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16. (C/NOFORN) SUMMARY: THIS REPORT FORWARDS INFORMATION ON THE CHILEAN VIEW OF THE BEAGLE CHANNEL (b)(1);1.4 (c) INTENTIONS OF THE ARGENTINE ARMED FORCES AND PRESENTS CHILEAN CONCERNS ON THE POLITICAL STRUGGLE AND POWER STRUCTURE OF THE ARGENTINE GOVERNMENT DURING THE PRESENT CRISIS

2. (C/NOFORN) DETAILS: (b)(1);1.4 (c)

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CALLED

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IN THE EARLY MORNING OF 781215 AND REQUESTED (b)(1);1.4 (c) TO MEET (b)(1);1.4 (c)

WITH HIM AT THE (b)(1);1.4 (c) ON A MATTER OF HIGH CONCERN TO

THE CHILEANS AND, (b)(1);1.4 (c) IS A CAUSE FOR GREAT

WORRY TO (b)(1);1.4 (c) AFTER CUSTOMARY OFFER OF "UN CAPECITO"

(A CUP OF COFFEE), (b)(1);1.4 (c) ON THE REASON FOR HAVING

SO URGENTLY CALLED (b)(1);1.4 (c) IS WORRIED

GENERAL ORLANDO AGOSTI (ARGENTINE AIR FORCE CINC) WOULD NOT

BE ATTENDING GRADUATION CEREMONY AT ARGAF ACADEMY IN CORDOBA ON

781216 AND THAT EVEN BRIGADIER MAHOR OSSES (CHIEF OF AIR

OPERATIONS), WHOSE SON IS IN GRADUATING CLASS, WOULD NOT BE

ATTENDING. IN FACT, (b)(1);1.4 (c) NONE OF THE BUENOS AIRES BASED

AIR FORCE LEADERS WOULD GO TO CORDOBA THIS WEEKEND LEAVING

ARGAF ACADEMY COMMANDING OFFICER BRIGADIER GONZALEZ TO

PRESIDE OVER THE CEREMONY. THAT ARGENTINE ARMY CINC VIDLAS

TRAVEL TO NEUQUEN TO INSPECT THE III INFANTRY MOUNTAIN BRIGADE

(SCHEDULED FOR 781215-781216) HAD ALSO BEEN POSTPONED. (b)(1);1.4 (c)

FEARED (b)(1);1.4 (c) FOR INTERNAL

SITUATION IN ARGENTINA. HE CONTINUED SAYING POSTPONEMENT OF

VIOLA'S TRAVEL TO III INFANTRY BRIGADE WAS PROBABLY FOR DANGER

HE (VIOLA) MIGHT BE DETAINED BY MILITARY AUTHORITIES THERE.

(b)(1);1.4 (c) SEEMED CONVINCED GENERAL MENENDEZ, ARGENTINE ARMY

III CORPS COMMANDER, IS FEARED BY GOA AS HE IS IN THE PROCESS

OF TAKING INITIATIVE TO DEPOSE PRESIDENT VIDELA. GENERAL MEN-

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ENDEZ IS VIEWED BY CHILEAN OFFICIALS HERE AS A MILITARY OFFICER  
WHO HAS OCCUPIED EVERY POSITION OF SIGNIFICANCE IN ARGENTINA  
WITH THE EXCEPTION OF ARMY COMMANDER OR PRESIDENCY

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ARENAS. A SECOND GOA BRIGADE IS AT VOLMACEDA - COMINCYQUE -  
PUNTA EICEN AXIS, WITH A THIRD FORCE THREATENING CHILEAN  
PORT OF PUERTO NATALE.

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