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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: (C) BEAGLE CHANNEL DISPUTE ATTITUDES TOWARDS
PERCEIVED USG POLICIES

4. PROJECT NUMBER: N/A

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11. REQUEST EVALUATION: OMIT

12. PREPARING OFFICER: (b)(3):10 USC 424

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15. SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS: OIRC=NO

16. SUMMARY: (U) THIS IR FORWARDS SOME ARGENTINE MILITARY VIEWS CONCERNING THE ON-GOING BEAGLE CHANNEL DISPUTE BETWEEN GOC AND GOA, AS WELL AS SOME FEELINGS TOWARD USG POLICIES SURFACING FROM THAT SEGMENT OF ARGENTINE SOCIETY.

22. DETAILS: 1. (b)

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BE AN UNSOLVABLE DISPUTE" BETWEEN ARGENTINA AND CHILE, RE THE BEAGLE CHANNEL, (b)(1);1.4 (c) ITS PROGNOSIS, AS (b)(1);1.4 (c) SEES (b)(1);1.4 (c) IT, IS EXTREMELY POOR. PATAGONIA IS NOW MILITARILY OCCUPIED BY GOA. THE TROOPS AND MATERIEL GOA HAS MOBILIZED AND CONCENTRATED FOR WHAT APPEARS TO BE FORTH COMING UNHESITATED UTILIZATION IN THE BATTLEFIELD SHOULD ARGENTINA NOT FIND SOME SATISFACTION FOLLOWING 781212 GOA-GOC MEETING, GIVES GOA CLEAR ADVANTAGE OF SUPERIORITY IN NUMBERS, AND IN RESOLVE, GOC COULD AVERT WAR BY AGREEING TO GOA POSITION, BUT THEN THAT IN SO DOING (b)(1);1.4 (c) WOULD BE A MATTER OF HOURS, IN NOT MINUTES. (b)(1);1.4 (c) DID NOT THINK THAT TO BE A BIT UNREASONABLE BY QUOTING AN OLD SPANISH SAYING "ESTA ENTRE LA ESPADA Y LA PARED" (HE IS BETWEEN THE WALL AND THE SWORD), (b)(1);1.4 (c) THERE IS NO ROOM FOR (b)(1);1.4 (c) TO MANEUVER AND HIS SITUATION IS CRITICAL. (b)(1);1.4 (c) ELABORATED ON HOW EVENTS HAVE SEEMED TO HAVE GOTTEN "OUT OF HAND" FOR GOA. (b)(1);1.4 (c) LARGE CONCENTRATION OF MILITARY POWER IN SOUTHERN ARGENTINE REGION WAS MEANT TO DISSUADE GOC AND ENHANCE GOA POSITION IN BEAGLE NEGOTIATIONS. BUT SUCH ACTIONS NOW PRESENT GOA WITH THE RISK OF HAVING THE REVERSE OF WHAT WAS INTENDED SINCE THE ELEMENT OF A MISJUDGEMENT IN THE FIELD IS VERY POSSIBLE. GOA, WITH ITS CLEAR ADVANTAGE OF SUPERIORITY IN NUMBERS OF SOPHISTICATED MATERIEL, (b)(1);1.4 (c) SHOULD HAVE INSTEAD CONTINUED TO BETTER ITS LOGISTICAL BASE. BUT OF COURSE, WHAT PEOPLE DID NOT REALIZE IS THAT SUCH ACTIONS, AS TAKEN BY GOA, WOULD

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NOT HAVE OCCURRED WHILE UNDER A CONSTITUTIONAL GOVERNMENT.
GOA SOLUTIONS TO DISPUTE -- AND EVEN ITS APPROACH IN
NEGOTIATIONS WITH GOC -- WOULD HAVE BEEN DIFFERENT THEN.
GOA HAS A MILITARY GOVERNMENT AND A MILITARY RESPONSE TO
THE PROBLEM SEEMS TO BE IN ORDER, NOT A POLITICAL ONE.
IN ANY EVENT, GOA NEEDS TO ASSERT ITS CLAIM TO A 200 NM
LONG ECONOMIC ZONE WHILE AT THE SAME TIME PREVENTING
CHILE FROM ACCESS TO THE ATLANTIC. THAT LAST ONE ARGENTINA
WOULD NEVER TOLERATE, HE ASSERTED.

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