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

1. COUNTRY: ARGENTINA (AR)

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

3. TITLE: (U) SECURITY-EXPLOSION KILLS DAUGHTER OF
NAVY CHIEF OF STAFF (U)

4. PROJECT NUMBER: N/A

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5. DATE OF INFORMATION: 780801, 780802

6. DATE OF REPORT: 780802

7. DATE AND PLACE OF ACQUISITION: 780801, 780802,
BUENOS AIRES

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

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

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

11. REQUEST EVALUATION: OMIT

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

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14. SOURCE: A. MEDIA-"LA NACION" 780801 B. FBIS
ASUNCION, PARAGUAY, 780801 C. MEDIA-"BUENOS AIRES
HERALD" 780802

15. SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS: DIRC-NO

16. (U) SUMMARY: A BOMB EXPLOSION IN A RESIDENTIAL AREA
OF BUENOS AIRES HAS RESULTED IN THE DEATH OF THE
DAUGHTER OF NAVY CHIEF OF STAFF, VADM ARMANDO LAM-
BRUSCHINI, MEDIA REPORTS.

22. (U) DETAILS: LOCAL RADIO BROADCASTS CONFIRM PRESS
REPORTS AND FBIS REPORT THAT AN EXPLOSION IN AN
APARTMENT BUILDING IN THE NORTHERN SECTION OF
BUENOS AIRES HAS RESULTED IN NUMEROUS INJURIES
AND FATALITIES, INCLUDING THE DAUGHTER OF ARGENTINE
NAVY CHIEF OF STAFF, VADM LAMBRUSCHINI, WHOSE FAMILY
RESIDED IN THE BUILDING. ACCORDING TO PRESS REPORTS,
THE EXPLOSION OCCURRED AT 0440Z, ON 780801. THE
FEDERAL POLICE CHIEF, GEN. RENE OJEDA, AND NAVY CINC
ADMIRAL EMILIO MASZERA, INSPECTED THE SITE SHORTLY
AFTER THE EARLY A.M. EXPLOSION. SECURITY IN THE
AREA IS EXTREMELY TIGHT, REPORTS SAY, BECAUSE THE
EXPLOSION RENDERED THE STRUCTURE PRECARIOUSLY
UNSTABLE.

2. (U) SOURCE C, THE BUENOS AIRES HERALD, IN FRONT-
PAGE HEADLINES, REPORTED THE DAY AFTER THE EX-
PLOSION THAT TWO OTHER PEOPLE BESIDES VADM
LAMBRUSCHINI'S DAUGHTER HAD BEEN KILLED, WITH AT
LEAST TEN OTHERS WOUNDED IN ONE OF THE WORST
TERRORIST BOMB ATTACKS EVER MADE IN BUENOS AIRES.

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3. (U) ACCORDING TO THE HERALD, THE EXPLOSIVE DEVICE WENT OFF IN A VACANT BEDROOM OF THE BUILDING TO THE RIGHT OF AND ONE FLOOR BELOW THAT OF THE LAMBRUSCHINI APARTMENT. THE BOMB WAS ALLEGEDLY PLACED ON THE CEILING OF THE EMPTY SECOND FLOOR APARTMENT NUMBERED PACHECO DE MELO 1937 LOCATED IN THE BARRIO NORTE SECTION OF BUENOS AIRES.

4. (U) THE BOMB WHEN IT EXPLODED TORE INTO THE BEDROOM OF PAULA LAMBRUSCHINI IN HER PARENTS' THIRD FLOOR APARTMENT IN THE ADJACENT BUILDING. CONTINUING NEWSPAPER COMMENTS REPORTED THAT THE BOMB WAS PROBABLY PLACED BY TWO YOUNG MEN WHO GAINED ENTRANCE TO THE VACANT APARTMENT ON MONDAY EVENING BY CLAIMING TO BE POLICEMEN LOOKING FOR EVIDENCE OF DRUGS USED BY THE FORMER OCCUPANTS.

5. (U) THE HERALD WENT FURTHER STATING THAT AN ARMY COMMUNIQUE ISSUED ON THE EVENING OF 1 AUGUST 1978 AND SIGNED BY CORP COMMANDER GEN. GUILLERMO SUAREZ-MASON CHARGED THAT "ORGANIZATIONS AND COUNTRIES WHICH CALL THEMSELVES DEFENDERS OF HUMAN RIGHTS HAVE ONCE MORE FAILED TO RAISE THEIR VOICES FOR THESE INNOCENT VICTIMS SINCE THEY DO NOT BELONG TO THE SECTOR THEY (THESE ORGANIZATIONS AND COUNTRIES) ARE DEFENDING".

COMMENTS (b)(3):10 USC 424 (S) AS YET, NO TERRORIST ORGANIZATION HAS TAKEN CREDIT FOR THE BOMBING. THERE IS A GOOD POSSIBILITY THAT NONE WILL, SINCE NO RALLYING CRY OR POPULARITY CAN BE GAINED IN ARGENTINA BY KILLING AN INNOCENT CHILD, AND AN OLD WOMAN.

TERRORIST ACTS SUCH AS THIS SERVE TO PLAY INTO THE HANDS OF THE HARD-LINERS AMONG THE SECURITY FORCES WHO CAN EXPECT TO USE IT AS AN EXAMPLE OF WHY STRINGENT SECURITY MEASURES MUST BE MAINTAINED. AS EXEMPLIFIED BY THE PREVIOUS COMMENTS MADE BY GEN. SUAREZ-MASON (A NOTED HARD-LINER) SUCH TERRORIST ACTS CAN NOT HELP BUT BE USED BY ARGENTINE OFFICIALS AS AN EXAMPLE OF THE

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ACTIVISTS HAVE OF THE ACTUAL SECURITY
SITUATION IN ARGENTINA. IT CAN REASONABLY
BE EXPECTED THAT EMBASSY PERSONNEL WILL BE
ASKED WHO WAS WORRIED ABOUT PROTECTING THE
HUMAN RIGHTS OF VICE ADMIRAL LAMBRUSCHINI'S
DAUGHTER.

THERE HAS BEEN SOME SPECULATION AS TO

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THE ACTUAL CAUSE OF THE EXPLOSION. THERE
WERE INITIAL RUMORS BEING PASSED, [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] WHILE ATTENDING VADM LAMBRUSCHINI'S
DAUGHTER'S WAKE, THAT THE BLAST MAY HAVE BEEN
CAUSED BY A GAS EXPLOSION. THIS INFORMATION
HAS NOT BEEN CONFIRMED BY ANYTHING BUT RUMOR.
AN EXAMINATION OF THE PHOTOS, ALONG WITH IN-
FORMATION MADE AVAILABLE THROUGH OFFICIAL
CHANNELS WOULD INDICATE THAT THE BLAST WAS
CAUSED BY THE INTRODUCTION OF AN EXPLOSIVE
DEVICE INTO THE VACANT APARTMENT IMMEDIATELY
ADJACENT TO LAMBRUSCHINI'S. THE LOCATION
OF THE PRINCIPLE BLAST WOULD INDICATE THAT
THE ACCIDENTAL GAS EXPLOSION THEORY IS
IMPROBABLE, AND THAT THE EXPLOSION WAS
INTENDED TO KILL LAMBRUSCHINI.

ON 2 AUGUST 1978, AMEMBASSY BUENOS
AIRES SENT AN IMMEDIATE MESSAGE TO SEC-
STATE WASH,DC REQUESTING THAT A STATE
DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN MAKE A STATEMENT
CONCERNING THE BOMBING IN ORDER FOR
THE USG TO GO ON RECORD AS OPPOSING
TERRORIST AS WELL AS GOVERNMENT ACTIONS
WHICH OFFEND OUR HUMAN RIGHTS POSITION.
THIS MSG COORD W AMEMBASSY. ~~808-84~~

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