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16. (C/NORON) SUMMARY: THIS REPORT PROVIDES AN UPDATE ON THE BEAGLE CHANNEL SITUATION. IT PROVIDES INDICATORS FROM A (b)(1);Sec. 1.4(c) THAT THE NEGOTIATIONS WILL NOT ACCOMPLISH ARGENTINE OBJECTIVES AND THAT ARGENTINA WILL NOT BUDGE ON ITS POSITION WITH RESPECT TO ARGENTINE SOVEREIGNTY IN THE ATLANTIC (CAPE HORN MERIDIAN).

22. (C/NORON) DETAILS:

(b)(1);1.4 (c)

SITUATION BETWEEN ARGENTINA AND CHILE IT WOULD NOT BE APPROPRIATE TO HAVE THE ARMY BAND AND PARACHUTE TEAM FROM SOUTHCOM COME DURING 16-17 NOVEMBER FOR A TOUR IN ARGENTINA.

(b)(1);1.4 (c)

FULLY, (b)(1);1.4 (c) THAT AGREEMENT HAS BEEN REACHED ON 80-PERCENT OF THE PROBLEMS, BUT THAT THE MAJOR PROBLEM IS FOR CHILE TO CEDE A LAND ANCHOR (WALLASTON, EVANT, BARNEVELT OR OTHER ISLAND SOUTH OF THE CHANNEL) TO DEFINE THE ATLANTIC/PACIFIC BOUNDARY AND TO EXTEND THE BOUNDARY SOUTH FROM CAPE HORN.

B. WHEN (b)(1);1.4 (c) WOULD BE A VERY POOR SOLUTION FOR BOTH COUNTRIES, THE ARGENTINE OFFICER CONCEDED THAT WAR WAS NOT DESIRABLE, EVERYONE WANTED TO AVOID IT, BUT THAT ARGENTINA CANNOT BACK-OFF OF ITS REQUIREMENT FOR THE ATLANTIC-ARGENTINA/PACIFIC-CHILE POSITION; THAT IT MEANT TOO MUCH NATIONALLY IN THE LONG HAUL.

C. (b)(1);Sec. 1.4(c) THAT A NEW EXTENSION OR NEW NEGOTIATING TEAM WOULD NOT BE FORMED. (b)(1);Sec. 1.4(c) THAT A THIRDO-

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PARTY WOULD PROBABLY BE REQUIRED AND THAT THE POPE WAS THE ONE BEING CONSIDERED TO MODERATE A MEETING BETWEEN VIDELA AND PINOCHET.

D. WHEN (b)(1);1.4 (c) THE PROBLEMS WITH MAJOR CABINET SHIFTS OCCURRING AT ANTIME WHEN COHESION WAS NECESSARY, THE (b)(1);1.4 (c) THAT IT WAS A SHAME; THAT GEN (R) KLEX HAD LEFT THE DEFENSE MINISTRY AND IT WAS A DISASTER IN TERMS OF OPERATION NOW (b)(3);10 USC 424 THAT VICE ADMIRAL LUIS MARIA MENDIA, EN-CHIEF, ARGENTINE DELEGATION TO THE INTER-AMERICAN DEFENSE BOARD (IAOB), WOULD PROBABLY BE THE NEW DEFENSE MINISTER).

(C/NOPORN) COMMENT: ALTHOUGH OVERT ARGENTINE MILITARY EFFORT WAS NOT STATED, (b)(1);1.4 (c) THAT A HARD APPROACH WILL BE TAKEN AND THAT ARGENTINA WILL FIGHT IF NECESSARY FOR THE LAND ANCHOR FOR THE BOUNDARY. THE INDICATION THAT THE PERIOD 18-17 NOVEMBER WOULD BE POLITICALLY BAD WOULD TEND TO CONFIRM INDICATORS OF CONTINUED MOBILIZATION. THIS MSG COORD W/AMEMBASSY.

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