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FROM AMEMBASSY BUENOS AIRES CLASSIFICATION [REDACTED]

E.O. 11652:
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SUBJECT:

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Argentine refugees in Brazil

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ACTION:
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ARGENTINA PROJECT (320000044)
U.S. DEPT. OF STATE, A/RPS/IPS
Margaret P. Grafeld, Director
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REF: (a) State 88529, (b) Buenos Aires 3011

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As reported in ref tel B, []
(protect) will be in Rio May 8 for two to three months to in-
vestigate refugee situation and consider opening a UNHCR branch
office in Brazil. [] told Emboff he believes more
than 1,000 Argentines are seeking asylum in Brazil and that
their presence is viewed with grave concern by Brazilian auth-
orities. He said that many of them apparently fled Argentina
after being detained for interrogation and subsequently released
in Argentina and that a major problem for UNHCR will be to ascer-
tain which are bona fide refugees and which are or were terror-
ists and thus ineligible for refugee status under the UNHCR
mandate. [] added that some Latin American countries, par-
ticularly Bolivia, are apparently cooperating with Argentine

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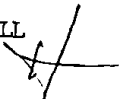
[] authorities in returning Argentine suspects, but that Brazil [] so far has apparently not forcefully repatriated any Argentine asylum seekers back to Argentina. He asked whether USG would be responsive to a UNHCR effort to resettle Argentine refugees out of Brazil and other Latin American countries.

[] said, he would appreciate a Congen Rio political briefing early after his May 8 arrival and Embassy recommends Congen leave name of appropriate US officer [] at UNDP offices in Rio in order for him to arrange call. [] can provide further information to Congen Rio after his onsite appraisal of situation.

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