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SUBJECT: GROWING ARGENTINE INVOLVEMENT IN GUATEMALA

REF: (A) GUATEMALA 2986; (B) OJCSMC WASHINGTON DC (DGT 122115Z MAY 80); (C) OJCSMC WASHINGTON DC (DTG 122113Z MAY 80); AND (D) OJCSMC WASHINGTON DC (DTG 232314Z MAY 80)

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2. DURING MAY, DEPARTMENT RECEIVED A NUMBER OF REPORTS SUGGESTING GROWING GOVERNMENT OF ARGENTINA (GOA) COOPERATION WITH THE GOVERNMENT OF GUATEMALA (GOG). AMONG THE INDICATORS OF THIS NEW RELATIONSHIP WERE THE MAY 4-7 VISIT TO GUATEMALA BY THE ARGENTINE VICE FOREIGN MINISTER,  
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AN APPARENT ARGENTINE OFFER TO SUPPLY A \$30 MILLION LINE OF CREDIT AND THE POSTING OF AN ARGENTINE ARMY ATTACHE IN GUATEMALA FOR THE FIRST TIME. REF C SUGGESTED THAT THE ARGENTINES ALSO HOPED EVENTUALLY TO SELL MILITARY

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EQUIPMENT AND PROVIDE ADDITIONAL TRAINING TO THE  
GUATEMALAN ARMED FORCES.

3. ACTION REQUESTED: DEPARTMENT WOULD APPRECIATE  
EMBASSY REPORTING ON HOW THIS NEW RELATIONSHIP IS  
EVOLVING. HAVE THE ARGENTINES

ENTERED INTO ANY SPECIFIC AGREEMENTS WITH THE GOG TO SELL  
MILITARY EQUIPMENT, TO TRAIN GUATEMALAN MILITARY OR POLICE  
PERSONNEL, OR TO FACILITATE ARGENTINE EXPORTS TO  
GUATEMALA? IS THE EMBASSY AWARE OF ANY OTHER AREAS OF  
COOPERATION? IS THE ARGENTINE OFFICIAL MISSION IN GUATE-  
MALA LARGE AND ACTIVE? HOW MANY ARGENTINE MILITARY PER-  
SONNEL ARE ASSIGNED, PERMANENTLY OR TEMPORARILY? WHAT  
ARE THEIR FUNCTIONS AND ACTIVITIES? MUSKIE

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