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US TRAINING OF ARGENTINE SENIOR OFFICERS

1. You may remember raising at a COS meeting about a week ago, a query about the percentage of senior Argentinian officers trained at US establishments.
2. We investigated. DIA gave us a 25% across the board figure. But DA Montevideo has now given us a more authoritative assessment.
3. His report reads:

"Army

1. Amongst the present line up of General Officers familiarity with the US Army is considerable and, apart from attendance at formal courses of instruction, many officers have visited USA in connection with equipment procurement, conferences etc. Those who have attended staff courses or arms/service schools at some point in their careers are estimated at between 25-30%.
2. The percentage of Colonels would be somewhat less but still I would guess the figure to be in the order of 15-20%.

Air Force

3. The percentage of star and half star rank officers who have trained in some capacity with USAF is probably higher than in the Army as the equipment of the force is so heavily US weighted. I should estimate that up to 50% would have attended flight school and many others would have visited service or air oriented establishments in the USA. Staff training-probably no more than 5-10%.

Navy

4. Estimated 10-15%."

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