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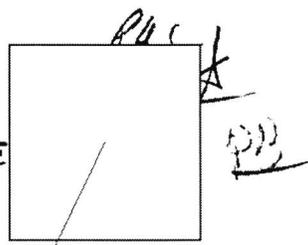
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Possibility of Railroad Labor Dispute

RSO recently met with a member of the Argentine security service closely involved with transportation facilities. Source stated that there is some "possibility" of a strike by railroad workers this April. The recent strike of March 8-9 was quickly suppressed by the arrest of 3 of 8 leaders; the other 5 escaped. The governments quick response to this strike situation was in contrast to its procrastination last November when faced with a similar situation. Source stated there were acts of terrorism committed by Montoneros during the recent threatened strike but that they were not publicly acknowledged by the GOA.

Source believes that a railroad strike could lead to other sympathetic strikes. The government plans to reduce the railroad work force by over 30,000 people this year. Last year, the railroad was running at a deficit of US\$2 million per day; presently, it is running at a deficit of US\$700,000 a day. Source stated there are no strong labor leaders in the railroad unions and one of the difficulties the government has is identifying where the actual leadership exists. This is being closely watched.

Source stated that he believed the terrorists were laying low in preparation for a spectacular during the World Cup. Their activities would be directed at attracting worldwide publicity, possibly destroying the color TV broadcasting station or interfering with the satellite communication system, or any other incidents which would focus worldwide attention on Argentina.

In this regard, there has been a definitive change in the Montonero tactics. They are now anxious to make their activities appear to be spontaneous acts of violence against the government by a disenchanting public, not by Montonero terrorists. They also are planning to disrupt

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railroad traffic in the northern part of the country, particularly lines that carry fuel. Source also believed that later this year the Montoneros will concentrate assassination attempts on principal military figures. Source stated that the four principal preoccupations of the security forces revolve around the World Cup, the economic situation, the explosive social situation and the change scheduled in the Junta later this year.

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