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1. Embassy reports reflect a major decline in terrorist activities from Feb 77 until the present, with the exception of Oct 77 and Mar 78. During these two months there was an increase in terrorist activities over preceding months, probably associated with dates that are of particular significance to the terrorists: March 24, the anniversary of the military coup, and Oct 27, Peronist Loyalty Day. Current estimates of terrorist strength reflect approximately 450 to 500 Montonero combatants, of which 150 are outside of Argentina, and approximately 200-275 members of the ERP, of whom only 20 are considered combat cadre. Terrorists for the most part have been involved in small, disjointed operations against soft targets, most notably Argentine government

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guards
officials without ~~custodians~~ and business executives.

2. Security officials believe the Montoneros are planning a spectacular during the period of the World Cup. Their activities will be directed at attracting world-wide publicity, possibly by destroying the color TV broadcasting system, interfering with the satellite communication system, or any other tactic that will attract worldwide attention. They do not believe the terrorists will initiate any action that would be harmful to the Argentine soccer public or overtly interfere with the matches themselves.

3. During the early part of 1977, there were bomb attacks against public places such as the Sheraton Hotel, La Cabaña, a well-known restaurant, the polo grounds and occasionally a movie theatre. However, there have been no recent reports of such activities, with the exception of bombs planted on railroad tracks during March 1978. These latter incidents can be attributed to a threatened RR strike. Overall, we perceive no general security threat that would affect the average soccer ~~aficionado~~ aficionado from the U.S., although there is always the possibility that one could be peripherally involved in a terrorist incident.

4. Over the past two years there has been no indication
of terrorist targeting of USG personnel and we do not

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