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

1. COUNTRY: ARGENTINA (AR) CHILE (CI)

2. REPORT NUMBER: (b)(3):10 USC 424

3. TITLE: (U) POLITICAL AND SOCIOLOGICAL-ARGENTINE
VIEWS ON BEAGLE CHANNEL DISPUTE

4. PROJECT NUMBER: NA

5. DATE OF INFORMATION: 781021-781027

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8. REFERENCES: (b)(3):10 USC 424 CONTINUES

9. ASSESSMENT: (b)(3):10 USC 424

10. ORIGINATOR:

11. REQUEST EVALUATION: OMIT

12. PREPARING OFFICER: (b)(3):10 USC 424

13. APPROVING AUTHORITY

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15. SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS: OIRC-NO

18. SUMMARY: (C) (b)(1);1.4 (c) HAS

(b)(1);1.4 (c) THAT NEGOTIATIONS BETWEEN ARGENTINA AND CHILE HAVE PROGRESSED WELL IN THE AREA OF ECONOMIC COOPERATION. HE FORESEES A MEETING BETWEEN THE PRESIDENTS OF THE TWO NATIONS TO SIGN A PROTOCOL, DURING THE FIRST HALF OF NOVEMBER.

22. DETAILS: 1. (C) (b)(1);1.4 (c) RECENTLY ASSUMED DUTIES OF

(b)(1);1.4 (c) DURING A VISIT TO (b)(1);1.4 (c) HOW THE DISPUTE BETWEEN ARGENTINE AND CHILE COULD BE RESOLVED, GIVEN THE COMPLETENESS OF MILITARY PREPARATIONS AND NUMEROUS ISSUES REMAINING UNRESOLVED. (b)(1);1.4 (c) THE RECENT PUBLIC STATE-

MENTS MADE BY THE CHILEAN AMBASSADOR TO ARGENTINA, JARPA REYES, WHO TERMED CHILEAN ACCESS TO THE ATLANTIC A NECESSITY (SEE FBIS ASUNCION, PARAGUAY 781021).

(b)(1);Sec. 1.4(c) STATED THAT THIS WOULD NOT BE POSSIBLE, AND

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FOR ECONOMIC COOPERATION HAD BEEN ACHIEVED, AND THE WORK OF THE BEALE NEGOTIATING COMMISSION WOULD END ON 781122. A PROTOCOL WOULD BE SIGNED BY PRESIDENTS VIDELA AND PENOCHEZ APPROXIMATELY 18 DAYS LATER, ACCORDING TO (b)(1);1.4 (c) FURTHER, (b)(1);1.4 (c) STATED THAT THE ARGENTINE MILITARY READINESS POSTURE WOULD BE MAINTAINED UNTIL THE MEETING OF THE TWO PRESIDENTS TOOK PLACE.

2. (U) ECONOMIC COOPERATION MAY TAKE THE FORM OF A CUSTOMS-FREE "LAND BRIDGE"--DESCRIBED (b)(3):10 USC 424 ON 781021 WHO, UNTIL MARCH OF 1976, WAS PRESIDENT

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CHILE AND ARGENTINA HAVE ESTABLISHED DUTY-FREE TRANSIT FOR PRODUCTS NOT COMPETITIVELY MARKETING BY BOTH NATIONS. THE ECONOMIC VIABILITY OF THIS ARRANGEMENT HAS NOT BEEN

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REALIZED UP TO THE PRESENT TIME.

COMMENT: (c) THE NEW (b)(1);1.4 (c) SEEMED
CONFIDENT THAT THE CURRENT SITUATION WOULD NOT DEVELOP INTO
A CONFLICT. HE DID NOT DISCUSS THE ISSUE OF TERRITORIAL
WATERS, NOR CONTROL OF SEABED RESOURCES--BEYOND A PASSING
REFERENCE TO THE MALVINAS DISPUTE AND DUBIOUS IMPARTIALITY,
IN COURT, ON THE PART OF UNITED KINGDOM JUDGES IN
RESOLVING THE BEAGLE CHANNEL DISPUTE.

8. ECONOMIC SANCTIONS HAVE BEEN APPLIED AGAINST CHILE
BY ARGENTINA DURING THE COURSE OF NEGOTIATIONS--
PASSAGE OF BRAZILIAN TRUCKS (DESTINED FOR CHILE) HAD BEEN
HALTED AT ONE POINT, BUT WERE SUBSEQUENTLY ALLOWED
TO PASS THROUGH ARGENTINA. WHETHER OR NOT ECONOMIC
COOPERATION AGREEMENTS--SUCH AS THE POSSIBILITY OF A
MUTUALLY-ADVANTAGEOUS "LAND BRIDGE"--CAN HAVE THE
DERIVED EFFECT OF REDUCING TENSIONS BETWEEN THE TWO
NATIONS IS UNCERTAIN AT THIS TIME.

THIS MSG AMEMBASSY COORDINATED. 808-84.

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