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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 WOULD STAND BY THE ARMY SHOULD THEY BRING ABOUT A COUP TO OVERTHROW THE PERON GOVERNMENT AND WOULD BE WILLING 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 COUP SINCE THE UNIONS WOULD BE BEHIND THE ARMY ALL THE WAY, PROVIDED THE ARMY AND THE UNIONS ENTERED INTO THE NEW GOVERNMENT AS EQUAL PARTNERS.

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