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FROM BRITNAVAT BOHN
TO MODUK NAVY

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A. MY AAA/19F/LAQ/040841Z APR 82.

1. FEDERAL GERMAN GOVERNMENT IS TAKING POSITIVE ACTION TO STOP EXPORT OF WEAPONS AND COMPONENTS TO ARGENTINA (BOHN TO FCO TELEGRAM NUMBER 306REFERS). BELOW IS A LIST OF NAVAL PROJECTS.

2. ARGENTINE FRIGATE ALMIRANTE BROWN (FIRST OF MEKO 360 CLASS) BEING BUILT IN GERMANY IS LIKELY - SUBJECT TO PARA 1 ABOVE - TO COMPLETE IN SEP 82. OTHERS FOLLOW AT FOUR AND A HALF MONTH INTERVALS. NOT KNOWN HOW FAR EXPORT BAN ON UK COMPONENTS WILL DELAY.

ADVANCE PARTY OF 30 ARGENTINE CREW DUE GERMANY MID APR 82. REMAINING 160 CREW DUE MID JUL 82.

3. GERMAN INDUSTRY HEAVILY INVOLVED IN MOST MAJOR ARGENTINE NAVAL PROJECTS:

A. FOUR MEKO 360 FRIGATES BEING BUILT BY BLOHM AND VOSS HAMBURG (LEAD SHIP ALMIRANTE BROWN). THREE LAUNCHED TO DATE. LAST DUE TO LAUNCH SEP 82.

B. SIX MEKO 140 CORVETTES BEING BUILT UNDER LICENCE FROM BLOHM AND VOSS IN ARGENTINA. BLOHM AND VOSS SUPPLYING COMPONENTS TO ARGENTINA. THIS ORDER IS IN PART ALREADY DELIVERED. FIRST SHIP WAS LAUNCHED ARGENTINA JAN 82. DUE OPERATIONAL AUTUMN 83. SUBSEQUENT SHIPS AT SIX MONTH INTERVALS.

C. TWO TR 1700 SUBMARINES TO BE BUILT IN EMDEN BY THYSSEN NORD-SEEWERKE. FIRST DELIVERY DUE NOV 83, SECOND JUN 84.

D. (I) FOUR SUBMARINES (TWO TR-1700 AND TWO TR-1400 TO BE BUILT IN ARGENTINA UNDER LICENCE FROM AND WITH COMPONENTS SUPPLIED BY THYSSEN NORDSEEWERKE.

(II) GERMAN BUILT BUILDINGTARD IN ARGENTINA AT DOMECA GARCIA BELIEVED COMPLETED.

E. FIVE COAST GUARD CORVETTES IN BUILD BY BAZAN IN SPAIN TO BE FITTED WITH GERMAN MTU MAIN DIESEL.

F. TWENTY SEVEN TORPEDOES TO BE BUILT UNDER LICENCE IN ARGENTINA FROM COMPONENTS TO BE (BUT NOT YET) SUPPLIED BY AEG. PLANNED ASSEMBLY DATE IN ARGENTINA WAS 1983.

G. TWO NAVAL MISSIONS AT HAMBURG AND EMDEN OF BETWEEN TWO AND FOUR OFFICERS EACH.

H. FUTURE LOAN/EXCHANGE OF AT LEAST ONE FEDERAL GERMAN NAVY OFFICER IS PLANNED.

I. FURTHER SALE OF AEG TELEFUNKEN SST 4 TORPEDOES (MY UHF 061530Z APR 82 TO MODUK NAVY FOR CAPTAIN TECH INT GIVES PARAMETERS) IN ADDITION TO THOSE ALREADY DELIVERED

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