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1. COUNTRY: ARGENTINA (AR) COLOMBIA (CO)

2. REPORT NUMBER: (b)(3):10 USC 4

3. TITLE: (U) TERRORISM-SIX ARGENTINES ARRESTED IN COLOMBIA FOR LINKS TO EXTREMISTS

4. PROJECT NUMBER: N/A

5. DATE OF INFORMATION: 790207

6. DATE OF REPORT: 790226

7. DATE & PLACE OF ACQUISITION: 790208,

Buenos Aires

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9. ASSESSMENT: SOURCE ☐ INFO ☐

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

10. ORIGINATOR: USDAO BUENOS AIRES

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11. REQUEST EVALUATION ☐ QPQ ☐ (country)

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14. SOURCE: FBIS Chiva Chiva, Panama DTG 070301Z FEB 79

15. SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS:

16. SUMMARY:

(U) This IR forwards a FBIS Chiva Chiva, Panama dispatch concerning the arrest of six Argentines, in Colombia, for links to terrorists.

COMMENT: (C) This report is forwarded because of the apparent linkage between Argentine terrorists and the M-19 movement in Colombia. Apparently the Argentine terrorist exiles have funds to support others and could be looking for external sources of arms/support through M-19.

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1 Enclosure

1. FBIS dispatch, DTG 070301Z Feb 79, 1 cy, 1 pg (U)

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1. (U) COUNTRY: ARGENTINA (AR), CHILE (CI)

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

3. (U) TITLE: BEAGLE CHANNEL DISPUTE-ARGENTINE AND CHILEAN  
MANEUVERS APPEAR TO BE PART OF NORMAL TRAINING

4. (U) PROJECT NUMBER: N/A

5. (U) DATE OF INFORMATION: 791118-791119

6. (U) DATE OF REPORT: 791119

7. (U) DATE AND PLACE OF ACQUISITION: 791118-791119, BUENOS AIRES

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

9. (U) ASSESSMENT: B-2

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14. (7) SOURCE: A. "LA PRENSA" 791118 B. "LA NACION" 791119

C. "LA NACION" 791118 D. "LA PRENSA" 791119 E. "LA

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OPINION" 791119

15. (U) SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS: ~~DIRC-NO RETURN TO AVOID  
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16. SUMMARY (U) CHILEAN NAVAL EXERCISES WILL REPORTEDLY TAKE PLACE IN THE BEAGLE CHANNEL AREA DURING THE WEEKEND OF 791124-791125; THE EXERCISES ARE CHARACTERIZED AS ROUTINE TRAINING EXERCISES, BUT A SENIOR CHILEAN NAVY OFFICIAL HAS STATED THAT RECENT (ALLEGED) PROVOCATIONS ON THE PART OF ARGENTINA HAVE NOT BEEN HELPFUL IN REDUCING TENSIONS ASSOCIATED WITH THE BEAGLE CHANNEL DISPUTE. IN ARGENTINA, EXERCISES ARE BEING CONDUCTED BY I ARMY CORPS (HQ IN BUENOS AIRES), AND THE VI INFANTRY BRIGADE (HQ IN NEUQUEN); THESE ARE CHARACTERIZED AS NORMAL, AS WELL. LATERAL DISTRIBUTION OF THIS IR RECOMMENDED FOR THE FOLLOWING:

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22. (U) DETAILS: 1. ACCORDING TO SOURCE A, OPERATING UNITS OF THE CHILEAN NAVY BEGAN ARRIVING IN PUNTA ARENAS ON 791118, IN PREPARATION FOR EXERCISES WHICH WILL BE HELD FROM 791124-791125 IN THE S. PACIFIC. SHIPS PARTICIPATING IN THE MANEUVERS INCLUDE: CRUISER "O'HIGGINS," FRIGATE (MISSILE-CARRIER) "ALMIRANTE CONDOLL," DESTROYERS "WILLIAMS" AND "PORTALES," AND OIL-BEARING SHIP "ARAUCANO." THE EXERCISES AND FORTHCOMING VISIT TO THE PUERTO WILLIAMS NAVAL BASE (ON NAVARINO ISLAND) BY CHILEAN NAVY CINC AND JUNTA MEMBER ADM JOSE MERINO IS ALSO REPORTED TO BE IN CONNECTIONS WITH CELEBRATIONS COMMEMORATING AN ANNIVERSARY OF THE BASE. FURTHER, ACCORDING TO THE REPORT, WHILE BOTH NATIONS HAVE AGREED TO EASE TENSIONS SURROUNDING THE DISPUTE, THE CDR OF THE PUNTA ARENAS NAVAL ZONE, RADM LUIS DE LOS RIOS ECHEVERRIA, STATED THAT ARGENTINA HAS RECENTLY PROVOKED CHILE WITH VIOLATIONS OF CHILEAN AIR AND MARITIME SOVEREIGNTY; RETIRED ARGENTINE NAVY ADMIRAL ISAAC ROJAS ALSO REPORTEDLY RECENTLY ADVOCATED ARGENTINE OCCUPATION OF THE ISLANDS IN QUESTION, WHICH RADM DE LOS RIOS ECHEVERRIA TERMED ILLEGAL AND WITHOUT VALIDITY. SOURCE B REPORTED, FURTHER, THAT THE CHILEAN EXERCISES ACTUALLY BEGAN LAST MONTH. FINALLY, ACCORDING TO SAME SOURCE, CHILEAN NAVY FLEET CDR VADM RAUL LOPEZ REPORTEDLY SAID THAT HE WAS SINCERELY OPTIMISTIC CONCERNING THE OUTCOME OF

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PAPAL MEDIATION IN THE DISPUTE.

2. ((7)) SOURCE C REPORTED I ARMY CORPS EXERCISES BEGINNING ON 791119. TROOP DISPLACEMENTS WERE TO TAKE PLACE IN THE PROVINCE OF BUENOS AIRES (EZEIZA, JUNIN, MAGDALENA, OLAVARRIA, AZUL, SAN NICOLAS AND MERCEDES), AND IN TOAY, PROVINCE OF LA PAMPA. SOURCE D ADDS THAT THE MOVEMENTS ARE IN ACCORDANCE WITH NORMAL TRAINING, AND WILL CONTINUE THROUGH 791130.

3. (U) ACCORDING TO SOURCE E, THE VI INF BDE HQ ANNOUNCED THAT MANEUVERS TAKING PLACE IN THE BRIGADE (HQ IN NEUQUEN) WERE STRICTLY ROUTINE.

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COMMENT: ~~(C/NORFORN)~~ IN SPITE OF PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENTS OF MILITARY EXERCISES AND MINOR BORDER CONFRONTATIONS, THE ARGENTINE ARMY IS TAKING A VERY CALM VIEW TOWARD THE BEAGLE QUESTION AND OTHER BOUNDARY PROBLEMS. AS OPPOSED TO THE MOBILIZATION OF LAST YEAR, THE ARGENTINE MILITARY APPEARS TO BE CONSCIOUSLY AVOIDING MANEUVERS WHICH WOULD PROVOKE, OR RESPOND TO PROVOCATIONS BY, THE CHILEAN MILITARY. ALL INDICATIONS ARE THAT ARGENTINE MILITARY ARE CONDUCTING NORMAL YEAR-END TRAINING CYCLE EXERCISES (AT REGIMENTAL LEVEL IN THE ARMY), AND THAT CONSCRIPTOS (INDUCTEES) WILL PROBABLY BE RELEASED IN EARLY DECEMBER. (b)  
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[REDACTED] HAS NOT RECEIVED ANY INDICATORS OF MOBOLIZATION OR CONFRONTATION ON A SCALE THAT WOULD SIGNAL SERIOUS BILATERAL (ARGENTINA/CHILE) PROBLEMS FOR THE END OF 1979.

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