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- 1. AR
- 2. INDICATION OF POSSIBLE MILITARY INTERVENTION IN ARGENTINA (U)
- 3. N/A
- 4. 1975, DEC 4
- 5. 1975, DEC 4, BSAS
- 6. (b)(3):10 USC 424
- 7. [redacted]
- 8. [redacted]
- 9. 1975, DEC 5
- 10. N/A
- 11. (b)(3):10 USC 424
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HE EXPLAINED THAT THE ARMED FORCES CONSIDER THEMSELVES TO BE AT WAR AND CASUALTIES ARE EXPECTED.

Sec. 3.3(b) (1)

THERE WAS A HIGH PROBABILITY THAT THERE WOULD NOT BE A COLONELS' COURSE BECAUSE A MILITARY INTERVENTION WOULD REQUIRE ALL OF THE COLONELS TO BE ASSIGNED TO GOVERNMENTAL FUNCTIONS. (ALL NEWLY PROMOTED COLONELS ATTEND THE ONE YEAR LONG COLONELS' COURSE BEGINNING IN MARCH FOLLOWING THEIR PROMOTION ON 31 DEC. THUS, ACCORDING TO SOURCE, THE MILITARY INTERVENTION WOULD OCCUR BEFORE MARCH 1976).

2. (COMMENT: ~~CONFIDENTIAL/NOFORN~~)

THE PERON GOVERNMENT WOULD BE OUSTED BY THE END OF DECEMBER. HE ADDED THAT PERONISM IS DRAGGING THE NATION INTO CHAOS AND HAD TO BE REMOVED.

Sec. 3.3(b) (1)

THE "GRITO" (CALL TO ARMS) WOULD BE GIVEN BY A "REGIMENTAL COMMANDER." HE DID NOT IDENTIFY THE REGIMENT BUT DID INDICATE THAT IT WOULD NOT BE ONE IN BUENOS AIRES. (THIS SUGGESTS THAT THE 1ST ARMORED CALVARY BRIGADE UNITS IN MAGDALENA, OLAVARRIA AND AZUL ARE WORTH WATCHING).

Sec. 3.3(b) (1)

IF THE UP AND COMING MUSICAL CHAIRS (REASSIGNMENTS) IN THE OFFICER CORPS AND VACATION PERIOD WOULD INTERFERE WITH THE ARMY'S PLANS. HE RESPONDED THAT THESE EVENTS WOULD NOT AFFECT THE SITUATION.

3. (COMMENT: ~~CONFIDENTIAL/NOFORN~~)

Sec. 3.3(b) (1)

MANY OFFICERS HAVE SHOWN THEIR DISDAIN FOR MRS. PERON'S GOVERNMENT BUT THUS FAR HAVE BEEN KEPT IN LINE BY THE SENIOR MILITARY LEADERS. THERE IS A DISTINCT POSSIBILITY THAT A HOT-HEADED REGIMENTAL OR BRIGADE COMMANDER COULD GIVE THE CALL TO ARMS. SUCH A MOVE COULD TRIGGER A SPONTANEOUS RESPONSE WITHIN THE ARMED FORCES. THE SENIOR MILITARY LEADERS WOULD THEN EITHER HAVE TO APPROVE THE MOVE OR BE PLACED IN THE UNENVIABLE POSITION OF DEFENDING MRS. PERON'S GOVERNMENT. THIS MSG HAS BEEN COORD WITH EMBASSY.

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