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FM MG MACKMULL, CDR 101ST ABN DIV (AASLT), FT CAMPBELL, KY
 TO GEN MEYER, CHIEF OF STAFF, US ARMY, WASH DC
 SUBJECT: VISIT OF LTG LEOPOLDO P. GALTIERI TO FORT CAMPBELL
 1. GENERAL GALTIERI HAD A GREAT VISIT. HE APPEARED TO BE IMPRESSED BY
 THE APPEARANCE, PERFORMANCE AND DISCIPLINE OF OUR SOLDIERS.
 ADDITIONALLY, HE COMMENTED FAVORABLY ON THE TECHNICAL PROFICIENCY,
 APPEARANCE, AND LEADERSHIP ABILITY OF OUR OFFICERS.
 2. UPON ARRIVAL, GENERAL GALTIERI WAS GIVEN AN OVERVIEW BRIEFING OF
 THE 101ST AIRBORNE DIVISION (AIR ASSAULT) AND FORT CAMPBELL. THIS
 WAS PRESENTED BY LTC VILLARREAL IN SPANISH. GENERAL GALTIERI WAS
 PARTICULARLY INTERESTED IN HOW WE ORGANIZE FOR COMBAT AND THE TECH-
 NIQUE THAT HE USED TO DEVELOP THE NECESSARY TEAMWORK FOR OUR COM-
 BINED ARMS TEAM IN UNIT TRAINING PROGRAMS. HE SPECIFICALLY ASKED
 ABOUT THE DRAGON, A WEAPONS SYSTEM THAT HE HAD NOT SEEN BEFORE. HE
 ALSO APPEARED INTERESTED IN THE CH-47D AND THE MODERNIZED COBRA.
 GENERAL GALTIERI EXPRESSED CONSIDERABLE INTEREST IN OUR CYCLIC
 TRAINING PROGRAM, GOLD, BLACK, AND WHITE, WHICH PROVIDES FOR PRIME
 TIME TRAINING,
 DRB, INDIVIDUAL AND SMALL UNIT TRAINING, AND SUPPORT. HE INDICATED
 THAT THIS APPEARED TO BE A GOOD SOLUTION TO THE MANY TRAINING DIS-
 TRACTORS THAT NORMALLY OCCUR ON AN INSTALLATION SUCH AS FORT
 CAMPBELL. HE ASKED FOR A COPY OF OUR SLIDE ON THE COMPOSITION OF
 AN "AIR ASSAULT BRIGADE TASK FORCE."

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3. MONDAY EVENING WE TOOK GENERAL GALTIERI, HIS WIFE, AND PARTY TO OUR SPORTSMAN LODGE FOR AN INFORMAL DINNER AND EXHIBITION OF SQUARE AND ROUND DANCING SINCE WE ARE CLOSE TO NASHVILLE THE CAPITAL OF COUNTRY-WESTERN MUSIC. AFTER THE EXHIBITION, THE "STATELINERS" INVITED GENERAL GALTIERI, HIS WIFE, AND PARTY TO PARTICIPATE IN BOTH SQUARE AND ROUND DANCING. THEY BOTH DID SO WITH GREAT ENTHUSIASM AND ENJOYMENT. AS A MATTER OF FACT, HE ENJOYED IT SO MUCH THAT HE SENT HIS AIDE BACK TO THE QUARTERS TO GET AN ARGENTINE RECORD SO THAT HE AND MRS. GALTIERI COULD PUT ON A DANCING EXHIBITION OF THE TANGO MUCH TO THE DELIGHT OF EVERYONE PRESENT. I AM CONVINCED THAT HE ENJOYED THIS BIT OF AMERICANA AND WAS DELIGHTED TO SEE SOME OF THE LOCAL COLOR. WE EXCHANGED GIFTS AND MEMENTOS AT DINNER.

4. ON TUESDAY, WE VISITED THE AIR ASSAULT SCHOOL. HE WAS FAVORABLY IMPRESSED BY THE CALIBER OF THE NCO'S WHO RUN THE SCHOOL. HE ASKED SEVERAL QUESTIONS CONCERNING THE CURRICULUM AND WAS FAVORABLY IMPRESSED BY THE DEMONSTRATIONS BY THE CADRE. HE INDICATED THAT HE THOUGHT IT WOULD BE A GOOD IDEA IF HE SENT SOME NCO'S AND OFFICERS TO GO THROUGH THE SCHOOL.

5. THE NEXT ITEM ON THE ITINERARY WAS A STATIC DISPLAY OF ALL DIVISION AIRCRAFT. THIS WENT WELL. HE APPEARED PARTICULARLY INTERESTED IN THE BLACKHAWK AND THE MODERNIZED COBRA. WE EXPLAINED TO GENERAL GALTIERI THAT TRUE AIR ASSAULT TACTICS CAN ONLY BE ACHIEVED BY THE CLOSE INTEGRATION OF ARMY AVIATION INTO ALL ELEMENTS OF THE COMBINED ARMS TEAM. I AM CERTAIN THAT HE UNDERSTOOD THE NEED FOR TEAM WORK AND THE GREAT POTENTIAL THAT THE AIR ASSAULT DIVISION POSSESSES BECAUSE OF OUR ABILITY TO TACTICALLY TAILOR ELEMENTS OF THE COMBINED ARMS TEAM INTO TASK FORCES DESIGNED TO FIGHT SPECIFIC BATTLES.

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TO: GEN MEYER, CSA, USA, WASH DC

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SUBJ: VISIT OF GEN GALTIERI

1. THOROUGHLY ENJOYED GETTING ACQUAINTED WITH GEN GALTIERI. HE IS A WARM AND AFFABLE INDIVIDUAL WHO ENJOYS SPEAKING ENGLISH. HE DOES VERY WELL WITH ENGLISH WHEN SPOKEN TO SLOWLY AND CAREFULLY.
2. IT WAS A GOOD VISIT. GEN GALTIERI IS VERY INTERESTED IN IMPROVING RELATIONS BETWEEN ARGENTINA AND THE U.S.
3. GEN GALTIERI DEMONSTRATED STRONG INTEREST IN OUR TACTICS, TRAINING AND HIGH TECH INNOVATIONS. WE DISCUSSED AT LENGTH THE PROS AND CONS OF 105 AND 155MM HOWITZERS. WE DISCUSSED THE 9TH INFANTRY DIVISION'S PLAN OF "DOUBLE GUNNING." HE WAS INTRIGUED BY OUR ELECTRONIC WARFARE EQUIPMENT AND CAPABILITIES, PARTICULARLY THE DRAGOON 3RD CEVI VEHICLE
4. A MAJOR ISSUE OF CONCERN GEN GALTIERI CITED WAS WHETHER ARGENTINA SHOULD PURCHASE TRACKED OR WHEELED CARRIERS FOR ITS INFANTRY. I TOLD HIM OF OUR PLANS FOR EXPERIMENTATION AND TESTING OF CARRIERS IN THE LIGHT DIVISION. HE INTENDS TO VISIT FRG FACTORIES WHICH PRODUCE INFANTRY CARRIERS.
5. GEN GALTIERI TALKED AT LENGTH WITH SEVERAL 9TH ID FEMALE SOLDIERS AND SPOKE FAVORABLY OF THEIR PROFESSIONALISM AND MOTIVATION TO SERVE.
6. DISTAFF EVENTS WENT SMOOTHLY AND THE FORT LEWIS LADIES WERE

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IMPRESSED WITH LUCIA GALTIERI. MRS. GALTIERI IS A CHARMING AND
OUTGOING PERSON WHO MANIFESTS THE SAME SPIRIT OF DEDICATION AND
SUPPORT TO THE SERVICE AS FOUND IN THE AMERICAN DISTAFF COMMUNITY.
7. HE IS LOOKING FORWARD TO INITIATING AN OFFICER EXCHANGE BETWEEN
U.S. AND ARGENTINE CGSC SCHOOLS.
8. GEN GALTIERI SPOKE OFTEN OF THE SIMILARITY OF THE U.S. AND
ARGENTINE ARMIES. CLEARLY, HE IS ANXIOUS TO FOSTER CLOSE TIES AND IS
VERY GRATEFUL FOR YOUR PERSONAL EFFORT IN THIS REGARD.
9. RESPECTFULLY, HOWIE.
SSO: DELIVER DURING DUTY HOURS.

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6. NEXT WE TOOK GENERAL GALTIERI TO RANGE 41 WHERE HE WAS ABLE TO FLY IN A MODERNIZED COBRA, SHOOT THE 20MM CANNON, AND OBSERVE 2.75 INCH ROCKET FIRING. WE DID NOT SHOOT A TOW MISSILE. GENERAL GALTIERI WAS GENUINELY IMPRESSED BY THE FIRE POWER AND MANEUVERABILITY OF THE COBRA. HE FULLY UNDERSTANDS THAT IT IS A MULTIPLE-MISSION AIRCRAFT CAPABLE NOT ONLY OF ANTI-ARMOR EMPLOYMENT, BUT ALSO TO PROVIDE MOBILE FIRE POWER FOR THE INFANTRY COMMANDER AND TO PROTECT HELICOPTERS ENROUTE TO, AND IN AND OUT OF, LZ'S.

7. FROM RANGE 41 HE FLEW TO RANGE 29 WHERE THE AVIATION GROUP SPONSORED OUR LUNCH. THIS CONSISTED OF A "LUXURY" C RATION, I.E., HOT. HE REALLY ENJOYED THE OPPORTUNITY TO EAT A FIELD RATION AND THE COOKS HAD PREPARED A CAKE DECORATED APPROPRIATELY WITH A WELCOME TO HIM BY NAME. HE INSISTED OF HAVING HIS PICTURE TAKEN WITH THE COOKS AND EXPRESSED HIS PERSONAL THANKS FOR THEIR EFFORTS.

8. PERHAPS THE MOST IMPRESSIVE EVENT OF THE DAY WAS THE LIVE AIR ASSAULT OPERATION INTO RANGE 29 BY THE "AIR ASSAULT COMPANY TEAM." THE COMPANY TEAM CONSISTS OF A RECONNAISSANCE ELEMENT (2 PINK TEAMS FROM THE CAV), 5 TROOP CARRYING BLACKHAWKS, AND 2 LIGHT FIRE TEAMS FROM THE ATTACK HELICOPTER BATTALION ON THE FLANKS OF THE TROOP CARRIERS. HE WAS ABLE TO OBSERVE THE RECONNAISSANCE OF THE LZ BY THE CAV, THE SIMULATED DRAWING FIRE BY THE SCOUTS, SUPPORTING FIRE BY THE COBRA PROTECTING THE SCOUTS, THE SMOKING OF THE LZ BY A UH-1 SMOKE SHIP COVERED BY A LIGHT FIRE TEAM, AND FINALLY THE INSERTION OF THE BLACKHAWKS COVERED BY COBRAS. HE WAS IMPRESSED BY THE TEAMWORK AND THE FIRE POWER OF THE COMPANY TEAM AND HOW FAST IT ALL HAPPENED. A-10'S WERE USED IN THE LZ PREP. AFTER THE LAND-

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ING OF THE AIR ASSAULT COMPANY TEAM, GENERAL GALTIERI WAS ABLE TO OBSERVE AN INFANTRY PLATOON FIRING ORGANIC WEAPONS TO INCLUDE LAWS, GRENADE LAUNCHERS, M-161, M-6215 AND 81MM MORTARS FIRING FINAL PROTECTIVE FIRES. WE DEMONSTRATED FIRING A GROUND TOW SYSTEM AS WELL AS A DRAGON. WE DID NOT SHOOT LIVE MISSILES. 9. MRS. GALTIERI SPENT THE DAY WITH MY WIFE VISITING ARMY COMMUNITY SERVICES, CHILDREN'S WORLD, THE COMMUNITY LIFE CENTER, THE MUSEUM, AND THE POST EXCHANGE. SHE HAD LUNCH WITH THE WIVES OF OUR COMMANDERS AND STAFF. MRS. GALTIERI IS A VIVACIOUS, ENERGETIC PERSON WHO OBVIOUSLY HAD AN EXCEEDINGLY ENJOYABLE TIME DURING HER VISIT TO FORT CAMPBELL.

10. I AM CONVINCED THAT GENERAL GALTIERI HAS AN ENJOYABLE AND PROFITABLE VISIT. HE PERSONALLY INDICATED THAT IT WAS THE HIGH POINT OF HIS TOUR THUS FAR. HE INDICATED THAT HE THOUGHT IT WOULD BE DESIRABLE TO FORM AN AIR ASSAULT BRIGADE IN THE ARGENTINE ARMY. HE ALSO INDICATED THAT HE WAS SERIOUSLY CONSIDERING EXPANDING HIS EXCHANGE PROGRAM TO INCLUDE THE 101ST ABN DIV (AASLT). HE WAS CONVINCED THAT THE SKILLS AND TACTICS THAT COULD BE LEARNED HERE WOULD BE USEFUL. I BELIEVE HE UNDERSTANDS THE VALUE OF AIR MOBILITY AND ITS POSSIBLE USE IN HIS OWN ARMY. I GATHERED THE IMPRESSION THAT HE INTENDED TO PURSUE THIS CAPABILITY IN MORE DETAIL. HE EXPRESSED PARTICULAR INTEREST IN OUR NIGHT VISION GOGGLES, AVIATOR SURVIVAL KNIFE, AND WOULD YOU BELIEVE IT, OUR MODIFIED M-274 MULE.

11. HIS VISIT WAS A SUCCESS.

12. WARM REGARDS,

SSO NOTE: DELIVER DUTY NORMAL DUTY HOURS.

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