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SUBJECT: GOA TO OPEN "NAZI" ARCHIVES

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1. THE GOA, RESPONDING IN PART TO INTERNATIONAL PRESSURE, WILL OPEN TO THE PUBLIC OFFICIAL FEDERAL POLICE FILES ON ALLEGED NAZI WAR CRIMINALS WHO ENTERED ARGENTINA AT THE END OF WORLD WAR II. PRESIDENT MENEM AND INTERIOR MINISTER MANZANO WILL PARTICIPATE IN A FORMAL CEREMONY MARKING THE EVENT, FEBRUARY 3, TO WHICH AMBASSADORS FROM THE G-7 COUNTRIES, ISRAEL AND THE VATICAN HAVE BEEN INVITED. THE ARCHIVES HAD BEEN THE OBJECT OF CONSIDERABLE INTERNATIONAL INTEREST AND CREATED CONTROVERSY DURING MENEM'S NOVEMBER STATE

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2. IN ANTICIPATION OF RENEWED INTEREST IN THE SUBJECT, EMBASSY WOULD APPRECIATE RESPONSE TO ACTION REQUESTED REFTEL. B'NAI B'RITH-**ARGENTINA** WISHES APPROPRIATE POINTS OF CONTACT IN U.S. GOVERNMENT AGENCIES WHICH MIGHT HAVE INFORMATION ON **NAZI** WAR CRIMINALS POSSIBLY STILL IN **ARGENTINA**.

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