS OWN MILITARY REFORM PLAN. AMONG THE
- "TRILLA PLAN" PROPOSALS IS THE MECHANIZATION
- OF THE ARGARM THROUGH AN INCREASE IN MECHANIZED
- REGIMENTS AND PURCHASES OF MEDIUM TANKS
- ARMOR PERSONNEL CARRIERS.

TEXT: 1. (U) ACCORDING TO SOURCE, A GROUP OF ECONOMISTS
FROM THE SENATE BUDGET COMMITTEE HAVE COMPLETED A STUDY
ON THE FEASIBILITY OF SUBSTANTIALLY INCREASING THE
MILITARY BUDGET IN SPECIFIC AREAS. THE STUDY TAKES INTO
ACCOUNT THE ARTICLE IN THE NEW BUDGET BILL, APPROVED BY
THE CHAMBER OF DEPUTIES ON 14 JUL, WHICH INCREASES BUDGET
ALLOCATIONS TO VARIOUS MINISTRIES. WITH THIS BACKING,
A SERIES OF SUPPLEMENTARY ALLOCATIONS/MONIES WOULD BE
PROPOSED TO CARRY OUT THE ARGENTINE ARMY'S MODERNIZATION.
THE PLAN, COINED THE "TRILLA PLAN" AFTER THE HEAD OF
THE SENATE BUDGET COMMITTEE AND THE PLAN'S MAIN SUPPORTER,
JUAN ("TRILLA"), IS OUTLINED IN A COMMITTEE CONFIDENTIAL
MEMORANDUM. THE FOLLOWING ARE THE PLAN'S MAIN OBJECTIVES:
A) ADEQUATE MAINTENANCE OF THE 150 TAM TANKS BEING BUILT
OR OUT OF SERVICE WHICH ARE IN THE TAMSE FACTORY.
B) IMPORT OTO MELLARA FIAT MEDIUM TANKS
C) PURCHASE 25 OTO MELLARA PALMARIA HOWITZERS FOR SELF-
PROPELLED ARTILLERY
D) ACQUISITION OF ARMOR PERSONNEL CARRIERS (VCTP) FOR THE
MECHANIZED INFANTRY AND INCREASE THE NUMBER OF THIS
TYPE OF REGIMENT FROM THREE TO FIVE. THESE VEHICLES
WOULD BE M113-TYPE ZELDAS (ISRAELI).
E) INCORPORATION OF FIVE RPV PLANES FOR ARTILLERY FROM
ISRAEL.

2. (U) THE FOLLOWING ARE THE "TRILLA PLAN'S" GENERAL
GOALS (SOME ARE LONG TERM DUE TO THEIR MAGNITUDE):
A) IMPLEMENTATION OF THE JOINT PLANNING BASED ON THE WORK
DONE IN 1984 IN THE JOINT STAFF BY BG HERIBERTO JUSTO
("AUEL"), CURRENTLY 11TH INFANTRY BRIGADE (MEC) COMMANDER.
B) MECHANIZATION OF THE ARGARM THROUGH MECHANIZED INFANTRY,
COMBAT VEHICLES AND SELF-PROPELLED ARTILLERY.
C) STRENGTHENING THE SPECIAL FORCES UNITS: COMMANDOS AND
PARATROOPERS.
D) CREATE A JOINT STAFF TRI-SERVICE MILITARY INTELLIGENCE
SERVICE.
E) TREATMENT OF DRUG-TRAFFIC AS A HYPOTHESIS OF CONFLICT.
F) RE-CREATE THE WAR SECRETARIATS.
G) INCREASE THE AIR ASSETS IN THE ARGARM AND CONSOLIDATE THE ON-SHIP NAVAL AVIATION ASSETS.
H) COMPLEMENT THE ACQUISITION OF BRAZILIAN TUCANO TRAINERS WITH THE DEVELOPMENT OF A STRATEGIC BOMBER FORCE FOR THE ARGENTINE AIR FORCE.

3. (U) THE TEAM OF ECONOMISTS, WHO BACK TRILLA AS THE "CRAFTSMAN" OF THE GOVERNMENT'S FUTURE DEFENSE POLICY, IS COMPOSED OF A QUALIFIED GROUP OF SPECIALISTS, AMONG THEM GUILLERMO ((CHERASHNY)), WHO IS A FORMER ADVISOR

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COUNTRY: (U) ARGENTINA (AR)
SUBJECT: [b](3):10 USC 424 SENATE BUDGET COMMITTEE'S TO TRILLA AND IS WORKING ON A COMPARATIVE STUDY OF THE MILITARY POWER BALANCE BETWEEN ARGENTINA, CHILE AND BRAZIL, AND ANDRES ((FONTANA)), A MILITARY SOCIOLOGY EXPERT AND DISCIPLE OF ALFRED ((STEPHANS)), DEAN OF COLOMBIA UNIVERSITY'S SCHOOL OF INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS. HOWEVER, THE PLAN'S FUTURE EVIDENTLY DEPENDS ON WHETHER OR NOT TRILLA BECOMES PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE DEFENSE COMMITTEE, A POSITION WHICH WILL LIKELY REMAIN VACANT IF ITS CURRENT HEAD, ANTONIO ((BERHONGARAY)) IS ELECTED
LA PAMPA GOVERNOR. THE PLAN'S SUCCESS IS FURTHER ASSURED AS LONG AS CONGRESS HAS A DETERMINING ROLE IN THE ELABORATION OF DEFENSE POLICY. ADDITIONALLY, THE TRILLA GROUP MAINTAINS EXCELLENT RELATIONS WITH ARGARM MIDDLE-GRADE OFFICERS AND IS SEEKING TO RECONCILE ITS VIEWS WITH THOSE OF MG JOSE DANTE (CARIDI)'S "TEAM". AND FINALLY, THE TRILLA TEAM IS AIMING TO "HARMONIZE ITS VIEWS" WITH THOSE OF DEPUTIES AND SENATORS FROM THE OPPOSITION AND PERIODICALLY, "TRANSMIT TO PRESIDENT (ALFONSN) A SITUATION REPORT ON THE REAL PICTURE OF THE MILITARY."

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