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C. (U) DAILY NEWSPAPER, "LA NACION," BUENOS AIRES, ARGENTINA, 970106 (U), IN SPANISH. AN INDEPENDENT-MODERATE NEWSPAPER WHICH APPEALS TO THE UPPER CLASS AND INTELLECTUALS. TENDS TO REPORT U.S. ISSUES OBJECTIVELY. INFLUENTIAL WITH TOP POLICY MAKERS, GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS, POLITICIANS, AND THE MILITARY.

D. (U) DAILY NEWSPAPER, "CLARIN," BUENOS AIRES, ARGENTINA, VARIOUS ISSUES TO INCLUDE 961026, 970103, AND 970104 (U), IN SPANISH. AN INDEPENDENT-MODERATE NEWSPAPER WITH NATIONALIST ORIENTATION WHICH PRESENTS A WIDE RANGE OF VIEWS AND INFORMATION. CRITICAL OF THE MENEM ADMINISTRATION, PARTICULARLY IN ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL MATTERS. INFLUENTIAL WITH TOP POLICY MAKERS, POLITICIANS AND CONGRESSMEN.

E. (U) DAILY NEWSPAPER, "PAGINA 12," BUENOS AIRES, ARGENTINA, 970103 (U), IN SPANISH. A CENTER-LEFT NEWSPAPER WHICH REPRESENTS LEFT/LIBERAL AND INTELLECTUAL SECTORS OF ARGENTINE SOCIETY. OFTEN CRITICAL OF THE ARMED FORCES AND THE MENEM ADMINISTRATION AND EXPRESSES SOME OPPOSITION TO U.S. FOREIGN AND ECONOMIC POLICY.

SUMMARY: ~~(S)~~

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TEXT: 1. (U) RETIRED ARMY CAPTAIN RODOLFO ((CORREA BELISLE)), HAS BEEN CONVICTED BY A MILITARY COURT ("COUNCIL OF WAR") OF DEFAMING THE ARMY CHIEF OF STAFF, GENERAL MARTIN ANTONIO ((BAI ZA)).

2. (U) CPT (R) CORREA BELISLE HAD BEEN A MEMBER OF THE 161ST ARTILLERY GROUP IN ZAPALA, NEUQUEN PROVINCE (b)(3):10 USC 424. THIS IS A UNIT WHICH ACHIEVED NOTORIETY IN 1994 WITH THE DISCOVERY OF THE BODY OF A MURDERED CONSCRIPT SOLDIER ASSIGNED TO THE UNIT, PRIVATE CARRASCO. OFFICIALLY, CPT (R) CORREA

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BELISLE IS THE INDIVIDUAL WHO WAS RESPONSIBLE FOR LEADING THE SEARCH THAT FINALLY FOUND THE CORPSE OF PVT. CARRASCO. DURING A SUBSEQUENT INVESTIGATION INTO AN APPARENT ATTEMPT BY MEMBERS OF THE 161ST ARTILLERY GROUP TO COVER UP THE CRIME, CPT (R) CORREA BELISLE DISPUTED THE SWORN TESTIMONY OF ARMY CHIEF OF STAFF GENERAL BALZA WHO DENIED HAVING SENT MILITARY INTELLIGENCE PERSONNEL TO THE 161ST ARTILLERY GROUP TO INVESTIGATE THE MURDER.

3. (U) CPT CORREA BELISLE INSTSTED THAT MAJOR GENERAL JORGE P. ((MINA)), THE ARMY G-2, HAD BEEN IN ZAPALA ON GENERAL BALZA'S SPECIFIC ORDERS TO INVESTIGATE THE MURDER AND THEREFORE THAT GENERAL BALZA HAD LIED IN HIS SWORN STATEMENT TO THE COURT INVESTIGATING THE MURDER. AS A RESULT OF THE MILITARY COURT'S DECISION, CPT CORREA RELISLE, WHO HAS ALREADY BEEN FORCED TO RETIRE FORM THE ARMY DUE TO HIS PART IN THE INCIDENT, WAS FOUND GUILTY OF DEFAMING THE ARMY CHIEF OF STAFF AND SENTENCED TO THREE MONTHS OF DETENTION.

4. (U) IN PURSUIT OF INDICATIONS THAT THE ARMY CHIEF OF STAFF WAS DIRECTLY INVOLVED IN SENDING THE ARMY G-2 TO INVESTIGATE THE SITUATION IN THE 161ST ARTILLERY GROUP, ONE DAILY NEWSPAPER RAN AN INTERVIEW WITH RETIRED

LTG DAVID URALDO ((COMINT)), WHO TN 1994 HAD BEEN THE DIRECTOR OF THE ARMY STAFF. IN THE NEWSPAPER ARTICLE LTG (R) COMINI WAS QUOTED AS STATING THAT NORMALLY THE G-2, (THEN COLONEL, NOW MAJOR GENERAL) MINA WAS DIRECTLY SUBORDINATE TO HIM AS DIRECTOR OF THE ARMY STAFF. HOWEVER IN THE CIRCUMSTANCES SURROUNDING THE CARRASCO CASE GENERAL BALZA DISPOSED IT SO THAT THE G-2 WAS DIRECTLY RESPONSIBLE TO HIMSELF AS CHIEF OF STAFF OF THE ARMY.

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