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16. SUMMARY: ~~(S)~~ THIS IR REPORTS EXISTENCE OF A SPECIAL ACTION UNIT FOR ANTI-TERRORIST EFFORTS, SECURITY MEASURES FOR REMOTE TV SUPPORT SITES, AND CAPTURE OF A MONTONERO TARGETED TO DESTROY A TV SUPPORT SITE.

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22. DETAILS: 1. ~~(S/NOFORN)~~ SOURCE A INDICATED TO PREVIOUS THAT SOME 6000 TROOPS HAVE HAD THEIR TOURS EXTENDED IN THE ARMY TO PROVIDE CONTINUITY FOR MUNDIAL SECURITY. PART OF MANPOWER REQUIREMENTS ARE ATTRIBUTED TO NEED FOR SECURITY DETACHMENTS AT 124 TV RELATED LOCATIONS (E.G. TRANSMITTER SITES, RELAY SITES), MANY OF WHICH ARE REMOTELY LOCATED TO SERVE GAMES IN CITIES OTHER THAN BUENOS AIRES. SOURCE ALSO REPORTED THAT ONE MONTONERO, WHO INFILTRATED INTO THE COUNTRY, WAS DETECTED UPON ENTRY, FOLLOWED, OBSERVED MAKING RECONNAISSANCE OF A TV SERVICE FACILITY. INDIVIDUAL WAS PICKED UP BEFORE ACCOMPLISHING HIS MISSION WHICH WAS REPORTED TO BE TO BLOW UP THE TV SERVICING FACILITY ON FIGEROA ALCORTA OPPOSITE THE RIVER STADIUM.

2. ~~(S/NOFORN)~~ SOURCES A AND B REPORTED THAT A SPECIAL 130 MAN ANTI-TERRORIST SPECIAL ACTION UNIT HAS BEEN FORMED, AND IS OPERATIONAL FOR THE MUNDIAL. THE GROUP IS LED BY A LTC MOHAMED ALI SEINELDIN WHO IS AN ARAB-BORN, NATURALIZED ARGENTINE CITIZEN. UNIT IS APPARENTLY WELL TRAINED FOR ANTI-TERRORIST SUPPORT FOR MUNDIAL.

COMMENT: ~~(S)~~ ALTHOUGH SOURCE A HAS BEEN A VERY RELIABLE SOURCE IN THE PAST, HIS COMMENT CONCERNING THE RETENTION OF CONSCRIPTS ON ACTIVE DUTY APPEARS INCORRECT. THERE APPEARS NO NEED TO EXTEND TROOPS SINCE THE EARLY RELEASE OF CONSCRIPTS DOES NOT BEGIN UNTIL LATE SEP OR EARLY OCT, WELL AFTER MUNDIAL. THERE IS LITTLE DOUBT, HOWEVER, THAT SOLDIERS ARE BEING TEMPORARILY ASSIGNED TO STRATEGIC FACILITIES AND INSTALLATIONS TO PRECLUDE ATTACK BY TERRORISTS AND POSSIBLE EMBARRASSMENT TO THE GOA. THE FULL ATTENTION OF THE ARMY IS FOCUSED ON THE WORLD CUP AND IT IS PREPARED TO MEET ANY CONTINGENCY TO ENSURE THE SUCCESSFUL COMPLETION OF THE COMPETITIONS. THIS MSG COORD W AMEMBASSY. GDS 84.

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