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16. (C/NOFORN) SUMMARY: THIS REPORT FORWARDS INFORMATION WHICH INDICATES THAT THE 781212 MEETING BETWEEN ARGENTINA AND CHILE TO SELECT A MEDIATOR FOR THE BEAGLE CHANNEL DISPUTE COULD RESULT IN A SOLUTION TO THE PROBLEM. ACCORDING (b)(1);1.4 (c)

(b)(1);1.4 (c) THE MEETING WILL RESULT IN THE SELECTION OF THE POPE TO MEDIATE THE DISPUTE AND THAT HE WILL "RUBBER STAMP" A CHILEAN PLAN WHICH WILL BE ACCEPTABLE TO ARGENTINA.

(b)(1);1.4 (c)

781208 OF THE SOCIOAD EDUCATIVA ACCION CIVICA (SEA) (SOCIETY FOR CIVIC ACTION EDUCATION). AS THE NAME SUGGEST, THE ORGANIZATION IS DESIGNED TO DEVELOP A POLITICAL AWARENESS THROUGH EDUCATION OF THE ARGENTINE PEOPLE. THE ORGANIZATION WAS FOUNDED DURING THE PRESIDENCY OF GENERAL LEVINGSTON (1970-71) AND PRESENT MEMBERSHIP IS CLAIMED TO INCLUDE, AMONG OTHERS, THE MINISTER OF ECONOMYCS (MARTINEZ DE HOZ) AND THE MINISTER OF INTERIOR (GENERAL MARGUINDEGUY).

(b)(1);1.4 (c)

INVITED GUEST, SPOKE TO (b)(1);1.4 (c) AND ONE OF THE FOUNDERS OF THE ORGANIZATION. (b)(1);Sec. 1.4(c) IS AN INFLUENTIAL PERSON WHO HAS CONTACT WITH MARTINEZ DE HOZ AND PRESIDENT VIDELA. (b)(1);1.4 (c) IS "HIGH-UP" ENOUGH TO HAVE HAD A 3-HOUR DISCUSSION RECENTLY WITH GENERAL BANZER OF BOLIVIA TO DISCUSS MATTERS OF MUTUAL INTEREST. (b)(1);1.4 (c) THAT DURING THE S.E.A. MEETING, (b)(1);1.4 (c) THE MEMBERS ON THE CHILEAN SITUATION AS FOLLOWS:

A. THAT HE (b)(1);Sec. 1.4(c) HAD RECEIVED INFORMATION FROM A TOP (b)(1);1.4 (c) THAT AT THE 781212 FOREIGN MINISTERS MEETING CHILE WOULD RE-OFFER THE POSITION THEY SUOCCENLY WITHDREW AT THE END OF THE SECONO COMMISSION 2 NOV 78 WHEN PRESIDENT VIDELA BECAME INVOLVED IN WHAT APPEARED TO BE A GOVERNMENT CRISIS OVER THE SELECTION OF A NEW CABINET.

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B. (b)(1);1.4 (c) STATED THAT CHILE WOULD AGREE TO A DIVISION OF THE ATLANTIC AND PACIFIC BETWEEN THE TWO COUNTRIES AND THAT THE 200-MILE OR 12-MILE RULE WOULD NOT APPLY.

C. (b)(1);Sec. 1.4(c) RELATED THAT CHILE WOULD ALSO AGREE TO THE MUTUAL EXPLORATION OF THE SEA SOUTH OF THE 3 CHANNEL ISLANDS AND THAT THESE THREE ISLANDS WOULD GO TO CHILE.

D. (b)(1);1.4 (c) THAT THE POPE WOULD BE CHOSEN AS THE MEDIATOR AND "RUBBER STAMP" THE CHILEAN PROPOSAL WHICH WOULD ALSO BE ACCEPTABLE TO ARGENTINA. (b)(1);Sec. 1.4(c) DID NOT SAY ANYTHING ABOUT A PIECE OF LAND TO THE SOUTH OF THE SEAGLE CHANNEL ISLANDS FOR ARGENTINA; THE EXACT LOCATION OF THE DIVIDING LINE BETWEEN THE TWO OCEANS WAS NOT DISCUSSED EITHER.

AT ONE POINT (b)(1);1.4 (c) TO LEAVE THE GROUP BECAUSE (b)(1);1.4 (c) AT THIS POINT THE GROUP SPOKE TO TWO ARMY OFFICERS WHO CAME ESPECIALLY FOR THAT PORTION OF THE MEETING. (b)(1);1.4 (c) THE OFFICERS AND THEY WERE NOT LATER IDENTIFIED BY OTHER MEMBERS.

AFTER THE S.E.A. MEETING TERMINATED, (b)(1);1.4 (c) A BARSEQUA WITH ONE OF THE MEMBERS OF THE S.E.A. GROUP. THIS INDIVIDUAL RELATED TO (b)(1);1.4 (c) THAT AFTER THE (b)(1);1.4 (c) WERE BRIEFED (b)(1);1.4 (c) CONCERNING HIS INFORMATION ON WHAT CHILE WOULD PROPOSE AT THE 781212 FOREIGN MINISTERS MEETING, THE ARMY OFFICERS WERE DOUBTFUL THAT CHILE WAS COMING PREPARED TO MAKE ANY CONCESSIONS AND THAT A CONFLICT WOULD RESULT.

(SINGORN) COMMENT: (b)(1);1.4 (c) THAT HE WAS POSITIVE THAT CHILE WAS COMING TO THE 781212 MEETING PREPARED TO REACH A SOLUTION. (b)(1);1.4 (c) THAT CHILE INTENDS TO DO MORE THAN NAME A MEDIATOR HAVE BEEN HEARD BY

HOWEVER PRESIDENT VIOELA, BY PUTTING ALL THE REGULAR ARMY UNITS ON THE CHILEAN BORDER (b)(3);10 USC 424

MAY BE ANTICIPATING THAT CHILE WILL BE CONVINCED TO ATTEND THE FOREIGN MINISTER MEETING ON 781212 FOR THE PURPOSE OF SERIOUS DISCUSSION. IF NOT, THEN THE ARGENTINE FORCES ARE OPTIMALLY POSITIONED FOR COMBAT. IT IS DISTURBING THAT THE UNNAMED ARGENTINE MILITARY REPRESENTATIVES TO THE S.E.A. MEETING DID NOT SEE ANY COOPERATION COMING FROM CHILE AND VIEW A CONFLICT AS ALMOST INEVITABLE. THIS MSG COORD W/AMEMBASSY.

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