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1. (U) CTRY: ARGENTINA (AR)
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6. 6. (U) SOURCE: [REDACTED]

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7. ~~(INF)~~ SUMMARY: [REDACTED]

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SOURCE INDICATED THAT ARGENTINA DID

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NOT INTEND TO GO THROUGH ANOTHER "DIRTY WAR" AGAINST TERRORISTS, THAT ARGENTINA HAS ACQUIESCED SIGNIFICANTLY TO THE U.S. WITH REGARDS TO THE HUMAN RIGHTS QUESTION AND WILL GO NO FURTHER, AND THAT ARGENTINA'S AIR FORCE WOULD LIKE TO BUY THE F-5J FIGHTER ACFT FROM THE U.S.

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8A. ~~(C/NF)~~ DETAILS: (1) ~~(C/NF)~~

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SOURCE REPLIED THAT HE WAS VERY HAPPY TO MEET MR RUSER AND TO HAVE HAD THE OPPORTUNITY TO EXCHANGE IDEAS CONCERNING US-ARGENTINE RELATIONS. CONCERNING MR RUSER, SOURCE ADDED, "I LIKE HIM VERY MUCH. HE IS VERY STRAIGHT FORWARD. HE PUTS HIS CARDS ON THE TABLE."

(2) ~~(C/NF)~~ [Sec. 3.3(b) (1)] WHAT HE THOUGHT OF MR RUSER'S RECOMMENDATION THAT THE GOVT OF ARGENTINA (GOA) OPENLY ACCOUNT FOR ITS DISAPPEARED PERSONS, PODER EJECTIVE NACIONAL (PEN) PRISONERS, ETC., BY MEANS OF A LEGALLY ACCOUNTABLE SYSTEM OF JUSTICE - AN OPEN MILITARY TRIBUNAL, FOR EXAMPLE. SOURCE QUICKLY REPLIED THAT MR RUSER IS NEW HERE AND THAT IT WILL TAKE A LITTLE TIME FOR HIM TO LEARN ABOUT THE "DIRTY WAR" AND UNDERSTAND FULL THE SENTIMENT OF THE ARGENTINE PEOPLE AND THE POLICIES OF THE GOA CONCERNING THE "DIRTY WAR" AGAINST THE TERRORISTS AND ARGENTINA'S DETERMINATION OT TO GO THROUGH A SIMILAR URDEAL IN THE FUTURE. SOURCE ADDED THAT IF MR RUSER EXPECTS THE GOA TO DO WHAT WASHINGTON TELLS IT TO DO HE IS PURSUING A LOST CAUSE.

(3) ~~(C/NF)~~ :9, :34, 8, & #7.-, 48845 , SOURCE CONTINUED, OVER THE PAST COUPLE OF YEARS ARGENTINA HAS COMPLIED TO A GREAT EXTENT WITH THE DEMANDS OF THE US AND, IN SO DOING, HAS IMPROVED THE SITUATION SIGNIFICANTLY, AS STATISTICS CLEARLY SHOW. HOWEVER, IT IS OBVIOUS THAT WASHINGTON DOES NOT INTEND TO MEET ARGENTINA HALF-WAY AND DOES NOT INTEND TO GIVE ARGENTINA CREDIT FOR WHAT HAS BEEN ACCOMPLISHED TO IMPROVE THE HUMAN RIGHTS SITUATION. INSTEAD, THE US CONTINUES TO ATTACK ARGENTINA. IT SHOULD BE CLEAR TO WASHINGTON BY NOW, SOURCE EMPHASIZED, THAT THE GOA IS NOT GOING TO ACQUIESCE FURTHER TO THE DEMANDS OF WASHINGTON UNTIL THE US DEMONSTRATES SOME SIGN OF WILLINGNESS TO MEET ARGENTINA HALF-WAY, AND FIVE THE GOA CREDIT FOR WHAT HAS BEEN ACCOMPLISHED OVER THE PAST TWO YEARS.

(4) ~~(C/NF)~~ CONCERNING NUCLEAR MATTERS, SOURCE ADDED THAT THE US REFUSES TO HELP ARGENTIAN DEVELOP NUCLEAR POWER FOR PEACEFUL PURPOSES. THE US ARGUES THAT THEY CANNOT EXCHANGE NUCLEAR INFOR-

MATION WITH ARGENTINA BECAUSE ARGENTINA WOULD BUILD A WEAPON. THIS IS NONSENSE, SOURCE STRESSED. ARGENTINA HAS HAD THE CAPABILITY - KNOWLEDGE AND RESOURCES - TO BUILD A BOMB FOR YEARS, BUT HAS NOT DONE SO. WHY SHOULD THE US BELIEVE THAT ARGENTIA WOULD USE NEW TECHNOLOGY GAINED IN AN EXCHANGE WITH THE US FOR OTHER THAN PEACEFUL PURPOSES?

(5) ~~(C/NF)~~ ADDITIONALLY, SOURCE CONTINUED, IT IS A PITY THAT THE GOOD RELATIONS BETWEEN THE MILITARY SERVICES OF THE TWO COUNTRIES HAVE BEEN STRAINED BECAUSE OF THE US POLICIES RESULTING FROM PRESIDENT CARTER'S ATTEMPT TO USE THE HUMAN RIGHTS ISSUE TO PROMOTE HIS PERSONAL POLITICAL AMBITIONS. BOTH ARGENTINA AND THE US HAVE LOST A GREAT DEAL BECAUSE OF THE USE OF MILITARY SANCTIONS TO ACHIEVE PERSONAL POLITICAL AMBITIONS.

Sec. 3.3(b) (1);Sec. 3.3(b) (6)

(6) ~~(C/NF)~~ NOW THE AAF IS IN THE MARKET TO REPLACE ITS AGING FLEET OF A-4 FIGHTER ACFT AND WOULD LIKE TO BUY THE NORTHRUP F-5J FROM THE US. THIS MAJOR ACFT PURCHASE WOULD SAVE ARGENTINA A GREAT DEAL OF MONEY AND THE AAF WOULD RECEIVE A HIGHLY DESIREABLE PRODUCT. MOREOVER, THE US WOULD MAKE A SIZEABLE AMOUNT OF MONEY ON THE DEAL. HOWEVER, SOURCE CONCLUDED, "I FEAR CARTER WILL BE RE-ELECTED AND THE FRICTION BETWEEN OUR COUNTRIES WILL CONTINUE."

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