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SUBJ: IIR (b)(3):10 USC 424 INFANTRY AND CAVALRY REMAIN
THE PRIMARY BASIC BRANCHES OF ARGENTINE ARMY GENERALS
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INFLUENTIAL WITH ECONOMISTS, BUSINESSMEN, BANKERS, AND
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SUMMARY: (U) WITH THE ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE GENERAL
OFFICER PROMOTIONS FOR CY95 BY THE ARGENTINE ARMY THE
COMPOSITION OF THE GENERAL OFFICER CORPS REMAINS
DOMINATED BY OFFICERS OF INFANTRY AND CAVALRY BRANCHES
(I.E., 12 AND 9, RESPECTIVELY, OF 38 TOTAL).

TEXT: 1. (U) WITH THE ANNOUNCEMENT OF ARGENTINE ARMY
(ARGARM) GENERAL OFFICER PROMOTIONS FOR CY95 (CITE:
IIR (b)(3):10 USC 424) IT IS APPARENT THAT THE BASIC BRANCH
COMPOSITION OF THE GENERAL OFFICER CORPS HAS NOT SWUNG
IN FAVOR OF THE ARTILLERY AS SOME ANTICIPATED. NOT
WITHSTANDING THE SIGNIFICANT INFLUENCE OF THE CURRENT
ARGARM CHIEF OF STAFF, GENERAL **MARTIN ANTONIO ((BALZA))**
AND HIS DEPUTY, LIEUTENANT GENERAL RAUL JULIO ((GOMEZ

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SABAINI)) (THEMSELVES ARTILLERY OFFICERS), THE LARGEST NUMBER OF GENERAL OFFICERS REMAIN INFANTRYMEN. FULLY 55% OF THE GENERALS SERVING IN CY95 WILL BE FROM EITHER INFANTRY OR CAVALRY BRANCHES, WHILE ONLY ABOUT 24% WILL BE ARTILLERY OFFICERS.

2. (U) THE 38 GENERAL OFFICERS WHO WILL LEAD THE ARGARM IN CY95 REPRESENT 12 INFANTRYMEN, 9 CAVALRYMEN, 9 ARTILLERYMEN, 5 ENGINEERS, AND 1 SIGNAL OFFICER. PROPORTIONALLY, THESE FIGURES ARE CONSISTENT WITH TRADITIONAL PROMOTION PATTERNS IN THE ARGARM AND DO NOT SUPPORT THE PREMISE OF INORDINATE INFLUENCE BY GENERAL BALZA IN FAVOR OF OFFICERS OF HIS OWN BRANCH, AS ANTICIPATED BY SOME LOCAL OBSERVERS.

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