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1. COUNTRY: ARGENTINA (AR) CHILE (CI)
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3. TITLE: MILITARY POLITICAL - CHILEAN PERCEPTIONS OF BEAGLE CHANNEL SITUATION AND INTERNAL ARGENTINE POLITICAL STABILITY
4. PROJECT NUMBER: N/A
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16. (C/NOFORN) SUMMARY: THIS REPORT FORWARDS INFORMATION ON THE CHILEAN VIEW OF THE BEAGLE CHANNEL (b)(1);1.4 (c) INTENTIONS OF THE ARGENTINE ARMED FORCES AND PRESENTS CHILEAN CONCERNS ON THE POLITICAL STRUGGLE AND POWER STRUCTURE OF THE ARGENTINE GOVERNMENT DURING THE PRESENT CRISIS

2. (C/NOFORN) DETAILS: (b)(1);1.4 (c)

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(b)(1);1.4(c) IN THE EARLY MORNING OF 781215 AND REQUESTED (b)(1);1.4 (c) TO MEET (b)(1);1.4 (c)

WITH HIM AT THE (b)(1);1.4 (c) ON A MATTER OF HIGH CONCERN TO THE CHILEANS AND, (b)(1);1.4 (c) IS A CAUSE FOR GREAT WORRY TO (b)(1);1.4 (c) AFTER CUSTOMARY OFFER OF "UN CAFECITO" (A CUP OF COFFEE), (b)(1);1.4 (c) ON THE REASON FOR HAVING SO URGENTLY CALLED (b)(1);1.4 (c) IS WORRIED GENERAL ORLANO AGOSTI (ARGENTINE AIR FORCE CINC) WOULD NOT BE ATTENDING GRADUATION CEREMONY AT ARGAF ACADEMY IN CORDOBA ON 781216 AND THAT EVEN BRIGADIER MAHOR OSSES (CHIEF OF AIR OPERATIONS), WHOSE SON IS IN GRAOUATING CLASS, WOULD NOT BE ATTENDING. IN FACT, (b)(1);1.4 (c) NONE OF THE BUENOS AIRES BASED AIR FORCE LEADERS WOULD GO TO CORDOBA THIS WEEKEND LEAVING ARGAF ACADEMY COMMANDING OFFICER BRIGAOYER GONZALEZ TO PRESIDE OVER THE CEREMONY. THAT ARGENTINE ARMY CINC VIDLAS TRAVEL TO NEUQUEN TO INSPECT THE III INFANTRY MOUNTAIN BRIGADE (SCHEDULED FOR 781215-781216) HAO ALSO BEEN POSTPONOED. (b)(1);1.4 (c)

FEARED (b)(1);1.4 (c) FOR INTERNAL SITUATION IN ARGENTINA, HE CONTINUED SAYING POSTPONEMENT OF VIOLA'S TRAVEL TO III INFANTRY BRIGADE WAS PROBABLY FOR DANGER HE (VIOLA) MIGHT BE DETAINED BY MILITARY AUTHORITIES THERE.

(b)(1);1.4 (c) SEEMED CONVINCED GENERAL MENENDEZ, ARGENTINE ARMY III CORPS COMMANDER, IS FEARED BY GOA AS HE IS IN THE PROCESS OF TAKING INITIATIVE TO DEPOSE PRESIDENT VIDELA. GENERAL MEN-

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ENDEZ IS VIEWED BY CHILEAN OFFICIALS HERE AS A MILITARY OFFICER WHO HAS OCCUPIED EVERY POSITION OF SIGNIFICANCE IN ARGENTINA WITH THE EXCEPTION OF ARMY COMMANDER OR PRESIDENCY

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ARENAS. A SECOND GOA BRIGADE IS AT VOLMACEDA - COMINCYQUE -  
PUNTA EICEN AXIS, WITH A THIRD FORCE THREATENING CHILEAN  
PORT OF PUERTO NATALE.

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