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

1. COUNTRY: ARGENTINA (AR) CHILE (CI)
2. REPORT NUMBER: (b)(3):10 USC 424
3. TITLE: (U) POLITICAL AND SOCIOLOGICAL-ARGENTINE VIEWS ON BEAGLE CHANNEL DISPUTE
4. PROJECT NUMBER: NA
5. DATE OF INFORMATION: 781021-781027
6. DATE OF REPORT: 781027
7. DATE AND PLACE OF ACQUISITION: 781021-781027, BUENOS AIRES

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- 8. REFERENCES: (b)(3):10 USC 424 CONTINUES
- 9. ASSESSMENT: (b)(3):10 USC 424
- 10. ORIGINATOR: [REDACTED]
- 11. REQUEST EVALUATION: OMIT
- 12. PREPARING OFFICER: (b)(3):10 USC 424
- 13. APPROVING AUTHORITY: [REDACTED]

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15. SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS: OIRC-NO

18. SUMMARY: (C) (b)(1);1.4 (c) [REDACTED] HAS  
(b)(1);1.4 (c) [REDACTED] THAT NEGOTIATIONS BETWEEN ARGENTINA AND  
CHILE HAVE PROGRESSED WELL IN THE AREA OF ECONOMIC COOPERATION.  
HE FORESEES A MEETING BETWEEN THE PRESIDENTS OF THE TWO  
NATIONS TO SIGN A PROTOCOL, DURING THE FIRST HALF OF NOVEMBER.

22. DETAILS: 1. (C) (b)(1);1.4 (c) [REDACTED] RECENTLY ASSUMED DUTIES OF  
(b)(1);1.4 (c) [REDACTED] DURING A VISIT TO  
(b)(1);1.4 (c) [REDACTED] HOW THE DISPUTE BETWEEN  
ARGENTINE AND CHILE COULD BE RESOLVED, GIVEN THE COMPLETENESS  
OF MILITARY PREPARATIONS AND NUMEROUS ISSUES REMAINING  
UNRESOLVED. (b)(1);1.4 (c) [REDACTED] THE RECENT PUBLIC STATE-  
MENTS MADE BY THE CHILEAN AMBASSADOR TO ARGENTINA, JARPA  
REYES, WHO TERMED CHILEAN ACCESS TO THE ATLANTIC  
A NECESSITY (SEE FBIS ASUNCION, PARAGUAY 781021).

(b)(1);Sec. 1.4(c) [REDACTED] STATED THAT THIS WOULD NOT BE POSSIBLE, AND

(b)(1);Sec. 1.4(c) [REDACTED]

FOR ECONOMIC COOPERATION HAD BEEN ACHIEVED, AND THE WORK  
OF THE BEALE NEGOTIATING COMMISSION WOULD END ON 781122.  
A PROTOCOL WOULD BE SIGNED BY PRESIDENTS VIDELA AND PENOCHEZ  
APPROXIMATELY 18 DAYS LATER, ACCORDING TO (b)(1);1.4 (c) [REDACTED]  
FURTHER, (b)(1);1.4 (c) [REDACTED] STATED THAT THE ARGENTINE MILITARY  
READINESS POSTURE WOULD BE MAINTAINED UNTIL THE MEETING  
OF THE TWO PRESIDENTS TOOK PLACE.

2. (U) ECONOMIC COOPERATION MAY TAKE THE FORM OF A  
CUSTOMS-FREE "LAND BRIDGE"--DESCRIBED (b)(3):10 USC 424 [REDACTED]  
(b)(3):10 USC 424 [REDACTED] ON 781021  
(b)(3):10 USC 424; (b)(3):50 USC 3024(i) [REDACTED] WHO, UNTIL MARCH OF 1976, WAS PRESIDENT  
(b)(3):10 USC 424; (b)(3):50 USC 3024(i) [REDACTED]

CHILE AND ARGENTINA HAVE ESTABLISHED DUTY-FREE TRANSIT  
FOR PRODUCTS NOT COMPETITIVELY MARKETED BY BOTH NATIONS.  
THE ECONOMIC VIABILITY OF THIS ARRANGEMENT HAS NOT BEEN

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REALIZED UP TO THE PRESENT TIME.

COMMENT: (c) THE NEW (b)(1);1.4 (c) SEEMED CONFIDENT THAT THE CURRENT SITUATION WOULD NOT DEVELOP INTO A CONFLICT. HE DID NOT DISCUSS THE ISSUE OF TERRITORIAL WATERS, NOR CONTROL OF SEABED RESOURCES--BEYOND A PASSING REFERENCE TO THE MALVINAS DISPUTE AND DUBIOUS IMPARTIALITY, IN COURT, ON THE PART OF UNITED KINGDOM JUDGES IN RESOLVING THE BEAGLE CHANNEL DISPUTE.

8. ECONOMIC SANCTIONS HAVE BEEN APPLIED AGAINST CHILE BY ARGENTINA DURING THE COURSE OF NEGOTIATIONS-- PASSAGE OF BRAZILIAN TRUCKS (DESTINED FOR CHILE) HAD BEEN HALTED AT ONE POINT, BUT WERE SUBSEQUENTLY ALLOWED TO PASS THROUGH ARGENTINA. WHETHER OR NOT ECONOMIC COOPERATION AGREEMENTS--SUCH AS THE POSSIBILITY OF A MUTUALLY-ADVANTAGEOUS "LAND BRIDGE"--CAN HAVE THE DERIVED EFFECT OF REDUCING TENSIONS BETWEEN THE TWO NATIONS IS UNCERTAIN AT THIS TIME.

THIS MSG AMEMBASSY COORDINATED. 808-84.

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