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THIS IR WITH ONE ENCLOSURES FOLLOWS.

16. SUMMARY: (U) THIS IR FORWARDS AN INSTRUCTION GUIDE FOR TEACHING CONTEMPORARY ARGENTINE HISTORY RELATING TO THE BEAGLE CHANNEL DISPUTE.

22. DETAILS: ~~(C/NOFORN)~~ THE SYLLABUS GUIDE IS TITLED

"ARGENTINA AND THE WESTERN ATLANTIC" (LOWER CASE HEADING:

"ARGENTINE TERRITORIAL SOVEREIGNTY: NATIONAL PRIORITY"),

ENCL 1 PROVIDES A CHRONOLOGY OF THE AGREEMENTS AND EVENTS

CULMINATING IN THE TENSE STALEMATE BETWEEN ARGENTINA AND

CHILE OVER THE THREE BEAGLE CHANNEL ISLANDS--AND ACCOMPANY-

ING LONG-TERM BENEFITS OF SOVEREIGNTY (200 MILE LIMITS,

RESOURCE EXPLOITATION IN THE ANTARCTIC, AND SO FORTH):

A. COLONIAL ANTECEDENTS (SPANISH ROYAL DECREES CONCERNING

TERRITORIAL DELIMITATIONS); B. ARGENTINE-CHILEAN BORDERS (IN

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1833 NEWLY INDEPENDENT CHILE CONSTITUTIONALLY ESTABLISHED ITS EAST-WEST BORDERS WITH ARGENTINA AS THE ANDEAN RANGE AND THE PACIFIC OCEANO; C. PRE-INDEPENDENCE TERRITORIAL SOVEREIGNTY CLAIMS WERE CARRIED OVER FOLLOWING ARGENTINE INDEPENDENCE MOVEMENTS; D. CHILEAN ADVANCES FOLLOWED ARGENTINE INDEPENDENCE (CHILE, ^IDISAPPOINTED WITH THE GEOGRAPHICAL LIMITATIONS OF ITS NATIONAL TERRITORY, BEGAN "EXPANSIONIST" CAMPAIGN IN ARGENTINE PATAGONIA; IN 1843, CHILE TOOK "SURPRISING AND SURREPTITIOUS" CONTROL OF PRESENT DAY PUNTO ARENAS; IN 1856, BOTH NATIONS REAFFIRMED VALIDITY OF PRE-INDEPENDENCE TERRITORIAL DELIMITATIONS); E. ARGENTINE-CHILE TREATY OF 1881 DELINEATED TERRITORIAL SOVEREIGNTY ("...BUT ARGENTINA WAS UNSUCCESSFUL AT CURBING EXPANSIONIST PUSHES BY THE CHILEANS..."); F. PRINCIPLE OF OCEANIC DIVISION ACCORDING TO 1881 TREATY (PROTOCOL OF 1893, AND 1902 TREATIES (BI-OCEANIC ATLANTIC-PACIFIC PRINCIPLE)); G. CHILEAN THESIS (EXTRACTED FROM ART 3 OF TRATY OF 1881 ("...AND ALL THE ISLANDS SOUTH OF THE BEAGLE CHANNEL TO THE CAPE HORN, AND THOSE TO THE WEST OF TIERRA DEL FUEGO, BELONG TO CHILE.")); ARGENTINE REFUTATION: (SAME TREATY GIVES ARGENTINA "REMAINING ISLANDS TO THE EAST OF TIERRA DEL FUEGO."); I. ARBITRATION AWARD (GREAT BRITAIN'S CONCESSION OF THE 3 ISLANDS TO CHILE; "NUMEROUS ERRORS" CONTAINED IN THE DATA WITH WHICH THE BRITISH MADE THE CONCESSION TO CHILE); J. ARGENTINE GOVERNMENT REACTION (ARGENTINA REJECTS AND WILL CONTINUE TO REJECT BRITISH DECISION); K. PRESENT SITUATION (NEGOTIATIONS CONTINUE; ARGENTINE COMMITMENT TO FINDING A PEACEFUL SOLUTION TO THE DISPUTE).

2. ~~(C/NOFORN)~~ PAGES 9 AND 10 OF ENCL 1 PRESENT MAPS OF TERRITORIAL INFRINGEMENTS SUFFERED BY ARGENTINA, ALONG WITH A GEO-HISTORIC MAP OF CHILEAN EXPANSIONIST PUSHES.

COMMENT: ~~(C/NOFORN)~~ THE MATERIAL IS, FOR THE MOST PART, A ONE-DIMENSIONAL PERSPECTIVE OF THE BEAGLE CHANNEL DISPUTE, COMPLETE WITH GRAPHIC REINFORCEMENTS. (b)(1);1.4 (c)

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2. ~~(C/NOFORN)~~ THE INCULTURATION OF ARGENTINA'S VIEW ON THIS ISSUE IS PARALLELED BY OTHER SIMILAR MATERIAL (NOT (b)(1);1.4 (c) ON THE MALVINAS ISLANDS IN DISPUTE WITH GREAT BRITAIN, AND FRONTIER INCURSIONS BY BRAZIL. THE EMPHASIS OF THE GOA, NATIONAL POINT OF VIEW THROUGHOUT THE FORMATIVE YEARS WILL BE REINFORCED BY THE EDUCATION TECHNIQUE FAVORED IN THE COUNTRY; MUCH REPETITION OF "FACTS" IS STRESSED AND ALTERNATIVE POINTS OF VIEW ARE NOT ENCOURAGED.

3. ~~(C/NOFORN)~~ INITIAL INSTRUCTION FOR THE TEACHING STAFFS AT TWO PRIVATE SCHOOLS IN THE BUENOS AIRES AREA ATTENDED BY AMERICAN DEPENDENTS WAS PROVIDED BY ARGENTINE ARMY WAR COLLEGE STUDENTS (b)(1);1.4 (c)

4. ~~(C/NOFORN)~~ IT SEEMS QUITE LIKELY THAT THOSE WHO COME

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IN CONTACT WITH ARGENTINES WHO HAVE BEEN PROVIDED YEARS
OF EXPOSURE TO GEO-POLITICS WILL FIND THEM VERY WELL IN ^{VERSED}
THE HISTORY OF TERRITORIAL DISPUTES AND NATIONAL INTERESTS.

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