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15. SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS: ~~DIRE: NO NOFORN TO AVOID EMBARRASSMENT TO HOST GOVT~~

16. SUMMARY: ~~(C/NOFORN)~~ [REDACTED]

A CHANGE IN GOA PROCEDURES FOR CAPTURE AND DETENTION OF SUBVERSIVE SUSPECTS. A RETURN TO NORMAL LEGAL PROCEDURES IS FORCAST.

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2. ~~(C/NOFORN)~~ SOURCE THEN TOLD [REDACTED] THAT THE CIRCUMSTANCES WITHIN THE COUNTRY HAD CHANGED SIGNIFICANTLY, AND THERE IS NO LONGER A NEED, OR A PRETEXT TO USE EXTRAORDINARY METHODS. SOURCE SAID THAT SECURITY FORCES WERE NOW UNDER INSTRUCTIONS AND RESTRICTIONS THAT IMPOSE ALMOST NORMAL LEGAL PROCESS ON THEIR OPERATION. SOURCE THEN STATED THAT IN HIS OPINION, THE RETURN TO NORMAL PROCEDURES COULD HAVE OCCURRED SEVERAL MONTHS AGO, BUT THAT NOT ALL PERSONNEL WITHIN THE MILITARY GOVERNMENT ARE WILLING TO ACCEPT THE FACTS OF THE PRESENT CIRCUMSTANCES, NOR ARE ALL MILITARY WILLING TO GIVE UP THE RELATIVE EASE WITH WHICH THEY COULD OPERATE IN THE PAST. SOURCE SAID THE RULE OF LAW MAY NOT RETURN COMPLETELY TO THE COUNTRY FOR SOME TIME, BECAUSE A TRANSITION PROCESS WAS NECESSARY TO CONVINCE THE HOLDOUTS THAT THE MILITARY GOVERNMENT IS CAPABLE OF CONTAINING THE SUBVERSIVE PROBLEM WITHIN THE CONFINES OF THE LAW. SOURCE EMPHASIZED, HOWEVER, THAT THE PROCESS OF RETURN TO NORMAL PROCEDURES HAD BEGUN. SOURCE ADDED, CONFIDENTIALLY, THAT THERE STILL MAY BE SPECIAL CASES AND OPERATION IN WHICH SPECIFIC SUBVERSIVE ELEMENTS WILL BE TARGETED FOR STRONG SECURITY FORCE ACTION. THESE CASES, ACCORDING TO SOURCE, WILL BE THE EXCEPTION RATHER THAN THE RULE, AND WILL TEND TO BE CASES WHERE THE SECURITY FORCES EXPECT TO HAVE AN ARMED CONFRONTATION WITH THE SUBVERSIVE ELEMENT.

3. ~~(C/NOFORN)~~ SOURCE DOES NOT REFLECT ANY CHANGE IN THE GOA ATTITUDE TOWARD SUBVERSIVES; THEY STILL MUST BE WEEDED OUT. IT DOES REFLECT A PERCEPTION BY THE MILITARY THAT THEY CAN HANDLE THE MAJORITY OF SUBVERSIVE SITUATIONS WITH TACTICS THAT ARE MORE NEARLY ALIGNED WITH THE ARGENTINE LEGAL PROCESS. SOURCE MADE THE OBSERVATION THAT THE

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ARGENTINE PUBLIC IS BEGINNING TO LOSE ITS TOLERANCE FOR THE ROUTINE APPLICATION OF EXTRAORDINARY TACTICS AGAINST THE SUBVERSIVES.

SOURCE FEELS THAT IN SPECIFIC CASES THE GOA

STILL HAS CARTE BLANCHE TO EMPLOY ANY TACTICS THAT PROVE TO BE SUCCESSFUL, BUT THE MISTAKES THAT HAVE OCCURRED IN THE RECENT PAST HAVE COST THE GOA SOME OF

ITS UNQUESTIONED PUBLIC APPROVAL FOR THE COUNTERSUBVERSIVE BATTLE. SOURCE SAID THAT HE PERSONALLY WOULD NOT LINK THE CHANGE IN PUBLIC OPINION TO THE GOA RETURN TO MORE NORMAL PROCEDURES AND TACTICS.

ACCORDING TO SOURCE, THE CHANGE IN GOA APPROACH AND THE CHANGE IN THE PUBLICS TOLERANCE OF EXTRAORDINARY SECURITY MEASURES ARE NOT CASUALLY RELATED. RATHER, THE GOA AND THE ARGENTINE PUBLIC HAVE BOTH REALIZED THAT CIRCUMSTANCES NO LONGER WARRANT ROUTINE USE OF THE EXTRAORDINARY METHODS.

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COMMENT: ~~(CONFIDENTIAL)~~ THIS WAS THE FIRST TIME THAT [] HAD DISCUSSED THE HUMAN RIGHTS ISSUE WITH SOURCE. [] IS NOT SURE HOW MUCH OF WHAT SOURCE IS REPORTING IS PERSONAL OPINION, AND HOW MUCH IN FACT REFLECTS THE OPINION OF THE ARGAF OR THE ENTIRE MILITARY ESTABLISHMENT. IT IS SIGNIFICANT, IN EITHER CASE, THAT AN OFFICER IN THE IMPORTANT AND INFLUENTIAL POSITION THAT SOURCE HOLDS IS WILLING TO ARTICULATE THESE THOUGHTS. [] FEELS THAT IT IS ALSO IMPORTANT THAT AT LEAST SOME OF THE MILITARY GOVERNMENT PERCEIVE A CHANGE IN THE ARGENTINES PUBLICS WILLINGNESS TO TOLERATE ROUTINE USE OF EXTRA LEGAL MEANS TO FIGHT THEIR BATTLE AGAINST SUBVERSION. THIS MSG COORD W/AMEMBASSY. ~~688 DEC 84~~

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