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(b)(3):10 USC 424

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

1. (U) COUNTRY: ARGENTINA (AR) / CHILE (CI)

2. (U) REPORT NUMBER: (b)(3):10 USC 424

3. (U) TITLE: BEAGLE CHANNEL DISPUTE-LESSONS LEARNED BY ARGENTINES
DURING CONFRONTATION

4. (U) PROJECT NUMBER: N/A

5. (U) DATE OF INFORMATION: 790320

6. (U) DATE OF REPORT: 790327

7. (U) DATE AND PLACE OF ACQUISITION: 790320, BUENOS AIRES

8. (U) REFERENCES: (b)(3):10 USC 424

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THE GROUND. THE RESULT WAS THAT THE (b)(1);1.4 (c)
FORCE BRIGADE ASSIGNED TO THE SOUTHERN ZONE OF OPERATIONS (TOS)
MOVED IN WITH THE TOS STAFF. EACH ARMY BRIGADE HAD AN AIR
LIAISON TEAM ATTACHED AND EACH REGIMENT (EQUIVALENT TO U.S.
BATTALION) HAD A FORWARD AIR CONTROL TEAM WITH TRANSPORTATION
AND AIR-GROUND, GROUND-GROUND COMMUNICATIONS PERMANENTLY
ASSIGNED TO THE REGIMENT. (IN A MORE (b)(1);1.4 (c) RECENTLY

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PAPER PLANS AND PRACTICE--THAT FROM NOW ON THEY WILL EXERCISE AND LIVE WITH THE ARMY TO ASSURE AIR GROUND COORDINATION.

4. (b)(1);1.4 (c) CHANGES IN RECONNAISSANCE ORGANIZATION IN THE V CORPS. A NEED FOR ADDED LONG RANGE RECONNAISSANCE PATROL (LRRP) CAPABILITY WAS IDENTIFIED, AND AS A RESULT THE V CORPS OBTAINED A COMMANDO (LRRP) COMPANY. EACH BRIGADE WAS DIRECTED TO FORM A COMPANY, DRAWING UPON COMMANDO QUALIFIED PERSONNEL WITHIN THE COMMAND. EACH REGIMENT WAS SIMILARLY REQUIRED TO FORM A COMMANDO PLATOON. (b)(1);1.4 (c) THE REQUIREMENT EXISTED BECAUSE THE GENDARMARIA HAD A GENERAL BORDER MISSION, AND ALTHOUGH UNDER TOS CONTROL, COULD NOT FILL THE RECONNAISSANCE NEEDS OF THE TACTICAL UNIT WHEN ALSO REQUIRED TO INCREASE OVERALL

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BORDER SURVEILLANCE AND CONTROL. HE ALSO INDICATED THAT THEY HAD LEARNED SOMETHING FROM THE CHILEANS, WHO HAVE UNIT LRRP ELEMENTS. (b)(1);1.4 (c)

5. (b)(1);1.4 (c) ARGENTINE ARMY WAS ABLE TO GAIN CONSIDERABLE INFORMATION, BOTH MILITARY AND POLITICAL (THE LATTER MOSTLY BY MONITORING PUBLIC BROADCASTS) (b)(1);1.4 (c)

(b)(1);(b)(3);10 USC 424;Sec. 1.4(c) PREVIOUS IR REPORTED THE FORMATION OF SPECIAL E.W. UNITS AND (b)(1);(b)(3);10 USC 424;Sec. 1.4(c) THEIR POSSIBLE USE IN LOCATING TERRORIST ELEMENTS DURING THE WORLD CUP GAMEE.

6. (b)(1);1.4 (c) (AND INDICATED THEY HAD ALSO LEARNED FROM THE CHILEANS IN THIS REGARD). IN THE SOUTHERN SECTOR, THEY PAINTED THEIR COMBAT SUPPORT AND COMBAT SERVICE VEHICLES (MANY OF WHICH WERE REQUISITIONED FROM CIVILIAN OR STATE CONCERNS) WITH WATER BASE CAMOUFLAGE PAINT. THE SCHEME USED WAS A PATTERN OF BLACK, YELLOW AND BROWN WHICH MATCHED THE SOMEWHAT BARREN TERRAIN. THEY WERE ASSISTED IN THE PATTERN DEVELOPMENT BY A COMMERCIAL COLOR PHOTO ORGANIZATION WHICH DESIGNED THE PATTERN AFTER VIEWING COLOR PHOTOS OF VEHICLES AGAINST THE NATURAL BACKGROUND. THE RETOUCHEO PRINGS WERE SENT TO THE FIELD TO BECOME THE PATTERNS FOR PAINTING. ALL ARGAF COMBAT AIRCRAFT WERE CAMOUFLAGED AS WELL AS ALL NAVAL AIRCRAFT THAT HAD OPERATIONAL MISSIONS IN THE THEATER.

COMMENT: (CYNOPORN) THE ARGENTINE ARMED FORCES HAVE LEARNED A GREAT DEAL FROM THE MOBILIZATION REQUIREMENTS OF THE ARG.-CHILE CONFRONTATION. THEY HAVE SHOWN THAT THEY CAN MOBILIZE AND FIELD A FORMIDABLE GROUND FORCE, THAT THEY HAVE LEARNED TO TRANSPORT AND SUPPORT THE FORCE AND HAVE IMPROVED THEIR COMMAND AND CONTROL AND COORDINATION. THEY HAVE ALSO EXHIBITED A DEGREE OF FLEXIBILITY AND ADAPTABILITY NOT PREVIOUSLY ACCREDITED TO THEM. ONE WOULD HOPE THAT, IF NEEDED SOMEDAY, THEY COULD BE CONSIDERED A FRIENDLY NATION.

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