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

1. COUNTRY: ARGENTINA (AR)/CHILE (C1)

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

3. TITLE: (U) POLITICAL MILITARY - BEAGLE CHANNEL
DISPUTE

4. PROJECT NUMBER: N/A

5. DATE OF INFORMATION: 780209

6. DATE OF REPORT: 780221

7. DATE AND PLACE OF ACQUISITION: 780209, SANTIAGO

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

9. ASSESSMENT

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

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16. SUMMARY: (U) THIS IR FORWARD SOME OBSERVATIONS BY A
(b)(3):10 USC 424 ON THE BEAGLE CHANNEL DISPUTE.

22. DETAILS: (~~C/NOFORN~~) ON 9 FEB 78, WHILE ON LEAVE IN
SANTIAGO, CHILE, DINED WITH THE (b)(1);1.4 (c)

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(b)(1);1.4 (c) HAD
RECENTLY RETURNED TO CHILE ON THE INSISTENCE OF GENERAL
PINOCHEZ TO ASSUME THE (b)(1);1.4 (c) IN THE.

(b)(1);1.4 (c) ADVISED THAT HE ENJOYS HIS NEW
JOB EVEN THOUGH HE HAS BEEN IN IT FOR ONLY A SHORT WHILE.

(b)(1);1.4 (c)

2. (~~C/NOFORN~~) (b)(1);1.4 (c) WHAT THE CURRENT
SITUATION WAS IN ARGENTINA VIS-A-VIS THE BEAGLE CHANNEL.
MENTIONED THAT THERE HAD BEEN LITTLE CHANGE SINCE
DEPARTED AND THE ARGENTINE VIEW OF THE PROBLEM REMAINS
UNCHANGED. (b)(1);1.4 (c) WAS CERTAIN THAT THE ISSUE
WOULD BE RESOLVED PEACEFULLY AND NO CLASH WOULD TAKE PLACE
BETWEEN THE TWO NATIONS. CAUTIONED HOWEVER, THAT A
SOLUTION TO THE BEAGLE PROBLEM WOULD NOT COME EASY AND HE
EXPECTS NEGOTIATIONS TO LINGER ON FOR MONTHS. DID
NOT VIEW THE ARGENTINE POSITION AS TOO UNREASONABLE BUT
ADMITTED THAT IT WOULD BE ALMOST IMPOSSIBLE TO SELL TO THE
CHILEAN PUBLIC. (b)(1);1.4 (c) THAT A COMPROMISE WOULD BE
FOUND REGARDING THE TERRITORIAL SEA ISSUE AND 12 MILES
WOULD LIKELY BE THE LIMIT SETTLED ON BY THE NEGOTIATORS.

(b)(1);Sec. 1.4(c)

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3. (~~C/NOFORN~~) (b)(1);1.4 (c) INSISTED THAT CHILE HAS
NO HOSTILE INTENTIONS REGARDING ARGENTINA. CLAIMS THAT NO
TROOPS HAVE BEEN REDEPLOYED AND THE FLEET WAS STILL IN
THE HARBOR. THERE WAS LITTLE DOUBT IN HIS MIND THAT THE
ARGENTINE ARMY ALSO WANTED TO AVOID A CLASH, BUT DID
NOT SHARE THE SAME OPINION OF THE (b)(1);1.4 (c)

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(b)(1);1.4 (c) WAS DANGEROUS AND THAT HIS

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POLITICAL ASPIRATIONS COULD GET IN THE WAY OF HIS GOOD JUDGMENT. (b)(1);1.4 (c) THAT THE ARGENTINE NAVY CINC WAS PERFECTLY CAPABLE OF TRIGGERING A CONFRONTATION, WITH OR WITHOUT THE SUPPORT OF THE JUNTA. (b)(1);1.4 (c) ADDED THAT THE CHILEAN NAVY COMMANDER IS NOT MUCH BETTER WHICH MAKES MATTERS WORSE.

(b)(1);Sec. 1.4(c)

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