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15. DIRC: ~~(S, NOFORN)~~ TO AVOID EMBARRASSMENT TO HOST GOVT

16. SUMMARY: (U) THIS IR FORWARDS OBSERVATIONS ON THE  
TERRORIST THREAT IN SAN LUIS AND MENDOZA PROVINCES.

22. DETAILS: 1. ~~(S)~~ DURING A RECENT TRIP THROUGH  
MENDOZA AND SAN LUIS PROVINCES, [ ] THE

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OPPORTUNITY TO TALK TO A NUMBER OF MILITARY OFFICERS  
AND OBTAIN THEIR IMPRESSIONS OF THE TERRORIST  
SITUATION IN THOSE AREAS. ALL WERE IN AGREEMENT THAT  
CONDITIONS WERE MUCH IMPROVED AND THE SUBVERSIVE  
THREAT HAD DIMINISHED CONSIDERABLY.

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2. ~~(S, NOFORN)~~ [ ] SPOKE AT LENGTH TO BG JUAN SAA,  
THE COMMANDER OF THE VIO MOUNTAIN INFANTRY BRIGADE,  
REGARDING TERRORISM AND UPCOMING WORLD SOCCER  
CHAMPIONSHIP. THE GENERAL BOASTED THAT THERE  
WOULD BE NO TERRORIST PROBLEM IN MENDOZA AND HIS  
FORCES HAD CONTINGENCY PLANS TO COVER VERY  
EVENTUALITY. HE ADDED THAT THE SUBVERSIVES,  
PRACTICALLY, HAVE BEEN ELIMINATED, ALTHOUGH HE  
ACKNOWLEDGED THAT A FEW MIGHT BE WANDERING  
IN THE HILLS. THE SECURITY ATMOSPHERE IN  
MENDOZA CONFIRMED THE GENERALS COMMENTS  
AS MILITARY PERSONNEL WERE SEEN WASLKG THROUGH THE  
STREETS IN UNIFORM; A SIGHT THAT WAS EXTREMELY  
RARE DURING THE HEIGHT OF THE TERRORIST  
CAMPAIGN. [Sec. 3.3(b)(1)] CONCLUDED THAT THE ONLY  
PEOPLE WITH A SECURITY PROBLEM IN MENDOZA AND THE  
OTHER PROVINCES FOR WHICH IS RESPONSIBLE ARE THE  
SUBVERSIVES. HE CAUTIONED THAT IN SPITE OF  
THE IMPROVED SITUATION THE MILITARY WOULD MAINTAIN  
ITS VIGILANCE AND ONCINTUE TO KEEP PRESSURE ON  
THE EXTREMISTS ON ALL FRONTS.

3. ~~(S, NOFORN)~~ ANOTHER SOURCE WHO IS A HIGH RANKING  
[ (b)(3) 10 U.S.C. 424; Sec. 3.3(b)(1) ] THAT SAN LUIS PROVINCE  
IS ONE OF THE MOST PEACEFUL IN ARGENTINA AND A  
PLEASANT PLACE TO LIVE. HE COMMENTED THAT  
SUBVERSION HAS BEEN ELIMINATED AND CITIZENS  
ARE LEADING QUIET AND PRODUCTIVE LIVES. THE  
OFFICER WAS VERY SATISFIED WITH THE ACHIEVEMENTS  
OF THE MILITARY IN THE LAST TWO YEARS AND REMARKED  
THAT THE ARMED FORCES SAVED ARGENTINA FROM IMPENDING  
DISASTER.

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COMMENT: ~~(S)~~ ALL SOURCES WERE EXTREMELY OPTIMISTIC ABOUT THE SUBVERSIVE SITUATION IN ARGENTINA, YET ALL CAVEATED THEIR REMARKS WITH THE COMMENT THAT THE STRUGGLE HAS NOT YET ENDED. IT APPEARED TO

[REDACTED] OBSERVATIONS ON THE TERRORISTS THREAT WERE OVERLY OPTIMISTIC, ESPECIALLY ON THE EVE OF THE WORLD CUP COMPETITION AND CONSIDERING THE SECURITY PROBLEMS WHICH COULD ARISE IF INTERNATIONAL TERRORISTS INTERVENE. OTHERS IN THE GOVERNMENT DO NOT SHARE HIS CONFIDENCE AND ANTICIPATE INCREASED TERRORIST ACTIVITY DURING THE SOCCER GAMES. NEVERTHELESS, IT IS INTERESTING TO NOTE THAT MILITARY PERSONNEL OUTSIDE THE FEDERAL CAPITAL PERCEIVE A DIMINISHED THREAT AND BELIEVE THAT THEY CAN CONTROL THE SITUATION.

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