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SUBJECT: ARGENTINE ESTABLISHES WAS ZONE, CALLS UP
RESERVES: MACIT DEVELOPMENTS

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1. ARGENTINA CREATED A "THEATER OF OPERATIONS" 200 MILES IN RADIUS AROUND THE MALVINAS ISLANDS, IT WAS ANNOUNCED LAST NIGHT. INSIDE THE "THEATER OF OPERATIONS" WHICH WAS ESTABLISHED AT 00:30 APRIL 8, THE ARGENTINE MILITARY AUTHORITIES MAY AT ANY TIME ORDER MILITARY ACTION TO DEFEND NATIONAL SECURITY, ACCORDING TO THE ANNOUNCEMENT. THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THIS VIRTUAL WAR ZONE FOLLOWED CLOSELY ON THE HEELS OF A BRITISH ANNOUNCEMENT THAT THE UK HAD DESIGNATED THE SAME AREA A "MARITIME EXCLUSION ZONE" BEGINNING 00:40 APRIL 12. T.O. COMMAND WILL BE HEADED BY VADM. JUAN LOMBARDO.

2. ON APRIL 6, THE ARGENTINE GOVERNMENT ANNOUNCED A PARTIAL CALL-UP OF RESERVES. ACCORDING TO THE DECREE IMPLEMENTING THE MEASURE, CONSCRIPTS WHO ONLY A FEW WEEKS AGO COMPLETED THEIR MILITARY SERVICE ARE SUBJECT TO IMMEDIATE ACTIVE DUTY WITH THE UNITS FROM WHICH THEY WERE RECENTLY RELEASED. EACH ARMED SERVICE WILL DECIDE THE NUMBER AND TYPE OF RESERVISTS, I.E. CATEGORIES OF SPECIALTIES, THAT IT REQUIRES. IT APPEARS THAT THE MEN CALLED UP WILL BE USED TO BEEF UP EXISTING ACTIVE DUTY UNITS, RATHER THAN TO FORM NEW ONES, BUT THIS AND OTHER DETAILS WILL BE CLARIFIED IN SUBSEQUENT DAO REPORTING.

3. RE AMCITS' W/W AND ARGENTINE ARMY'S ASSURANCE THAT THOSE CONTACTED ARE WELL (REFTEL), MININT SAIN JEAN TRAVELLED YESTERDAY TO PUERTO DE LAS MALVINAS (THE THIRD NAME GIVEN TO PORT STANLEY THIS WEEK) FOR THE SWEARING IN OF GEN. MARIO MENENDEZ AS

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THE FIRST ARGENTINE GOVERNOR. HE CARRIED WITH HIM NAMES OF AMERICANS IN THE ISLANDS OF CONCERN TO US, DAO WAS INFORMED. WORD BACK FROM MENENDEZ' STAFF THIS MORNING RENEWS ASSURANCE THAT ALL AMCITS ARE WELL AND THAT "SOME" -- NO FURTHER DETAILS -- HAVE ALREADY RETURNED TO THE MAINLAND. WE ASSUME THEY TRAVELLED BY ARGENTINE AF AIRCRAFT DEADHEADING BACK TO COMODORO RIVADAVIA. ADDITIONAL INFORMATION WILL FOLLOW WHEN AVAILABLE.

4. TWO WOMEN, ONE CHILEAN AND THE OTHER MARRIED TO AN ARGENTINE, HAVE TALKED TO THE PRESS AFTER LEAVING THE ISLAND. THEY REPORTEDLY STATED THAT OTHERS THEY WANT TO LEAVE BUT HAVE NOT BEEN ABLE TO DO SO. ONE SAID SHE ASSUMED THAT THIS WAS BECAUSE OF INADEQUATE TRANSPORT SPACE. TH OTHER SAID THAT ARGENTINE AUTHROTIEIS ARE INSISTING THAT THE "INHABITANTS" HAVE ARGENTINE DOCUMENTATION BEFORE THEY ARE ALLOWED TO LEAVE. THE WOMAN SAID HER HUSBAND, A BRITISH CITIZEN, WAS NOT ALLOWED OFF THE ISLAND FOR THIS REASON.
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