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SUBJECT: Alleged Plans by Argentinian Terrorists to Assassinate USMILGRP Personnel in Argentina (U)

1. ~~(S/NOFORN)~~ On 4 August 1976, the Department of State's Regional Security Officer (RSO) provided information [redacted] to the US Legal Attache on subject.

[redacted] The memorandum contained the names, titles, residence addresses, and telephone numbers of past and present members of the USMILGRP and five USMILGRP local national employees.

[redacted] LTC Lloyd Gracey, USA, who departed on PCS from his USMILGRP assignment on 14 July 1976, had been specifically targeted for assassination by the ERP.

2. ~~(S/NOFORN)~~ The RSO stated that USMILGRP and other Amembassy personnel are taking stringent security precautions [redacted]

3. ~~(S/NOFORN)~~ RCI-1 Assessment:

We concur with the Amembassy assessment that this threat is highly plausible and must be taken seriously by all Amembassy personnel. [redacted]

[redacted] To that end, [redacted] the ERP and the Montoneros (a Peronist organization which also in the past has conducted

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terrorist activities) have settled their political differences and will shortly join forces in a combined terrorist campaign. A heightened terrorist campaign has been expected if for no other reason than August is traditionally the month in which the ERP has conducted spectacular operations to commemorate the 1972 "Trelew Massacre" in which the Argentine Navy executed a number of ERP members to include Mario Santucho's pregnant wife. (Santucho was the former head of the ERP until his death on 19 July 1976 during a shootout with Argentine Security Forces).

4. (S) [redacted] will continue to monitor reporting on this matter and will advise of significant developments as they are forthcoming. [redacted]

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