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THE SIE HAS RECEIVED INFORMATION FROM GENERALLY RELIABLE SOURCES INDICATING THAT BUENOS AIRES PROVINCIAL
GOVERNOR VICTOR CALABRO HAD BEEN IN RECENT CONTACT WITH ACTIVE
DUTY ARMY OFFICERS HOLDING THE RANK OF LIEUTENANT COLONEL AND
COLONEL, DURING WHICH CALABRO EXPRESSED DISGUST WITH THE INCUMBENT ARGENTINE GOVERNMENT, SPECIFICALLY PRESIDENT PERON
AND HER CONSORT, JOSE LOPEZ REGA.

CALABRO, SPEAKING AS AN EXPERIENCED FORMER UNION LEADER, ASSURED THE ARMY OFFICERS THAT THE UNIONS WERE FED UP WITH LOPEZ REGA AND DESIRED TO PUT AN END TO THE INCUMBENT ARGENTINE GOVERNMENT. CALABRO ASSURED THE ARMY OFFICERS, WHOM HE CONTACTED THAT THE UNIONS MOULD STAND BY THE ARMY SHOULD THEY BRING ABOUT A COUP TO OVERTHROW THE PERON GOVERNMENT AND WOULD BE WILL-ING PARTNERS WITH THE ARMY IN FORMING A NEW GOVERNMENT. CALABRO ASSURED THE ARMY OFFICERS THAT THE ARMY AS AN INSTITUTION WOULD NOT BE GOING OUT ON A LIMB IN STAGING A COUPSINCE THE UNIONS HOULD BE BEHIND THE ARMY ALL THE WAY, PROVIDED THE ARMY AND THE UNIONS ENTERED INTO THE NEW GOVERNMENT AS EQUAL PARTNERS.

AS OF 3/11/75, THE FOREGOING INFORMATION HAD NOT YET BEEN ASSIGNED AN EVALUATION BY SIE.

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