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16. SUMMARY: (U) THIS IR FORWARDS INFORMATION ON AN ARMY  
STAFF BRIEFING ON TERRORISM IN ARGENTINA.

22. DETAILS: 1. ~~(S/NOFORN)~~ BETWEEN 20-22 APRIL, THE ARGENTINE  
ARMY HOSTED A CONFERENCE FOR CORPS DEPUTY COMMANDERS, BRIGADE  
COMMANDERS, AND THE G-2S/G-3S OF THE CORPS AND BRIGADES. THE  
PURPOSE OF THE MEETING WAS TO EXCHANGE VIEWS ON THE ANTI-SUB-  
VERSIVE CAMPAIGN. FOURTEEN GENERALS, TWENTY-FIVE COLONELS AND  
TEN LIEUTENANT COLONELS WERE IN ATTENDANCE. THE DEPUTY CHIEF  
OF STAFF OF THE ARMY, BG MONTES, WAS RESPONSIBLE FOR THE CON-  
FERENCE WHICH INCLUDED PRESENTATIONS BY THE G-1, BG WARCK-  
MEISTER, THE G-2, BG VALIN, THE G-3, BG NICOLAIDES, THE G-4,  
BG GALLINO, THE G-5, COL WEHNER, AND SEVERAL OTHER SPECIAL STAFF  
OFFICERS. MILITARY INSTITUTES WERE REPRESENTED AT THE CON-  
FERENCE BY THE DEPUTY COMMANDER, BG BUSSI. THE ARMY STAFF AND  
COMMANDERS PREVIEWED A 35 MINUTE DOCUMENTARY FILM ON SUB-  
VERSION ENTITLED "GANAMOS LA PAZ." THE FILM, WHICH COVERS  
THE HISTORY OF SUBVERSION IN ARGENTINA, WAS CRITIQUED BY THE  
GROUP. REQUIRED CHANGES WILL BE INCORPORATED PRIOR TO  
NATIONWIDE DISSEMINATION LATER THIS YEAR.

2. ~~(S/NOFORN)~~ THE ARMY G-2 AND HIS STAFF PROVIDED THE  
PRINCIPAL BRIEFING WHICH WAS A CURRENT ASSESSMENT OF THE  
TERRORIST SITUATION IN ARGENTINA. ACCORDING TO THE INTEL-  
LIGENCE OFFICERS BETWEEN 70 AND 98 PERCENT (DEPENDING ON THE  
GROUP AND AREA OF OPERATION) OF THE TERRORISTS HAVE  
BEEN DESTROYED. THE ERP IS ALMOST A NON-ENTITY, ALTHOUGH  
IT STILL HAS A FEW EFFECTIVES. TWO OTHER TERRORIST OR-  
GANIZATIONS, "PARTIDO COMUNISTA LENINISTA ARGENTINA"  
(OCLA) AND THE "ORGANIZACION COMUNISTA DE PARTIDO OBRERO"  
(OCPO) ARE STILL ACTIVE, BUT HAVE VERY LIMITED CAPABILITY.  
THE BIGGEST THREAT CONTINUES TO BE THE MONTONEROS. AL-  
THOUGH THE MONTONERO CAPABILITY HAS BEEN REDUCED CON-  
SIDERABLY IN RECENT MONTHS, THE ARMY STILL BELIEVES THAT  
IT HAS THE CAPABILITY TO CARRY OUT BOMBINGS, ASSASSINATIONS  
AND ATTACKS ON SOFT TARGETS. THE G-2 CONCLUDED HIS PRESEN-  
TATION BY INFORMING THE GROUP THAT THE ARMY RECENTLY UN-  
COVERED A TERRORIST MUNITIONS FACTORY IN TIGRE, A SUBURB  
OF BUENOS AIRES. THE SUBVERSIVES WERE MAKING BOMBS USING  
BABY BOTTLES, AND ALSO A BOMB DETONATED BY A WASHING  
MACHINE TIMING DEVICE. THEY ALSO HAD PRODUCED 1,000

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KILOS OF PLASTIQUE EXPLOSIVE, 200 KILOS OF WHICH WERE CAPTURED. DOCUMENTS REVEALED 600 KILOS HAD BEEN SHIPPED TO BRAZIL AND ANOTHER 200 KILOS REMAIN MISSING. COMMENT: (C) THE ARMY PERIODICALLY HOLDS CONFERENCES OF THIS TYPE FOR ITS GENERAL OFFICERS, BUT THIS IS THE FIRST REPORT OF ONE BEING HELD FOR ALL BRIGADE COMMANDERS AND THEIR G-2/G-3 STAFF OFFICERS. FROM THE TONE OF THE CONFERENCE IT APPEARS THAT THE ARMY FEELS IT IS IN CONTROL OF THE TERRORIST SITUATION. NONETHELESS, THE HIGH COMMAND CONTINUES TO PERCEIVE A THREAT AND WILL NOT ALLOW THE ARMY TO LOWER ITS GUARD. THIS MESSAGE COORD W/AMEMBASSY. ~~606 DEC 84~~.

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