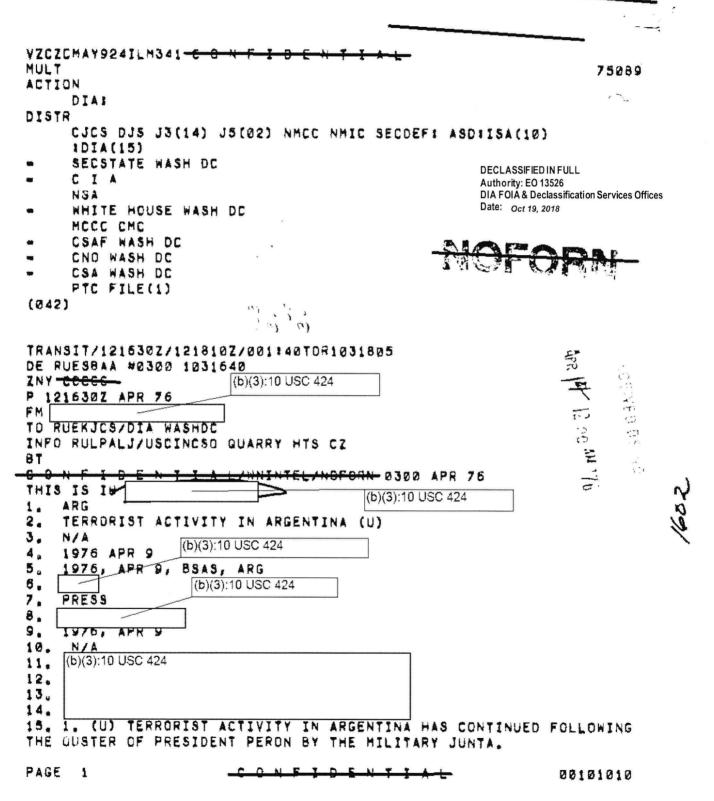
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SECURITY FORCES HAVE CLASHED WITH TERRORISTS PRINCIPALLY IN CORDOBA, TUCUMAN AND BUENOS AIRES. IN A COMMUNIQUE RELEASED BY BRIG GEN ANTONIO DOMINGD BUSSI, COMMANDER OF THE V BDE AND HEAD OF THE ANTI-GUERRILLA OPERATIONS IN TUCUMAN, STATED THAT 5 GUERRILLAS WERE KILLED IN SEPARATE ENCOUNTERS IN THE PROVINCE ON 3 APRIL. IN ONE ENGAGEMENT, ONE GUERRILLA WAS KILLED AND TROOPS REPORTED SEEING OTHER TERRORISTS WHICH INCLUDED TWO WOMEN, DRAGGING THE BODY INTO THE TREES. THE GUERRILLAS HERE PURSUED AND IN THE SUBSEQUENT FIREFIGHT, 4 DTHER INSURGENTS WERE ILLED. THE TROOPS LOCATED THE TERRORISTS BASED ON INFORMATION SUPPLIED BY LOCAL INHABITANTS OF THE DISTRICT.

- 2. (U) IN CORDOBA, SEVERAL GUERRILLAS WERE KILLED WHEN THEY ATTEMPTED TO ENTER THE HOME OF A BORDER GUARD (GENDARMERIA) COMMANDER. IN AN OTHER INCIDENT, ON THREE APRIL SEVERAL GUERRILLAS WERE KILLED WHEN THEY FAILED TO HEED A WARNING TO SURRENDER DURING SEARCH OPERATING BEING CONDUCTED IN VILLA BELGRANO.
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  4. (U) IN BUENOS AIRES ON 2 APRIL, POLICE REPELLED AN ATTACK BY GUERRILLAS WHICH WAS AIMED AT TAKING OVER THE POLICE STATION. AT THE MOMENT OF THE ATTACK A POLICE PATROL CAR RETURNING FROM ITS ROUNDS REINFORCED THE OFFICERS IN THE GARRISON AND REPELLED THE ATTACKERS. ADDITIONALLY IN BUENOS AIRES, THE EX=MAYOR OF THE TOWN OF CANUELAS WAS KIDNAPPED AFTER BEING AMBUSHED ON ONE OF THE MAIN TRAFFIC ARTERIES LEADING FROM THE CITY. IN ANOTHER INCIDENT ON 8 APRIL 8, TERRORISTS MACHINE-GUNNED TWO SODYGUARDS WHO WERE ON DUTY OUTSIDE THE HOME OF A PHARMACEUTICAL COMPANY EXECUTIVE. THE TERRORISTS REPORTEDLY CONSISTED OF A MAN AND A WOMAN WHO FOLLOWING THE ATTACK STRIPPED THE DEAD GUARDS OF THEIR WEAPONS AND FLED. THE EXECUTIVE APPARENTLY SPOTTED THE EXTREMISTS AND DOVE FOR COVER ESCAPING INJURY.
- 3. (C/WNINTEL/)NOFORN) COMMENT: TERRORISTS AND SECURITY FORCES ARE BACK AT IT AGAIN AFTER A VERY SHORT LULL FOLLOWING THE MILITARY TAKEOVER. THE ARMED FORCES HAVE GIVEN A HIGH PRIORITY TO THE ANTI-TERRORIST CAMPAIGN AND WILL PROBABLY KEEP PRESSURE ON THE GUERRILLAS. THIS MSG HAS BEEN COORD W/EMBASSY.

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