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SUBJECT: HUMAN RIGHTS REPORTING ON ARGENTINA

1. (S - ENTIRE TEXT)

2. IN LIGHT OF THE ASSURANCES GIVEN TO DEPARTMENT BY  
AMBASSADOR AJA ESPIL, IT IS INCREASINGLY IMPORTANT FOR  
US TO RECEIVE MORE DETAILED INFORMATION ON A MORE CURRENT  
BASIS ON HUMAN RIGHTS DEVELOPMENTS IN ARGENTINA. TO  
MEET THIS PRESSING NEED, THE EMBASSY IS REQUESTED TO  
STRUCTURE ITS FUTURE HUMAN RIGHTS REPORTING ALONG THE  
FOLLOWING LINES:

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A. SPOT REPORTING: EMBASSY SHOULD REPORT TELEGRAPHICALLY  
ALL SIGNIFTCANT EVENTS IN HUMAN RIGHTS AREA AS TNFORMATION  
BECOMES AVATLABLE. SUCH SPOT REPORTS SHOULD COVER  
REPORTED DISAPPEARANCES, REPORTS OF FUTURE, GOA ACTIONS  
DEALING WITH POLITICAL PRISONERS (RELEASES, TRANSFERS

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FROM PEN TO NORMAL JUDICIAL AUTHORITY, MOVEMENTS OF  
DETAINEEES WITHIN PRISON SYSTEM, PRISON CONDITIONS, AND  
RIGHT OF OPTION DEVELOPMENTS) AND ANY OTHER ACTIONS TAKEN  
OR PLANNED BY GOA. SPOT REPORTS SHOULD PROVIDE AS MUCH

BACKGROUND INFORMATION AS IS AVAILABLE AND ASSIGN TO EACH  
REPORTED EVENT AN APPROPRIATE DESIGNATION OF RELIABILITY  
OF THE INFORMATION ON WHICH IT IS BASED.

B. WEEKLY ROUND-UP: THE EMBASSY SHOULD INITIATE A BRIEF  
WEEKLY ROUND-UP ON HUMAN RIGHTS DEVELOPMENTS AND  
SCHEDULE PREPARATION OF THE REPORTS SO THAT THEY ARRIVE  
IN THE DEPARTMENT EACH FRIDAY AT OPENING OF BUSINESS.  
THE WEEKLY ROUND-UP SHOULD REPORT TRENDS IN HUMAN  
RIGHTS DEVELOPMENTS WITHIN THE GOA SUCH AS STEPS TAKEN  
TO CONTROL THE SECURITY SERVICES, AND THE MILITARY,  
SIGNIFICANT POLITICAL COMMENTARY ON THE ISSUE AND PRESS  
TREATMENT. DEVELOPMENTS BEARING ON U.S.-ARGENTINE  
RELATIONS SHOULD BE ANALYZED IN THIS REPORT. FIRST  
REPORT OF THESE SERIES SHOULD ARRIVE APRIL 6.

C. SIX WEEK ASSESSMENT: THE EMBASSY SHOULD CONTINUE  
TO PROVIDE THIS ANALYSIS OF LONGER TERM TRENDS.

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2. DEPARTMENT RECOGNIZES THAT THESE REPORTING REQUIREMENTS MAY STRAIN EMBASSY'S RESOURCES. IT IS ESSENTIAL, HOWEVER, THAT WE HAVE TIMELY AND EXHAUSTIVE REPORTING ON HUMAN RIGHTS ISSUE IN A FORM READILY ACCESSIBLE TO ALL END-USERS AND ESTABLISHES A CLEAR EVALUATION FOR US ON THE RELIABILITY OF INFORMATION REPORTED. VANCE

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