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SUMMARY: (U) THE ARMY CELEBRATES THE UPCOMING DEPARTURE OF PERSONNEL FOR SERVICE IN THE U.N. MISSIONS IN EASTERN SLAVONIA IN CROATIA AND KUWAIT. THE MINISTER OF DEFENSE WHO IS EMBROILED IN AN ARMS SCANDAL RELATING TO CROATIA WAS CONSPICUOUS BY HIS ABSENCE.
TEXT: 1. (U) ON 22 MAY 96 THE ARGENTINE ARMY CONDUCTED A DEPARTURE CEREMONY FOR THE FIRST DEPLOYMENT OF THE "EQUIPO DE COMBATE" (COMBAT TEAM) THAT IS BEING DEPLOYED AS PART OF THE U.N. MISSION (UNTAES) IN EASTERN SLAVONIA, AND FOR THE SEVENTH ROTATION OF COMPANY THAT IS ASSIGNED TO THE U.N. MISSION IN KUWAIT (UNIKOM).
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ARMY CHIEF OF STAFF SAYS - CHAIN OF COMMAND RESTORED (U)

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SUMMARY: (U) ARMY CHIEF OF STAFF BG ((CARIDI)), DURING A VISIT TO THE III ARMY CORPS, SAID THAT DISCIPLINE, UNITY AND COHESION PREVAIL IN THE ARGARM AND THE DUE OBEDIENCE LAW HAS HELPED.

TEXT 1. (U) ARMY CHIEF OF STAFF OSE SEGUNDO DANTE ((CARIDI)) ASSERTED THE "ARMY CHAIN OF COMMAND IS RESTORED AND DISCIPLINE, UNITY AND COHESION PREVAIL (IN THE CADRES)." BG CARIDI ALSO EMPHATICALLY DENIED THE EXISTENCE OF A "MILITARY PARTY" AND EXPRESSED OPTIMISM IN A "RE-ENCOUNTER" BETWEEN CIVILIANS AND THE "MEN OF ARMS". THE ARMY CHIEF OF STAFF MADE THESE DECLARATIONS DURING AN INSPECTION VISIT TO THE III ARMY CORPS IN CORDOBA. IN STATEMENTS TO THE PRESS, CARIDI STATED, "THERE
IS ABSOLUTELY NO DOUBT THAT THE CHAIN OF COMMAND HAS BEEN REINSTATED. I'VE PERSONALLY WITNESSED THIS IN RECENT VISITS TO THE 1ST AND 2ND ARMORED BRIGADES AND THE ARTILLERY BATTALION IN MAR DEL PLATA AND NOW IN THE III ARMY CORPS. I'M VERY SATISFIED. THIS IS THE BEST PATH."

2. (U) WHEN ASKED ABOUT THE DUE OBEDIENCE LAW AND ITS EFFECTS, BG CARIDI SAID, "IT HAS HELPED." HE ADDED, "MORE IMPORTANTLY, THE CADRES ARE REUNITED WITH DISCIPLINE, UNITY AND COHESION, AS IT HAS ALWAYS BEEN." ASKED IF THE MILITARY EXPECTS ANYTHING MORE THAN THE LAW, CARIDI FIRMLY SAID, "THE ARMY IS ONLY EXPECTING THE LAW TO BE IMPLEMENTED." WHEN A REPORTER REFERRED TO RECENT REMARKS MADE BY RADICAL PARTY LEADER LUIS ((CACERES)) THAT THERE ARE CERTAIN MILITARY CIRCLES WHO CONTINUE TO PRESSURE FOR AN AMNESTY LAW, CARIDI ANSWERED, "I DON'T HAVE TO SAY ANYTHING ON THAT SUBJECT." THE CHIEF OF STAFF ALSO DODGED QUESTIONS CONCERNING MORON FEDERAL JUDGE JUAN RAMOS ((PADILLA))'S RECENT RULING OF THE DUE OBEDIENCE LAW AS "UNCONSTITUTIONAL". CARIDI REPLIED, "THERE EXISTS NO MILITARY PARTY." RECENTLY, JUDGE PADILLA Ruled THE DUE OBEDIENCE LAW UNCONSTITUTIONAL ON THE GROUNDS THAT IT VIOLATES THE PRINCIPLE OF EQUALITY BEFORE THE LAW AND THE RIGHT TO A FAIR TRIAL. CARIDI ALSO DENIED HE HAD GIVEN VARIOUS SPEECHES BEFORE AND AFTER THE RATIFICATION OF THE LAW, ADDING "IT WASN'T LIKE THAT, MY RESPECT FOR THE REPUBLICAN AND DEMOCRATIC SYSTEM HAS ALWAYS BEEN INvariable." CARIDI ENDED BY SAYING HE HAD "FAITH IN A RECONCILIATION BETWEEN MILITARY AND CIVILIANS, SINCE IT HAS ALWAYS EXISTED IN THIS COUNTRY."

3 (U) DURING CARIDI'S VISIT, REPORTERS RAN ACROSS SOME DEFAMATORY GRAFFITI DIRECTED AT GENERAL CARIDI. SPRAY PAINTED ON A COUPLE OF MONUMENTS ALONG THE MAIN AVENUE LEADING TO THE BARRACKS WERE THE FOLLOWING WORDS: "CARIDI TRAITOR" AND "CARIDI CIPAYO". (CIPAYO IS A FRIEND OF THE BRIISH). WHEN ASKED ABOUT THE GRAFFITI, THE ARMY CHIEF OF STAFF SAID HE HADN'T SEEN IT.
4. (U) INCIDENTALLY, LTC LUIS ((POLO)) WAS SEEN DURING THE EXERCISES WHICH WERE PART OF THE INSPECTION VISIT. POLO WAS THE CHIEF OF THE 14TH INFANTRY REGIMENT IN WHICH EX-MAJ ERNESTO ((BARREIRO)) SOUGHT REFUGE. WHEN ASKED ABOUT POLO’S SITUATION, III ARMY CORPS COMMANDER, GENERAL ROBERTO ((DOMINGUEZ)) DISCLOSED ADMIN BT #6248

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