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SERIAL: (U) IIR [REDACTED]

/\*\*\*\*\* THIS IS A COMBINED MESSAGE \*\*\*\*\*/

BODY

COUNTRY: (U) ARGENTINA (AR), MEXICO (MX).

SUBJ: IIR [REDACTED] ARGENTINE MILITARY ADVISORS IN  
CHIAPAS (U)

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FINALLY EVALUATED INTELLIGENCE. REPORT CLASSIFIED  
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- DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE  
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DOI: (U) 941202.

REQS: (U) [REDACTED]

SOURCE: A. (U) [REDACTED]

B. (U) DAILY NEWSPAPER, "CLARIN", BUENOS AIRES,  
ARGENTINA, 941230 (U), IN SPANISH. INDEPENDENT,  
MODERATE NEWSPAPER WITH NATIONALISTIC ORIENTATION WHICH  
PRESENTS A WIDE RANGE OF VIEWS AND INFORMATION CRITICAL  
OF MENEM ADMINISTRATION. INFLUENTIAL WITH TOP  
POLICYMAKERS, GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS, POLITICIANS, AND  
THE MILITARY.

C. (U) DAILY NEWSPAPER, "BUENOS AIRES HERALD", BUENOS  
AIRES, ARGENTINA, 941202 (U), IN SPANISH. INDEPENDENT,  
LIBERAL NEWSPAPER WHICH HAS BEEN A FIRM DEFENDER OF  
HUMAN RIGHTS AND A FREQUENT CRITIC OF THE GOVERNMENT.  
CONSIDERED INFLUENTIAL WITH POLICYMAKERS, POLITICIANS,  
MILITARY OFFICERS, AND BUSINESSMEN.

SUMMARY: ~~(C)~~ MINISTRY OF DEFENSE DENIES REPORTS OF  
ACTIVE DUTY ARGENTINE MILITARY ACTING AS ADVISORS TO  
MEXICAN ARMED FORCES IN THE MEXICAN STATE OF CHIAPAS.

TEXT: 1. ~~(C)~~ ARGENTINE SPECIALISTS IN URBAN GUERRILLA  
WARFARE ARE REPORTED TO BE ACTING AS ADVISORS TO  
MEXICAN MILITARY AND POLICE FORCES IN THEIR FIGHT  
AGAINST THE ZAPATISTA NATIONAL LIBERATION ARMY IN THE  
SOUTHERN MEXICAN STATE OF CHIAPAS. ARGENTINE MINISTER  
OF DEFENSE, OSCAR ((CAMILION)) PUBLICLY DENIED THAT ANY  
ACTIVE DUTY ARGENTINE MILITARY FORCES WERE OPERATING IN  
MEXICO AS EITHER OBSERVERS OR ADVISORS. HIS DENIAL,  
HOWEVER, LEFT OPEN THE POSSIBILITY THAT EITHER FORMER  
MILITARY OFFICERS OR RETIRED MILITARY OFFICERS MAY BE  
WORKING IN MEXICO WITHOUT THE OFFICIAL SANCTION OF THE  
ARGENTINE GOVERNMENT.

2. (U) IN MARCH OF 1994, THE MEXICAN GOVERNMENT WAS  
REPORTED TO HAVE SENT A DELEGATION TO BUENOS AIRES TO  
OBTAIN INFORMATION ABOUT THE METHODS USED IN ARGENTINA

DURING THE WAR AGAINST SUBVERSION OF "DIRTY WAR" OF THE 1970'S. MANY OF THE ARGENTINE MILITARY OFFICERS WHO WERE THE LEADERS DURING THE DIRTY WAR WERE FOUND GUILTY OF HUMAN RIGHTS ABUSES, SENTENCED TO JAIL, AND DISCHARGED FROM THE MILITARY. ALTHOUGH THEIR JAIL SENTENCES WERE LATTER PARDONED BY PRESIDENTIAL DECREE, THEY WERE NOT REINDUCTED INTO THE MILITARY. CAMILION WAS REPORTED TO HAVE SAID THAT IT WOULD NOT BE STRANGE FOR SUCH UNEMPLOYED MILITARY OFFICERS TO PACK THEIR BAGS AND WORK IN MEXICO.

COMMENTS: 1. ~~(C)~~ [REDACTED] THE ARGENTINE MILITARY HAS KEPT A WATCHFUL EYE ON THE DEVELOPMENTS OF THE MEXICAN UPRISING IN CHIAPAS. THEY ARE CONCERNED THAT THE TYPE OF SOCIAL FORCES THAT CREATED THE ZAPATISTA NATIONAL LIBERATION ARMY MAY ALSO EXIST IN ARGENTINA.. THEY POINT TO THE PUBLIC RIOTS IN SANTIAGO DEL ESTERO (CITE IIRS [REDACTED]) AS CLEAR EXAMPLES OF THE POTENTIAL FOR WIDESPREAD CIVIL DISTURBANCE IN ARGENTINA.

2. ~~(C)~~ [REDACTED]

3. ~~(C)~~ WHILE THE ARGENTINE MILITARY IS PREVENTED BY CONSTITUTIONAL LAW FROM DOING ANYTHING MORE THAN PROVIDING LOGISTICAL SUPPORT FOR POLICE FORCES TASKED TO QUELL DOMESTIC INSURRECTIONS, THEY FEEL THAT A FAILURE OF THE ZAPATISTAS WOULD ACT AS A DETERRENT FOR ANY POTENTIAL ARGENTINE INTERNAL POLITICAL VIOLENCE AND WOULD BE IN THE BEST INTERESTS OF ARGENTINA.

4. ~~(C)~~ EVEN IF ARGENTINE EX-MILITARY LEADERS ARE ACTING AS URBAN GUERRILLA WARFARE EXPERTS IN MEXICO, IT IS UNLIKELY THAT THE ARGENTINE MILITARY WOULD BECOME INVOLVED IN PROGRAMS TO QUELL DOMESTIC UPRISINGS, GIVEN THE CONSTITUTIONAL PROHIBITION AGAINST THEIR PARTICIPATION EXCEPT FOR SPECIFIC LOGISTICAL FUNCTIONS.

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INSTR: (U) U.S. [REDACTED]

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