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SUBJ: THIS IS IR (b)(3):10 USC 424

1. ARGENTINA (AR)

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3. (U) OTHER - ARGENTINE AIR FORCE REACTION TO MILGP REDUCTION

4. N/A

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7. 770606, BUENOS AIRES, ARGENTINA

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13. (b)(3):10 USC 424

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15. DIRC: NO; ~~NOFORN TO AVOID EMBARRASSMENT TO HOST GOVT.~~

16 SUMMARY: ~~(C/NOFORN)~~ ARGENTINE AIR FORCE (ARGAF) IS AWARE OF THE POSSIBILITY THAT THE NUMBER OF USMILGP PERSONNEL MAY BE DRASTICALLY REDUCED IN THE NEAR FUTURE, DESPITE GOVERNMENT-TO-GOVERNMENT AGREEMENTS TO PROVIDE ADVISORS. ARGAF WANTS WHATEVER ADVISORY PERSONNEL REMAINING TO RETAIN THEIR OFFICES IN THE HQ BUILDING.

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22. DETAILS: 1. ~~(C/NOFORN)~~

HE ASKED ~~—~~ WHAT WILL HAPPEN IF AND WHEN CONGRESSIONAL PLANS TO REDUCE THE MILGP IN ARGENTINA BECOME EFFECTIVE. HE ALSO ASKED IF THE CONGRESSIONAL ACTION WAS A RESULT OF HUMAN RIGHTS PROBLEMS BETWEEN THE TWO GOVERNMENTS. ~~—~~ REVIEWED THE LEGISLATIVE HISTORY OF REDUCTIONS IN US MILITARY ADVISORY CAPABILITY THROUGHOUT THE WORLD, AND NOTED THAT THE USG CONCERN FOR HUMAN RIGHTS IN ARGENTINA MADE DEFENSE OF PRESENT USMILGP MANNING LEVELS IN ARGENTINA MORE DIFFICULT. SOURCE REPLIED BY STATING THAT IN HIS JUDGEMENT THE BILATERAL PROBLEM OVER HUMAN RIGHTS WOULD SOON BE OVERCOME BECAUSE THE SUBVERSIVE PROBLEM SOON WOULD BE SOLVED.

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2. ~~(C/NOFORN)~~ SOURCE THEN NOTED THAT THE AIR FORCE MISSION (AFSEC) IS IN ARGENTINA AS THE RESULT OF A GOVERNMENT-TO-GOVERNMENT AGREEMENT AND THAT THE GOA DOES NOT OFFICIALLY RECOGNIZE THE EXISTENCE OF THE USMILGP, WHICH HE CALLED A UNILATERAL USG "INVENTION". HE SAID THAT ARGAF IS CONCERNED THAT THE FORTHCOMING REDUCTIONS WILL MEAN ABSORPTION OF THE MISSION INTO THE MILGP. SOURCE EMPHASIZED THE ARGAF IS VERY SATISFIED WITH ADVISORY PERFORMANCE OF THE "MISSION" AND WANTS TO KEEP WHATEVER IS LEFT IN THE CONDOR (ARGAF HQ BUILDING), WHERE THEY ARE READILY AVAILABLE. HE FURTHER STATED HE WOULD LOSE THIS ADVISORY SERVICE IF THE MILGP ABSORBS THE MISSION, BECAUSE THE MILGP "JUST DOES PAPER WORK".

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