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SUBJECT (b)(3):10 USC 424 ARGAR HORSEMANSHIP COMPETITION

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SUMMARY: ~~(C)~~ FIRST ARMORED CAVALRY BRIGADE CONDUCTED HORSEMANSHIP COMPETITION IN TANDIL. MORALE WAS HIGH IN THE BRIGADE DUE TO THE COMPETITION AND TO THE CHARASMATIC LEADERSHIP OF BG CACERAS WHO WILL BE REPLACED IN JAN 89 OR LATE DEC 88 BY COL (P) GROBA.

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TEXT: ~~(C)~~ FROM 11 OCT THROUGH 16 OCT, THE FIRST ARMORED BRIGADE (CAVALRY) CONDUCTED HORSEMANSHIP COMPETITION. COMPETITION CONSISTED OF VARIOUSLY CONSTRUCTED OBSTACLE COURSES WITH VARIOUS HEIGHTS AND WIDTHS OF OBSTACLES TO JUMP, POLO AND GENERAL HORSEMANSHIP KNOWN AS ADIESTRAMIENTO OR TRAINING. WINNERS OF THE BRIGADE COMPETITION WILL THEN COMPETE IN NATIONAL COMPETITION AT THE CAVALRY SCHOOL, CAMPO DE MAYO, BUENOS AIRES IN LATE NOVEMBER 1988. MOST PARTICIPANTS WERE ACTIVE DUTY OFFICERS AND NCOS, ALL IN UNIFORM, FROM THE BRIGADE HEADQUARTERS AND THE SECOND, EIGHTH AND TENTH TANK BATTALIONS. HOWEVER RETIRED CAVALRY OFFICERS ALSO PARTICIPATED. ONE COL (R) ((MORATORIO)) WAS REPORTEDLY AN OLYMPIC AND WORLD CHAMPION. AT 58 YEARS OF AGE HE WAS STILL COMPETITIVE AND TOOK SEVERAL HONORS. FOR THE COMPLETE LIST OF PARTICIPANTS BY UNITS, SEE ENCLOSURE. AFTER CLOSING CEREMONIES ON 16 OCT 88, THE PRIZES WERE AWARDED. THESE WERE DONATED BY TANDIL INDUSTRIES, MILITARY ATTACHES, ETC. PRIZES CONSISTED OF SADDLES, SADDLE BLANKETS, BRIDLES, AND STIRRUPS PRIMARILY. ATTACHES FROM CHILE, BRAZIL, PERU AND THE U.S. WERE IN ATTENDANCE. ALSO IN ATTENDANCE WAS COL (R) MAXIMO ROSENDO ((GROBA)). ALTHOUGH NOT OFFICIALLY SANCTIONED FOR PUBLIC INFORMATION, IT WAS GENERALLY ACCEPTED KNOWLEDGE THAT GROBA WOULD BE BG ISIDRO BONIFALLO ((CACERES)) REPLACEMENT AS BRIGADE COMMANDER. GROBA WILL BE RETURNING TO TANDIL AFTER 29 YEARS. HE WAS THERE A LIEUTENANT IN 1959. CACERES DESTINATION IS UNKNOWN. HE SAID HE TALKS TO BG ALFREDO MANUEL ((ARRILLAGA)), PROGRAM DIRECTOR AT ARGAM HEADQUARTERS REGULARLY, BUT FINDS OUT NOTHING TO REFERENCE HIS FUTURE. COL RODOLFO E. ((GODOY)) FROM THE ADA UNIT

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IN MAR DE PLATA, THE TANDIL MAYOR, PLUS MANY OTHER COMMUNITY LEADERS AND OTHER VISITING ARMY OFFICERS ALSO WERE IN ATTENDANCE.

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COMMENTS: ~~(C)~~ THE HORSEMANSHIP COMPETITION WAS AN IMPORTANT EVENT TO THE BRIGADE. THE EVENT WAS WELL SUPPORTED AND WELL ATTENDED BY THE LOCAL CIVILIAN POPULATION. EVENTS LIKE THIS HELP BUILD MORALE AND CAMARADERIE WHICH APPEARED TO BE HIGH IN THE BRIGADE. GENERAL CACERAS WAS A GRACIOUS HOST. HE IS A CHARASMATIC LEADER AND SEEMS TO ENJOY GREAT RESPECT AND AFFECTION WITH HIS SOLDIERS. COL (P) GROBA LIKEWISE SEEMS TO BE A PERSONABLE AND RESPECTED OFFICER. COL JUAN "JOHNNIE" JOSE LUIZ ((VARGAS)), THE DEPUTY BRIGADE COMMANDER WON THE "ADIESTRAMIENTO" AND PLACED HIGH IN MANY EVENTS WAS NOT SELECTED FOR PROMOTION AND [REDACTED] HE WOULD RETIRE AND MOVE TO BUENOS AIRES IN JANUARY. VARGAS WAS NOT BITTER, BUT FELT THAT THE LARGE NUMBER OF ARTILLERY OFFICERS SELECTED WAS UNFAIR AND HAD WORKED TO HIS DETRIMENT.

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