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7. (U) DATE AND PLACE OF ACQUISITION: 781221, BUENOS AIRES

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16. (U) SUMMARY: (U) THIS REPORT FOREWARDS INFORMATION WHICH INDICATES THAT A PAPAL DELIGATION MAY HAVE BEEN ESTABLISHED TO TRAVEL TO ARGENTINA AND CHILE TO ACT AS MEDIATORS IN THE BEGAL CHANNEL DISPUTE. THIS INFORMATION HAS LOWERED THE APPARENT TENSION LEVEL IN THE ARG ARMY GENERAL STAFF.

22. DETAILS: 1. ~~(C/NIFORM)~~ TONIGHT (781221) THE (b)(1);Sec. 1.4(c) ATTENDED THE TRADITIONAL YEAR END CELEBRATION BY ARMY CINC AND JUNTA MEMBER LTG VIOLA. APART FROM THE SOCIAL AMNENITIES WHICH WERE VERY TREDITIONAL, (b)(1);Sec. 1.4(c) LEARNED THAT PAPAL COMMISSION HAD BEEN ACCEPTED BY ARGENTINA. CHILEAN ATTACHES IN ATTENDANCE WERE EITHER NOT AWARE OR UNDER INSTRUCTION NOT TO DISCUSS THE CIRCUMSTANCES. ARG ARMY CINC SEEMED RELATIVELY RELAXED AND CONFIDENT. HIS FEELINGS WERE ALSO REFLECTED BY ARMY SECRETARY (b)(1);Sec. 1.4(c) GENERAL WHO URGED LESS PUBLIE CONVERSATION AND MORE PRIVATE DIALOG.

(b)(1);1.4 (c) IN ARMY HQ, RELATED TO (b)(1);1.4 (c) THAT D DAY HAD BEEN SET FOR 781222. (b)(1);1.4 (c) NOW FELT CONFIDENT THAT A SOLUTION COULD BE FOUND BECAUSE AT OF THE AFTERNOON OF 781221, (b)(1);1.4 (c)

(b)(1);1.4 (c) HAD LEARNED THAT A PAPAL DELEGATION OF 3 PERSONS HAD BEEN DESIGNATED TO TRAVEL TO ARG AND CHILE FOR TALKS CONCERNING THE BEAGLE CHANNEL DISPUTE. (b)(1);1.4 (c) HAS KNOW (b)(1);1.4 (c) FOR SEVERAL YEARS AND FEELS

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STATED TO [REDACTED] THAT A PAPEL DELEGATION HAD BEEN SELECTED TO INTER-
VENE IN THE BEAGLE CHANNEL DISPUTE. [REDACTED] THAT THIS WOULD BE
GOOD FOR ARG, CHILE, AND THE [REDACTED] SEEMED RECEIVED.

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THE ATMOSPHERE AMONG THE ARGENTINE OFFICERS APPEARED
LESS TENSE THAN WHAT [REDACTED] HAD WITNESSED IN THE LAST FEW WEEKS.
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