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14. SOURCE: MEDIA = "LA NACION" 780626
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16. SUMMARY: (U) A CRIMINAL COURT IN CORDOBA WILL TRY FIVE FORMER POLICEMEN IN CONNECTION WITH THE DEATH OF A COUPLE. AND IF CONVICTED, THE FIVE COULD RECEIVE THE DEATH PENALTY.

22. DETAILS: 1. (U) "LA NACTION" REPORTS THAT THE FIVE POLICEMEN WILL BE TRIED FOR THE DEATHS OF A CORDBOA COUPLE, SHOT IN A 1976 INCIDENT IN WHICH THEY WERE ACCUSED OF EXPOSING ONE OF THE POLICEMEN IN THE THEFT OF A CAR FOR WHICH THE POLICEMAN WAS DETAINED.
2. (U) ACCORDING TO THE TEXT, IF THE POLICEMEN ARE FOUND GUILTY, THEY COULD RECEIVE THE DEATH

PENALTY.

COMMENT: (C/NOFORM) PUBLICATION OF THE FORTHCOMING TRIAL MAY BE TANGILBLE EVIDENCE THAT THE ARGENTINE GOVERNMENT'S CONCERN FOR ELIMINATING THE ABUSE OF AUTHORITY IS BEING DEMONSTRATED EVEN ON THE PROVINCIAL LEVEL.

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