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ITEM FOUR: ARGENTINA (AS OF 1400 EDT 24 MAR 75)

1. (SAMPO/COYMNGISMI) GOYERNMENT CONDUCTS ANTITERRORIST SHEEP.

VIDLENCE BY LEPTIST AND RIGHTIST ELEMENTS HAS REACHED THE HIGHEST LEVEL SINCE MRS PERON BECAME PRESIDENT IN JULY 1974. THERE HAVE BEEN BOME 25 KILLINGS IN THE LAST FEW DAYS ALONE. IN A SWEEP THROUGH TWO KEY PROVINCES, POLICE HAVE ARRESTED MORE THAN 108 PERSONS SINCE 20 MARCH, WHEN AN ALLEGED PLOT BY THE PEOPLE'S REVOLUTIONARY ARMY (ERF) TO CRIPPLE THE COUNTRY'S INDUSTRY HAS REVOLUTIONARY ARMY (ERF) TO CRIPPLE THE COUNTRY'S INDUSTRY HAS REVPALED. THE ERP HAD INTENDED TO ACHIEVE A SHUTDOWN BY LABORERS OF KEY INDUSTRIES MORTHWEST OF BURNOS AIRES, WITH THE AREASESTS, THE POLICE HAVE SCORED A VICTORY AGAINST THE EMP, ARRESTS, THE POLICE HAVE SCORED A VICTORY AGAINST THE EMP, ARRESTS, THE POLICE HAVE SCORED FOR AN ECONOMICALLY ORIENTED OFFENSIVE IN THE AREA. HOHEVER, SECAUSE OF THE POLICE ACTION, MORKERS HAVE OF LEFT-MING UNION LEADERS. THIS HAS INCREASED THE POTENTIAL FOR

PURTHER VIOLENCE.

2. (6/NPD/CD/HNSISMI) POLITICAL INTRIGUE ALSO CONTINUES, AS ELEMENTS IN AND OUT OF THE PERONIST MOVEMENT VIE FOR A GREATER ROLE ELEMENTS IN AND OUT OF THE PERONIST MOVEMENT VIE FOR A GREATER ROLE IN THE GOVERNMENT WHICH HAS BEEN WEAKENED BY POWER STRUGGLES IN THE ADMINISTRECAUSED BY KEY LABOR LEADERS WANTING MORE INFLUENCE IN THE ADMINISTRECAUSED BY KEY LABOR LEADERS WANTING MORE INFLUENCE IN THE ADMINISTRECAUSED BY KEY LABOR LEADERS WANTING HEETING, CALLED TO CONSIDER TION. LAST WEEK'S EMERGENCY CABINET HEETING, CALLED TO CONSIDER THE THREAT AGAINST THE INDUSTRIES, WAS PROBABLY A DEVICE TO HALT THE INFLUENTIAL LEADERSHIP OF THE PERONIST—CONTROLLED LABOR MOVE—THE INFLUENTIAL LEADERSHIP OF THE PERONIS KEY ADVISOR, LOPEZ REGA, MENT FROM PLOTTING AGAINST MRS PERONIS KEY ADVISOR, LOPEZ REGA, HUD IS ALSO THE SOCIAL WELFARE MINISTER. THE HEETING, HOWEVER. ENDED INCONCLUSIVELY POSSIBLY SECAUSE OF OPPOSITION TO LOPEZ REGA FROM SOME CABINET MEMBERS.

3. (S/NFD/CD/HNSISMI) MOST KEY POLITICAL ELEMENTS ARE APPARENTLY NOW OPPOSED TO THE SOCIAL MELPARE MINISTER. WITHIN APPARENTLY NOW OPPOSED TO THE SOCIAL MELPARE MINISTER. WITHIN LABOR CIRCLES AND IN CONGRESS, THE OPPOSITION SEEMS TO BE CRYSTALIZED, AND CONTINGENCY PLANNING FOR A CONSTITUTIONALLY ACCEPTABLE REPLACEMENT FOR MRS PERON IS UNDER HAY, SHOULD SHE REFUSE TO OUST HIM. THIS PLANNING REPORTEDLY INVOLVES THE MILITARY REFUSE TO OUST HIM. THIS PLANNING REPORTEDLY INVOLVES THE MILITARY BUT ONLY IN AN "EXPLORATORY" FASHION. ALTHOUGH SOME DISSATISFACTION, PRIMARILY AGAINST LOPEZ REGA, EXISTS IN THE ARMED FORCES AND SOME

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NAVY OFFICERS ARE PLOTTING, A MOVE AGAINST THE PRESIDENT ON LOPEZ REGA IS NOT NOW PLANNED. MOST OFFICERS PROBABLY PREFER THAT MRS. PERON STAY IN OFFICE UNTIL THE 1977 ELECTIONS.

4. (SYNFO/GOYMNSISMI) IF THE LEVEL OF VIOLENCE, POLITICAL INTFIGUE, AND OPPOSITION TO THE SOCIAL WELFARE MINISTER CONTINUE BT #1876

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