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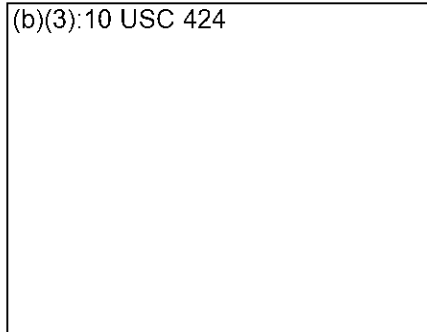
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SUBJ: THIS IS (b)(3):10 USC 424

1. COUNTRY: ARGENTINA (AR), CHILE (CI)
2. REPORT NUMBER: (b)(3):10 USC 424
3. TITLE: (U) ARGENTINA-CHILE: SEABE CHANNEL, SPECIAL ARGENTINE ARMY UNITS

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4. PROJECT NUMBER: N/A
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16. SUMMARY: (C/NOFORN) THIS IR REPORTS THE FORMATION

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COMMANDO QUALIFIED NCO'S IN OTHER UNITS AS WELL AS WELL QUALIFIED CONSCRIPTOS, THE OFFICERS OF THE UNIT, WITH A STRENGTH OF ABOUT 250, (b)(1);1.4 (c)

(b)(1);Sec. 1.4(c) WERE FORMED TO TRAIN FOR OCCUPATION OF AN ISLAND OR A PIECE OF LAND (PART OF AN ISLAND) IN THE BEAGLE CHANNEL CAPE HORN AREA. (b)(1);Sec. 1.4(c) THAT IF THE DECISION TO OCCUPY AN ISLAND OR PART OF IT IS MADE, THEY WILL BE THE SPECIAL FORCE FOR THE OPERATION.

2. (C/NOFORN) (b)(1);1.4 (c) A COMMANDO UNIT OF APPROXIMATELY 40 MEN COMMANDED (b)(1);1.4 (c)

(b)(3):10 USC 424 IS INTENSELY (b)(1);1.4 (c) SCHOOL, BUT THAT NO SPECIFIC MISSION COULD BE GLEANED FROM MEMBERS OF THIS UNIT. SOME MEMBERS HAD JOKINGLY TOLD

(b)(1);1.4 (c)
THEY MIGHT SEE THEM SOON.

COMMENTS: -. (C/NOFORN) THE FORMATION OF A SPECIAL COMMANDO UNIT WITHIN THE ARMY MAY REFLECT A "SPECIAL ACTION"

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APPROACH TO THE OCCUPATION OF SOME TERRITORY IN THE SOUTH. IT IS UNDERSTANDABLE IN ARGENTINA BECAUSE OF SERVICE PRIDE AND DOMINANCE THAT THE ARGENTINE ARMY WOULD HAVE THE LEAD MISSION IN OCCUPYING TERRITORY. NOT EXPLAINED IS THE METHOD OF INSERTION (AIRCRAFT, SHIP, LANDING CRAFT, ETC.). ALL OF THE COMMANDO QUALIFIED PERSONNEL ARE ALSO AIRBORNE QUALIFIED BUT THE CONSCRIPTOS ARE GENERALLY NOT AIRBORNE QUALIFIED.

B. (C/NOPORN) THE COMMANDO UNIT COMMANDED BY

(b)(1);1.4 (c)

DURING THE WORLD CUP GAMES, THE UNIT WAS INCREASED IN STRENGTH AS A SPECIAL ANTI-TERRORIST FORCE. IN JULY HIS UNIT (b)(1);1.4 (c) TO HAVE RECONNOITERED THE MOUNTAIN PASSES BETWEEN ARGENTINA AND CHILE NEAR MENDOZA AND NUEGUEN. THE UNIT IS THE ARGENTINE ARMY'S FIRE BRIGADE, WITH TOUGH, WELL TRAINED MEN.

C. (~~C/NOPORN~~) THE FACT THAT BOTH UNITS ARE STILL AT CAMPO DE MAYO IS ENCOURAGING. MOVEMENT WILL BE REPORTED. THIS MSG COORD W AMEMBASSY. 608 84

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