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15. 1(U) IN FIVE SEPARATE CLASHES DURING THE PERIOD OF 19-24 FEB., 10 INSURGENTS WERE KILLED IN THE REGION OF TUCUMAN BY COMBINED POLICE AND ARMY FORCES. ONE WOMAN WAS INCLUDED AMONG THE DEAD GUERRILLAS

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AND ANOTHER WAS TAKEN INTO CUSTODY. TROOPS OF THE V INFANTRY BRIGADE ALSO CAPTURED A VARIETY OF ARMS AND AMMUNITION AS A RESULT OF THESE ACTIONS.

2. (U) IN THE EARLY EVENING HOURS OF 24 FEB 76, ASSAILANTS GUNNED DOWN COLONEL JOSE DALLA FONTANA AS HE WAS RETURNING TO HIS VACATION HOME NEAR CORDUBA. COLONEL DALLA FONTANA, A FINANCE OFFICER IN THE QUARTERMASTER CORPS, WAS RETURNING FROM A SHOPPING TRIP WHEN HIS CAR WAS STOPPED BY GUERRILLA ROADBLOCK. THE COLONEL WAS REPORTEDLY KILLED INSTANTLY WHEN THE OCCUPANTS IN ONE OF THE ASSASSINS' CARS OPENED FIRE WITH MACHINE GUNS.

3. ~~(C/NOFORN)~~ THE MURDER OF COLONEL DALLA FONTANA ON WED. MARKS THE SECOND DEATH OF A SENIOR ARMY OFFICER THIS MONTH AT THE HANDS OF THE TERRORISTS. COL. RAFAEL REYES, AN ARTILLERY OFFICER, WAS KILLED ON 11 FEB 76, IN MAR DEL PLATA, SEE IR [REDACTED] SINCE 29 MAY 1970, 66 ARMY PERSONNEL (ACTIVE AND RETIRED) HAVE BEEN KILLED BY TERRORISTS. THIS FIGURE REPRESENTS 32 ENLISTED AND 34 OFFICERS. INCLUDING 4 GENERALS.

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