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

1. COUNTRY: ARGENTINA (AR)/CHILE (C1)
2. REPORT NUMBER: (b)(3):10 USC 424
3. TITLE: (U) POLITICAL MILITARY - BEAGLE CHANNEL DISPUTE
4. PROJECT NUMBER: N/A
5. DATE OF INFORMATION: 780209
6. DATE OF REPORT: 780221
7. DATE AND PLACE OF ACQUISITION: 780209, SANTIAGO
8. REFERENCE: (b)(3):10 USC 424 CONTINUES
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10. ORIGINATOR: (b)(3):10 USC 424

11. REQUEST EVALUATION: DMIT

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15. SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS: ~~DIRC: NO~~ ~~NOFORN~~

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16. SUMMARY: (U) THIS IR FORWARD SOME OBSERVATIONS BY A (b)(3):10 USC 424 ON THE BEAGLE CHANNEL DISPUTE.

22. DETAILS: (C/NOFORN) ON 9 FEB 78, (b)(1);1.4 (c) WHILE ON LEAVE IN SANTIAGO, CHILE, DINED WITH THE (b)(1);1.4 (c)

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RECENTLY RETURNED TO CHILE ON THE INSISTENCE OF GENERAL PINOCHET TO ASSUME THE (b)(1);1.4 (c) IN THE.

(b)(1);1.4 (c) ADVISED THAT HE ENJOYS HIS NEW JOB EVEN THOUGH HE HAS BEEN IN IT FOR ONLY A SHORT WHILE.

(b)(1);1.4 (c)

2. (C/NOFORN) (b)(1);1.4 (c) WHAT THE CURRENT SITUATION WAS IN ARGENTINA VIS-A-VIS THE BEAGLE CHANNEL. (b)(1);1.4 (c) MENTIONED THAT THERE HAD BEEN LITTLE CHANGE SINCE (b)(1);1.4 (c) DEPARTED AND THE ARGENTINE VIEW OF THE PROBLEM REMAINS UNCHANGED. (b)(1);1.4 (c)

(b)(1);Sec. 1.4(c)

(b)(1);1.4 (c) WAS CERTAIN THAT THE ISSUE WOULD BE RESOLVED PEACEFULLY AND NO CLASH WOULD TAKE PLACE BETWEEN THE TWO NATIONS. (b)(1);1.4 (c) CAUTIONED HOWEVER, THAT A SOLUTION TO THE BEAGLE PROBLEM WOULD NOT COME EASY AND HE EXPECTS NEGOTIATIONS TO LINGER ON FOR MONTHS. (b)(1);1.4 (c) DID NOT VIEW THE ARGENTINE POSITION AS TOO UNREASONABLE BUT ADMITTED THAT IT WOULD BE ALMOST IMPOSSIBLE TO SELL TO THE CHILEAN PUBLIC. (b)(1);1.4 (c) THAT A COMPROMISE WOULD BE FOUND REGARDING THE TERRITORIAL SEA ISSUE AND 12 MILES WOULD LIKELY BE THE LIMIT SETTLED ON BY THE NEGOTIATORS.

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3. (C/NOFORN) (b)(1);1.4 (c) INSISTED THAT CHILE HAS NO HOSTILE INTENTIONS REGARDING ARGENTINA. (b)(1);1.4 (c) CLAIMS THAT NO TROOPS HAVE BEEN REDEPLOYED AND THE FLEET WAS STILL IN THE HARBOR, THERE WAS LITTLE DOUBT IN HIS MIND THAT THE ARGENTINE ARMY ALSO WANTED TO AVOID A CLASH, BUT (b)(1);1.4 (c) DID NOT SHARE THE SAME OPINION OF THE (b)(1);1.4 (c)

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(b)(1);1.4 (c) WAS DANGEROUS AND THAT HIS

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POLITICAL ASPIRATIONS COULD GET IN THE WAY OF HIS GOOD JUDGMENT. (b)(1);1.4 (c) THAT THE ARGENTINE NAVY CINC WAS PERFECTLY CAPABLE OF TRIGGERING A CONFRONTATION, WITH OR WITHOUT THE SUPPORT OF THE JUNTA. (b)(1);1.4 (c) ADDED THAT THE CHILEAN NAVY COMMANDER IS NOT MUCH BETTER WHICH MAKES MATTERS WORSE.

(b)(1);Sec. 1.4(c)

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