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REPORT CLASS ~~SECRET~~ WHINTEL NOFORN [redacted]

COUNTRY: ARGENTINA

SUBJECT: ALLEGED BELIEF OF THE ARGENTINE GOVERNMENT THAT THE  
CURRENT U.S. ADMINISTRATION IS TRYING TO "DESTABILIZE"  
IT BY USING THE HUMAN RIGHTS CAMPAIGN [redacted]

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REPORT ON ARGENTINA PREPARED BY THE INTER-AMERICAN COMMISSION  
ON HUMAN RIGHTS (IACHR). [redacted] THE REPORT IS VERY  
SERIOUS AND VERY NEGATIVE FOR THE ARGENTINE GOVERNMENT; [redacted]

[redacted] A U.S. CITIZEN ON THE IACHR HAD "PARTICIPATED  
SIGNIFICANTLY" IN ITS PREPARATION. [redacted] THE REPORT  
PROVIDES DETAILS OF SPECIFIC INCIDENTS OF ALLEGED HUMAN RIGHTS  
VIOLATIONS IN ARGENTINA, INCLUDING THE FULL NAMES OF MILITARY  
OFFICERS WHO TOOK PART, THE NAMES OF PERSONS THEY KIDNAPPED,  
ETC. [redacted] THE REPORT CONCLUDES THAT TORTURE WAS USED  
SYSTEMATICALLY IN ARGENTINA.

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5. [redacted] COMMENT: AS REPORTED IN BUENOS  
AIRES TELEGRAM 102, FRAGMENTS OF THE ABOVE REPORT CIRCULATED  
IN THE BUENOS AIRES PRESS IN THE LATTER HALF OF DECEMBER,  
APPARENTLY PRECIPITATED BY, OR AT LEAST STRENGTHENED AS A  
RESULT OF, THE PRESS RELEASE 13 DECEMBER OF A PRIVATE HUMAN  
RIGHTS ORGANIZATION WHICH HAS OFFICES IN WASHINGTON. WHILE  
WE DO NOT HAVE THE TEXT OF THAT RELEASE, IT PURPORTEDLY  
PREDICTED, IN EFFECT, THAT HEADS WOULD ROLL IN THE ARGENTINE  
GOVERNMENT WHEN THE IACHR REPORT ON ARGENTINA WAS MADE PUBLIC.  
ARGENTINE FOREIGN MINISTER CARLOS WASHINGTON P A S T O R HAS  
TOLD THE PRESS THAT THE IACHR REPORT IS UNFAIRLY TOUGH ON  
ARGENTINA AND BIASED. IN REPORTING DEVELOPMENTS CONCERNING  
ARGENTINA'S EXAMINATION OF THE (STILL CONFIDENTIAL) DRAFT  
REPORT, THE BUENOS AIRES MEDIA HAVE IMPLIED THAT THE TONE  
AND THRUST OF THAT REPORT WERE HEAVILY INFLUENCED BY THE STATE  
DEPARTMENT--ALLUSIONS BEING MADE TO AN ALLEGEDLY CLOSE WORKING  
RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN ONE SPECIFICALLY NAMED MEMBER OF THE

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IACHR AND OFFICIALS OF THE STATE DEPARTMENT AS AN IMPLIED  
EXPLANATION FOR THE NEGATIVE OUTCOME OF THE REPORT. WE  
BELIEVE THAT THE PRESS PLAY FOLLOWS GUIDANCE PREPARED BY THE  
ARGENTINE GOVERNMENT.

ALMOST EVERY CRISIS IN ARGENTINE-US RELATIONS  
INVOLVING HUMAN RIGHTS OVER THE PAST THREE AND A HALF YEARS  
HAS BEEN ACCOMPANIED BY AN EMOTIONAL KNEE-JERK RATIONALIZATION  
AMONG ELEMENTS WITHIN THE GOA, PURPORTING AN ALLEGED US  
ATTEMPT TO "DESTABILIZE" THE CURRENT MILITARY REGIME. GIVEN  
THIS NATURAL PREDILECTION, IT IS NO SURPRISE THAT THE GOA  
WOULD REACT TO THE IACHR REPORT IN THIS FASHION, ESPECIALLY  
SINCE IN THIS CASE THERE APPARENTLY IS A STATEMENT ON THE  
RECORD EXPLICITLY PREDICTING THAT SPECIFIC CHANGES IN THE  
ARGENTINE GOVERNMENT WILL RESULT FROM THE IACHR REPORT.)

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