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- THIS IS IR NO. [REDACTED]
- 1. ARGENTINA
- 2. COUNTER-TERRORIST ACTIONS. TUCUMAN, CORDOBA AND ROSARIO, CONTINUING (U)
- 3. N/A
- 4. 17-19 AUG 74
- 5. 19, AUG 74, [REDACTED]
- 6. [REDACTED]
- 7. A. PRESS, ARMY ANNOUNCEMENTS; B. [REDACTED]
- 8. [REDACTED]
- 9. 19 AUG 74
- 10. N/A

11. [REDACTED]

12. [REDACTED]

13. [REDACTED]

14. [REDACTED]

15. (U) FOR FIRST TIME SINCE INAUGURATION OF PERONIST GOVERNMENT, A MAJOR EFFORT IS UNDER WAY TO ERADICATE TERRORIST THREAT IN ARGENTINA, WITH THE ERP THE CENTRAL TARGET. FOLLOWING ACTIONS HAVE OCCURRED OR CONTINUE:

A. VIRTUALLY THE ENTIRE 5TH INFANTRY BRIGADE HAS BEEN MOBILIZED IN TUCUMAN PROVINCE IN SEARCH OF TERRORIST BANDS AND BASE FACILITIES IN THE JUNGLE-MOUNTAIN TERRAIN SW OF TUCUMAN CITY. UNITS MOBILIZED OF 5TH BRIGADE INCLUDE ALL THREE OF ITS REGIMENTS (19TH, 20TH (MTN), AND 28TH (MONTE) PLUS SUPPORTING UNITS ESPECIALLY 5TH COMMO CO. IN ADDITION TO ARMY (COMMANDED BY BG MENENDEZ),

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GENDARMERIA NACIONAL, PROVINCIAL POLICE AND FEDERAL POLICE TASK FORCES ARE AT WORK IN THE AREA. THE ARRANGEMENT HAS BEEN DESCRIBED AS WORKING "JOINTLY BUT SEPARATELY". THERE IS NO UNIFIED COMMAND AS SUCH, EACH ORGANIZATION HAVING ITS OWN DIRECTION AND OBJECTIVES. BG MENENDEZ HAS VOWED TO "EXTERMINATE" TERRORISTS IN TUCUMAN. IT HAS BEEN ESTABLISHED THAT THE CATAMARCA TERRORIST CONTINGENT CAME FROM TUCUMAN, AND AFTER ABORTIVE ATTACK AGAINST 17TH ABN REGT FLED BACK TO THEIR RURAL TUCUMAN HIDEOUTS, WHERE THEY ARE NOW BEING SOUGHT. DESPITE THE SIZE OF THE TUCUMAN EFFORT AND SOME LIMITED SUCCESS (A LARGE ARMS CACHE AND TERRORIST BASE WAS UNCOVERED IN TUCUMAN CITY), THE CHANCES OF CONTACT WITH AND ELIMINATION OF THE PRINCIPAL TERRORIST BAND IS CONSIDERED REMOTE, DUE TO TERRAIN, DISPERSION, AND WIDE PUBLICITY GIVEN TUCUMAN OPERATION. BG MENENDEZ HAS STATED HE INTENDS TO SEE IT THROUGH WHATEVER, SO OPERATION CONTINUES. B. IN CORDOBA PROVINCE, ANTI TERRORIST RAIDS AND SEARCHES ARE ALSO MEETING WITH SUCCESS. IN WAKE OF VILLA MARIA ACTION BY TERRORISTS, SOME 60 PERSONS HAVE BEEN DETAINED BY POLICE AND A TRUCK STOPPED AND SEARCHED BY POLICE WAS FOUND TO BE LOADED WITH ARMAMENTS.

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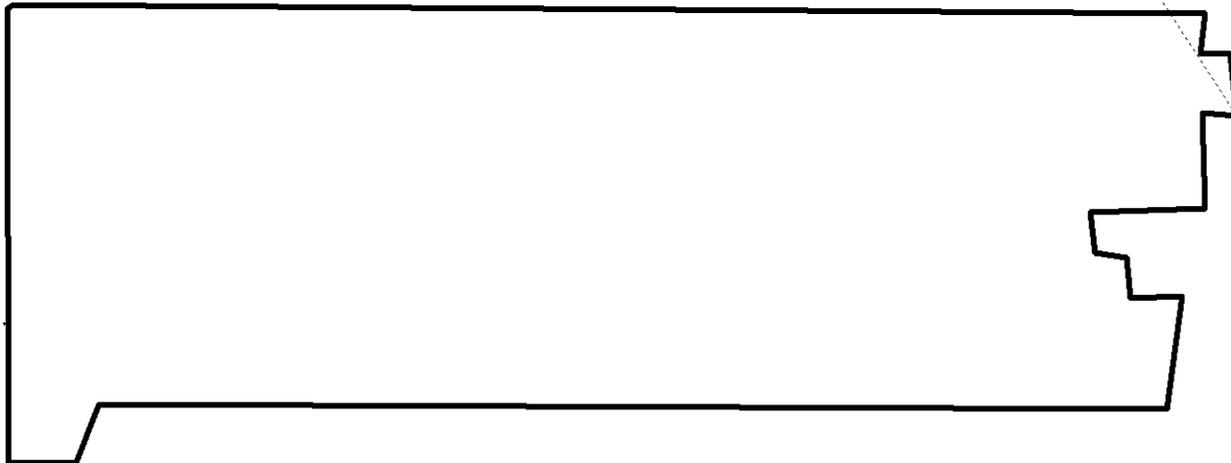


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