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1. Summary: Some of the apparent inconsistencies in the recent Air Force revolt can now be seen in better perspective. At a given moment, Mrs. Peron could only have crushed it by calling on the Army, which would not have responded. She was, therefore, very much in a box. Videla, too, however, saw his own position threatened by the revolt. He therefore had Agosti isolate the ultra-right leaders and put them down. This was successful but could have a high price further down the road. With Fautario out of the way, the Armed Forces emerged better coordinated and

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more united than before--at least for the moment. Videla emerged as the defender of constitutionalism, and the Army's subsequent victory over the terrorists at Monte Chingolo and Videla's impressive Christmas Eve speech further strengthened his hand--at least for the moment. In the long run, both Armed Forces unity and Videla's own position depend upon whether or not a political solution is soon produced. Hardliners, both civilian and military, were irritated by Videla's refusal to throw in with Capellini and topple Mrs. Peron straight away. There is no doubt that Videla promised quick political solutions (most importantly, that Mrs. Peron would be levered aside) in order to hold them at bay. If such solutions are not forthcoming within the next few weeks, Videla will face new challenges and splits within the Armed Forces. End Summary.

2. Why was Fautario Released? DAO sources have cleared up the mystery of why Fautario was released. The government named Agosti the new AF CINC at 2 p.m. on December 18 and so notified Capellini. The latter had no further interest in Fautario and released him. Fautario, however, unaware that a new CINC had been named, returned to AF headquarters and announced that he was resuming his duties. When Defense Minister Vottero informed Fautario that he was no longer the CINC, Fautario refused to step down. It was not until about 9 p.m. that he conceded. It was for this reason that the decree naming Agosti the new AF CINC was not published until 10:30 p.m. and that he was not

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sworn in until after midnight. Meanwhile, Capellini had continued his revolt, even though Fautario was no longer a factor. Capellini was now demanding nothing less than the ouster of the government and its replacement by a military regime.

3. Why Videla Did Not Support Capellini. As indicated earlier in Embassy sitreps, Capellini represented the far right-wing and wanted to bring into power an out-and-out military government. Videla is a moderate, a professional ~~statesman~~ ^{soldier} in every sense of the word, a constitutionalist, and while understanding that Mrs. Peron must be moved aside, wants to leave power in civilian hands if at all possible. Had Videla joined in Capellini's revolt, or had he moved to oust Mrs. Peron while it was still going on, he would have then had to contend with a strengthened right wing within the Armed Forces. He might even have appeared beholden to them and it would have been far more difficult to hold out for a civilian government. Further, the Army never likes to hitch its own fortunes to an Air Force (or Navy) initiative. Videla had his own plans and stuck to them despite Capellini's interference. It was logical that he did so.

4. Why Did Videla and Agosti Simply Not Sit Back and Watch? At a given moment, it appeared that most major AF bases had gone over to the rebels. As indicated in ref A, Mrs Peron could not have put down the rebellion without calling on the Army. It seemed at the time, then, that Videla was in an excellent

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position simply to sit back and observe. If she called on the Army, Videla could ignore her call, and when she could not put down the revolt, she would have fallen without any overt move against her on Videla's part. It is still a debatable point as to whether or not it might not have been wiser for Videla to have followed this tactic. Be that as it may, Videla himself chose not to do so. Apparently, he feared that if the revolt went on for long, other hardline leaders, including some of his own corps commanders, would join in. This would have threatened his own position and might have left the hardliners in the driver's seat. It would also have been damaging to military discipline. Hence, Videla urged Agosti to go ahead and suppress the core of the rebellion. Agosti talked fast to the other senior AF officers and won most of them over to him (see ref B). Clearly, he gave assurances that Mrs. Peron would be out soon anyway; therefore, there was no point in continuing the revolt. By the afternoon of December 21, Agosti had reduced the revolt to Capellini and his followers at Moron and Aeroparque. He moved against them with prudence and a display of firepower designed more to intimidate than to kill. Without shedding any blood (a most important point for future unity), he forced Capellini to surrender.

5. Videla's Position Subsequent to Revolt. Videla emerged the victor and with an enhanced image as defender of constitutionalism and the institutions. The Armed Forces' dramatic victory

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over the terrorists at Monte Chingolo on December 23 further strengthened Videla's hand (as well as that of the Armed Forces in general), as did his Christmas Eve speech calling on the civilian politicians for definitions and solutions and that corruption and immorality be punished. Also adding to his image was the deft way in which he faced down Lorenzo Miguel and blocked the intervention of Buenos Aires Province on December 24 (see septel). Videla is, then, now in a stronger position than he enjoyed prior to the Air Force revolt. But it is a position conditioned by a definite time frame. He held off the hardliners by promising political solutions within a short time--probably by the end of January and possibly a good deal sooner. He clearly hopes the civilians even now can move Mrs. Peron aside on their own--through threat of impeachment, pressures from her own party or some other means. If they cannot, then Videla will have the choice of doing it himself, at the head of the Armed Forces, or face being ousted by men like Generals Suarez Mason, Diaz Bessone, and Menendez, who will lead an out-and-out golpe. In a difficult situation, Videla is trying to stay within the constitution. If he wins, there is a good chance that a civilian President will replace Mrs. Peron. If he loses, then constitutional rule is probably over for some time to come.

6. Unity of the Armed Forces. The ouster of Fautario has produced a greater sense of unity among the three commanders. Massera and Videla were on the same wave length to begin with.

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The sour note, Fantario, is out of the way and has been replaced by an old friend of Videla's. Agosti and Videla are from the same small town in BA Province, Mercedes. Further, as demonstrated at Monte Chingolo, there is now a much improved coordination among the services. At Monte Chingolo, the Air Force, along with the Army and Navy, responded rapidly and joined in the operations against the terrorists. As with Videla's personal position, however, this greater unity in the Armed Forces could prove short-lived unless there are drastic changes in the government soon--with Mrs. Peron's removal from the scene in one way or another topping the list.

7. Mrs. Peron Weakened. On the other side of the coin, Mrs. Peron's government emerged from the crisis further weakened, a situation her subsequent actions have done nothing to improve. Her ~~speech~~^{inane} speech of December 22 (see ref C) enraged senior military officers (with whom she refused to coordinate the text) and has become the butt of public jokes. Further, in the wake of so serious a crisis, a cabinet shake-up would have been the least one might have expected of Mrs. Peron if she wished to defuse the situation. Yet, when her entire cabinet did the expected and offered their resignations, on December 24, she almost immediately refused, indicating full confidence in all (see ref D).. Only her Press Secretary, Eloy Reborá, got the bounce. This was a must since he had run directly afoul of the three CINCS (see septel). She hardly pleased the CINCS

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with her choice to replace Reborá. Jorge O. Papaleo is a protege of Lorenzo Miguel, who has just come into direct conflict with Videla because of his insistence on intervening BA Province.

8. CGT Does Nothing. In terms of Mrs. Peron's position, moreover, it is interesting to note that while the CGT talked of mass mobilizations, etc., in fact they lifted not a finger until the issue was already clearly decided. Only on December 22 did they decide to call a sit-down strike. By then the revolt was over. If they really wished to defend Mrs. Peron, one might have expected a far more militant position.

9. Conclusions: While the Air Force revolt temporarily clouded the image of military unity, the fact that unity was restored has outweighed that negative image. Further, the positive factors--that Fautario was removed, that the Armed Forces defended the Constitution, etc.--outweigh the negative. The Armed Forces ~~defended the~~ have emerged with a greater unity of purpose among the three CINCS and with an improved image. Mrs. Peron emerged weaker than ever. If the three CINCS wish to preserve their position of strength, however, they must deliver on their promises to get rid of Mrs. Peron and produce other political solutions soon. Videla's Christmas Eve speech (text of which we assume Department has seen via FBIS) is a clear warning to the civilian politicians to resolve the problem of the power vacuum in the presidency else the Armed Forces themselves will have to act.

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1. AF revolt now definitely over. Normal air service has been restored at Aeroparque. Brigadier Capellini has been flown to unnamed air base. Reportedly, he will be only officer to suffer disciplinary action. As expected, yesterday's strike was lifted almost as soon as it began.

2. Crowds of civilians gathered at Moron yesterday to cheer rebels and some 300-500 people demonstrated against Mrs. Peron and in favor of Capellini in downtown Buenos Aires last night. Crowd surged down Florida street until stopped by police cordon.

Police had to use tear gas and shots fired in air to break up

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demonstration. Two Embassy communicators were forced from restaurant where they were having dinner and were lined up on street with arms in air along with other patrons. They were not given opportunity to identify themselves, but were released after period of ten to fifteen minutes.

3. "Pocket AF rebellion" served to underline impotence of Mrs. Peron's government. She appeared immobilized and never gave order that it be suppressed. AF did it on its own. Thus, her speech last night (text of which we assume Department has via FBIS) reflected an almost bizarre divorcement from reality. She spoke in first person of having put down rebellion with serenity, of avoiding bloodshed and accomplishing great things for Argentine people. In fact, however, she was not even a protagonist. As La Opinion puts it this morning, speech reflects "certain misinformation concerning reality of the situation through which country is passing." Military are bound to have been profoundly irritated by tone and content of speech, which took all credit for herself and barely mentioned military.

4. Military will also be disturbed by implication that she clearly does not plan to go on leave. On contrary, she emphasized her intention of continuing in office. Doubtless her repeated use of first person was also meant to signal that intention. Meanwhile, her performance of past few days has simply underlined her incapacity. Except for holding sterile cabinet meetings and issuing weird communiques (see septel) she

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took no action at all. Public ~~image~~ image is one of Mrs. Peron cowering and then fainting in Casa Rosada basement during December 20 air-raid scare. An American newspaperwoman who was a close eyewitness reports that when Mrs. Peron emerged from Casa Rosada about 10:00 p.m. December 20, she appeared to be in a trance, grimacing and stumbling. Several of her bodyguards reportedly grabbed her and virtually threw her in the back of her car. Other reports indicate that even during crisis she refused to speak to Interior Minister Robledo, whom she has come to detest. The two communicate through a third party rather than speaking directly to one another.

5. As some observers have put it: "Mrs. Peron's government is dead--has been dead for months." It appears, nonetheless, that its existence as a living corpse has been prolonged for yet another few days, or even weeks. To their credit, the Armed Forces are still hoping civilians will produce some constitutional means of removing Mrs. Peron from office. But time is clearly running out. Unless more graceful way is found, military may soon have to put her on a plane to Madrid, as they did Lopez Rega.

6. Government, and country, remain in state of crisis, but crisis could continue for yet some time to come. Immediate issue, that of AF revolt, has passed. Thus, while we wait for the other shoe to drop, Embassy will terminate sitrep series. In closing out, we repeat observation of Buenos Aires Herald that "there are usually more casualties at a Mexican wedding than in an Argentine revolt."

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1. After series of stops and starts, during which agreement seemed to have been reached on at least two occasions yesterday ^{apparently} (December 21), AF rebels ~~seemingly~~ came to terms with AF CINC Agosti early this morning (December 22). Aeroparque has been turned over to loyalist forces and Commodore Ugo Nicolas de Riccio, an officer loyal to Agosti, has taken command at Moron. ^{are} ~~There may still be~~ some individual ^{holdouts at Moron and de Riccio is hav} ~~trouble establishing his authority, but for~~ all practical purposes it would seem rpt seem that this phase is over.

2. CGT had called for sit-down strike beginning at 10:00 a.m.

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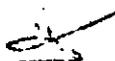
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Strike apparently will begin, but in view of solution to AF rebellion, meeting of CGT leaders also scheduled for 10:00 a.m. may decide to call it off quickly.

3. Terms of Agosti-Capellini agreement are not yet known, but most observers assume former's assurances concerning Mrs. Peron's imminent departure must have been firm; otherwise it is unlikely Capellini would have backed away.


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1. As of 2 p.m. today (December 21) there had been no new attacks against Moron and no moves against Aeroparque. Negotiations with rebel AF officers continue. Press this morning expressed optimism that solution to this particular problem was near at hand, but other observers have expressed reservations. Army General Majica was dismissed last night, but so far there have been no further repercussions within Armed Forces.
2. Even if AF conflict winds down, of course, larger political problem will remain. In developments related to it:
3. Last night, Interior Minister Robledo made statement in which

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he said that once discipline is restored in AF, government would be willing to discuss any other problems with military commanders, whether they were problems of a military nature or not. This was taken by all sides to mean that Robledo understands matter will not end with suppression of AF rebellion; rather, full political solution must be negotiated.

4. CGT last night issued statement expressing support for Mrs. Peron and convoking meeting of Central Confederated Committee for this morning. Committee met as scheduled and is now in permanent session. This represents very weak response on part of CGT--for the moment. This is not to say they could not call workers to street as situation develops, but so far their reaction has been tamer than expected.

5. In Congress, opposition parties and some anti-verticalista Peronists continue to press for Mrs. Peron's departure--some favoring leave of absence, others demanding resignation.

Verticalistas in Chamber, on other hand, continue publicly to voice support for President (though in private they too--or at least most of them--reportedly admit that she must go). Debate has at times become extremely bitter. Senior senators are playing a more serious and constructive role in trying to find solution to problem and some constitutional means of removing Mrs. Peron from presidency even if she will not budge on her own.

6. Three developments Embassy has not had opportunity to report which, while not directly germane to military crisis, have impact

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on Mrs. Peron's image and situation are: a) MID at end of week walked out of FREJULI Bloc; or rather, MID declared it was no longer part of bloc since latter had long since collapsed of its own rot. b) On December 19 Chamber of Deputies approved Constitutional Affairs Committee's finding that investigation of corruption in Social Welfare Ministry was not a violation of executive privilege. c) Federal Judge Fasolino late last week issued arrest order for Lopez Rega and his two cohorts, Carlos Villone and Jose M. Vanni. Fasolino reportedly asked Interpol to pick them up. Partial report in Fasolino's hands on what has been described as "paroxysm of venality" in Ministry under Lopez Rega reportedly is so damning that he saw no reason to wait for rest of report before issuing arrest order. Troubles of her former court favorite besmirch Mrs. Peron's banners as well as his. Arrest order, then, could hardly come at worse time for her.

7. Further developments expected during afternoon and evening.


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1. In bizarre episode this afternoon AF elements loyal to AF CINC Agosti bombed and strafed Moron Air Base. Attack came after day of intense discussions between Agosti and rebel officers. Agosti reportedly assured officers that since three CINCOS are already insisting on full political solution--i.e., including Mrs. Peron's ouster, there no longer any reason for AF rebellion; rather, AF officers should now all accept discipline of their institutions and get behind new CINC. Assurances obviously were convincing, for commanders of all bases (e.g. Mendoza, Villa Reynolds, etc.) except Moron and Aeroparque ended

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their rebellion and gave support to Agosti. Brigadier Capellini, who holds Moron and Aeroparque, however, refused. After brief meeting with Capellini this afternoon, Agosti announced that in view of failure of negotiations, he was ordering all loyal troops immediately to evacuate Moron. At 3 p.m., it was announced that since time limit had lapsed, "repressive" action would begin against Moron. Those still there would be considered to be rebels. Moron was attacked by combat aircraft shortly thereafter (apparently Mirages from nearby Moreno). Attack was apparently designed mainly to intimidate, but at least one aircraft on runway, a T-34 Mentor, was set ablaze. There were no casualties resulting from attack--nor have there been any during the entire rebellion.

2. Capellini meanwhile had announced that if attacked he would retaliate by bombing Casa Rosada. This sent Mrs. Peron and other officials scurrying to basement. Mrs. Peron reportedly had attack of nerves and doctor had to be summoned to attend her. She need not have been so concerned, for to best of DAO's knowledge, Capellini has no combat aircraft available to him at Moron to carry out his threat, although T-34's do have two .30 calibre machine guns.

3. At about 5:30 p.m. Agosti announced that repressive measures would be suspended briefly to allow new negotiations with Capellini. These talks also failed, however, with Capellini still refusing to capitulate. As of 9 p.m., therefore, new actions are expected against Moron. Unconfirmed reports also

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indicate AF ground units are being positioned to attack rebel forces still holding Aeroparque. Hopefully, however, new negotiations during the night may defuse the situation.

4. While armed conflict within AF adds bizarre and unfortunate note to developments, it does not alter overall situation described in earlier sitreps (see sitrep No. 7). Three CINCS reportedly remain determined that Mrs. Peron must go as part of any solution. They, however, are still pushing for a solution which would leave power in civilian hands--i.e., Mrs. Peron would leave but presidency would then pass to Luder or to another eligible civilian. Capellini, on other hand, reportedly continues to demand an outright military takeover, with a general in the Casa Rosada. This, plus Agosti's felt need to impose institutional discipline and assert his legitimate authority, is the crux of conflict with Capellini. Action against latter and his followers at Moron, then, does not represent effort on part of Armed Forces to defend Mrs. Peron against rebels. On contrary, all are in agreement on one point: Mrs. Peron must go. Their disagreement is over who (and what) should replace her--and over who is in authority in the Air Force.

5. In a disturbing incident growing out of the Agosti-Capellini conflict, hard-line Army General Mujica this afternoon issued statement saying armed action against Moron should not be taken. Army CINC Videla has called on Mujica to explain his statements. Disciplinary action could result. Implications for possible

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disunity in Army are serious, since Mujica does have a number of sympathizers in Army even though he does not at moment have troop command. There are, in short, some Army generals with troop commands who may feel as Mujica does and be tempted to move. In fact, there is probably still a great degree of loyalty ~~loyalty~~ for Mujica within the Airborne Brigade at Cordoba. If Capellini represents right-wing nationalists in Air Force, there are like-minded officers in Army. So far, Videla has held them in line. Mujica's indiscipline may make it a little harder. Also, if Army's solidarity begins to crumble, wavering Navy and AF commanders may reassess their positions. DAO sources indicate, for example, that Brigadier Montesano, commander of important First Air Brigade at Palomar Air Base, is supporting Air Force Commander Agosti over the objection of many of his senior staff officers.

6. Comment: Since Capellini has no combat aircraft and his ground units are outnumbered, his position, in the final analysis is untenable unless he receives support. Even if resolved in next few hours, episode is unfortunate, for it has given impression that Armed Forces are not united. As one disgusted citizen remarked to Emboff this afternoon: "We expected Armed Forces to save country from anarchy, not give us comic operas." This may be an overly pessimistic view, but at moment it is an understandable one.


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No significant developments since last sitrep. City remains calm. Air force planes# buzzed Casa Rosada this morning. It has now been confirmed that Villa Reynolds AF base is also in rebel hands in addition to Moron, Aeroparque and Mendoza bases. Further developments are expected today or tomorrow which may bring situation to a head.

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1. Negotiations continue but situation at moment appears headed in direction of conflict. In meeting of President, cabinet, three Cincs, et al (see Sitrep No. 6), three Cincs are reported by several very reliable sources to have demanded Mrs. Peron's removal (whether by resignation or leave ~~wh~~ of absence not clear) as condition for solution. Mrs. Peron refused.
2. CGT shortly thereafter indicated it would be calling for mobilization of workers in support of Mrs. Peron within next few hours. This comes at same time that other reports indicate some Army and Navy units are becoming increasingly impatient

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in their desire to join in effort to oust Mrs. Peron.

3. Sources close to Videla tell us his statement this afternoon (see Sitrep No. 6) was not rpt not meant to indicate support for Mrs. Peron; rather, it intended simply to mark time and to indicate his disassociation from AF initiative. Army is, in fact, in rather enviable position right now. It need not make any overt move to oust Mrs. Peron; rather, it can sit back and watch her try to suppress rebellion on her own. If she calls on Army, they will probably ignore her. Yet, if she cannot soon bring Moron, Aeroparque and Mendoza airbases under control, her position as President may have received fatal blow. In sum, Army need not join in. For moment, it can simply wait. There may be some hotheads, however, who will not be willing to play this waiting game.

4. Comment: As we analyze situation at present time, several conclusions can be drawn: a) It is becoming increasingly unlikely that there can be any peaceful solution unless Mrs. Peron resigns or at least goes on leave. b) ~~It~~ If Mrs. Peron can be moved aside, constitutional solution is still possible--i.e., Armed Forces might accept Luder or another civilian as President. c) Finally, there is as yet no evidence that Mrs. Peron does intend to step down. On contrary, indications are that she may try to make a fight of it and call on workers to defend her. Whether or not workers would answer call on a Friday night after whistle

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has blown remains to be seen. General strike beginning Monday morning is more likely response.

5. As cable being prepared Cabinet meeting presided over by Mrs. Peron is going on in Casa Rosada.

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- At 4:30 p.m. on national radio TV net government announced its firm rejection of demands presented by rebel group and called on populace to remain alert for instructions. CGT communique was read immediately thereafter announcing its "firm repudiation and rejection of golpistas," and placing workers on state of alert.
- At 4:50 rebel AF group in clandestine radio broadcast gave its answer to government's rejection of its demands. Broadcast said that "operations will continue and our flights over the city will demonstrate to the people our will to continue until we achieve our stated objectives." Rebel rejection was followed by rebel

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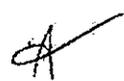
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communique No. 5 stating "We are passing through the worst moment in the history of the Republic, and we will not tolerate its continuance."

3. X Prior to above announcement, President, Cabinet, Military Commanders Videla, Massera and Agosti, CGT Secretary General Herreras and 62 Organizations Chief Lorenzo Miguel held 30-minute meeting at Government House. Military Chiefs had departed meeting at 1500 without making any statement.

4. Just before meeting at Government House, Radio Rivadavia carried text of radiogram reportedly sent by Armed Forces Commander-In-Chief Videla to military units. Salient points were that he (1) was not becoming involved in internal Air Force crisis; (2) recognized the national political implications of crisis, but was not in agreement with proposals put forth for resolving it (i.e., removal of Mrs. Peron and Videla assumption of Presidency); (3) urged appropriate institutions to act rapidly to solve grave problems facing country; and (4) urged Army to maintain unity, discipline and disinterest.

5. Comment: Read carefully, Videla's communique is in line with position he reportedly took with senators last night (see Sitrep No. 5)--i.e., civilians should produce a solution.



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1. At noon local time situation as follows: AF Brigadier
E Capellini and his supporters continue to hold Moron, Aeroparque,
and, ~~repeatedly~~ reportedly, air base in Mendoza. They refuse
to recognize authority ^{of} ~~###~~ new AF CINC Agosti. At same time,
neither Mrs. Peron ~~new~~ nor ~~###~~ ^{three} CINCNS have issued orders to
suppress dissidents. It is doubtful this dangerous impasse
can continue very long.

2. According to source close to Army and Navy CINCNS, ill-
conceived move by Capellini has placed military in difficult
dilemma. On one hand, they are reluctant to follow Air Force
in carrying out a coup, but neither do they wish to kill
their fellow officers in putting down rebellion. Issue is
complicated by fact that Capellini and his group represent an

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extreme Catholic nationalist strain in military whose views not acceptable even to majority of officers who favor coup. As result of above factors, CINCS have for moment taken position that next moves are up to Mrs. Peron. In the final analysis, her options would seem to come down to the following two: a) To order Army to suppress rebellion, in which case there would be large question as to whether Army would obey; and b) To step down as President.

In conversation with Emboff this morning,
3. UCR Bloc Leader Antonio Troccoli in a sense confirmed ~~above~~ above analysis--at least in part. Ball, he said, was now in government's court and military probably would make no move until government showed its hand. Troccoli said he convinced there could be no solution unless Mrs. Peron stepped aside. If she would do so, he thought Army would be willing to let another civilian, probably Luder, take over as President. If she refused, however, then situation would become very dangerous indeed, with increasing likelihood of out-and-out military takeover.

4. DAO sources and Embassy sources in Senate report that Videla talked to several senators last night and told them Army expected civilians to now produce a solution--i.e., to move Mrs. Peron aside.

5. DAO sources tend to confirm ^{information in} ~~analysis~~ paragraphs above.

6. As cable being prepared, AF planes are buzzing Casa Rosada and surrounding area dropping more leaflets.

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Ref: a) Smith-Felder telecon b) BA-8247 and previous sitreps (notal)
1. AF rebellion proved more long-lasting than seemed to be the case last night. As of this morning rebels are still holding Moron and Aeroparque. AF aircraft overflew city several times between 5:30 p.m. and 10:00 p.m. dropping leaflets calling on other armed services to support them, to oust Mrs. Peron's government and install General Videla as Chief of State. Additionally, rebel officers were able to seize three radio stations last night and broadcast same appeal for almost an hour.
2. In confusing episode, Brigadier Orlando Ramon Agosti was

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appointed Chief of Air Force just before midnight, replacing Fautario. Interior Minister Robledo announced that institutional crisis had thus been solved and rebellion was over--at same time he had to admit that Moron and Aeroparque were still in rebellion. Obviously, however, scope of AF rebellion had by then transcended simple demand for Fautario's ouster. Why rebel officers released Fautario if they intended to go on with revolt is a mystery. Earlier reports that they had made a deal--i.e., their safety for his release--would appear to have been false. One thesis is that once rebels became aware of decree to name Agosti (which apparently was dictated around 2:00 p.m., though not published until late last night) they lost further interest in Fautario, released him and went about business of trying to topple the government. Another report has it that officer entrusted to guard Fautario simply let him go. Whatever the case, Fautario is no longer a factor.

3. Key element, of course, will be attitude of Army, and to lesser extent of Navy. So far, neither service has been heard from. Videla returned just before midnight last night. Hence, it may be that officers are waiting for word from him as to what they should do. As of 2:00 a.m. Videla was still in session with his top officers.

4. Meanwhile, Congress last night became scene of intense activity. As one Senator's aide put it to Emboff last night, "politicians sense that this could easily expand into full-scale

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[golpe; hence, if they are to save constitutionalism, and themselves, they must pre-empt golpe by getting rid of Mrs. Peron themselves." Thus, in Chamber of Deputies, dissident "Working Group" called for Mrs. Peron's resignation and as patriotic gesture and appointment of Luder as Interim President to defuse the crisis, in the absence of which they suggested immediate impeachment proceedings. Senate also raised possibility of requesting Mrs. Peron to take leave of absence or to resign and asked Interior Minister Robledo to meet with Senate leaders. As of about 2:00 a.m., when senators and deputies left Congress, however, no definite decision had been taken or motion presented. One report indicates Carlos Palacio Deheza, of "Working Group," talked to rebel officers in Moron last night to ask if resignation of Mrs. Peron and appointment of Luder would satisfy their demands. Reportedly, he was given a negative reply and told that dissident officers want the Armed Forces themselves to take over government. This is unconfirmed report, and even if true, reflects attitude of dissident officers at Moron and not necessarily that of Videla, Viola, Massera and other top officers of Army and Navy.

5. CGT and 62 Organizations issued statement last night indicating "respect for right of AF to settle its own institutional problems."

6. Comment: What is clear is that AF rebellion was poorly conceived, poorly planned and was not coordinated with other services. Their hesitation in joining in is therefore understandable. At this point, however, it is not clear that dynamics,

or momentum, of situation may not carry them along whether they
join in
will/or not. We are endeavoring to get some reading of Army
attitude this morning and will report soonest.

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MRS PERON LEAVES GOVERNMENT HOUSE

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BUENOS AIRES NOTICIAS ARGENTINAS IN SPANISH 2310 GMT 21 DEC 75 PY
(TEXT) BUENOS AIRES, 21 DEC--PRESIDENT MARIA E TELA
MARTINEZ DE PERON LEFT GOVERNMENT HOUSE AT 2305 GMT. 212310
RHB/AUSTIN/CLR 212322 DEC
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PP RUESBA
DE RULPSEL 6448 3551232
ZNR UUUUU ZZH ZYN
P 211231Z DEC 75

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ARGENTINE REBELS DENY AGREEMENT REACHED

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PARIS AFP IN SPANISH 1229 GMT 21 DEC 75 PA

((TEXT)) BUENOS AIRES, 21 DEC--THE REBELS AT MORON AIRBASE DENIED HERE THIS MORNING THE VERACITY OF A GOVERNMENT COMMUNIQUE ISSUED 6 SIX HOURS AGO ASSERTING THAT THE CHIEFS OF THE BASE ARE OBEYING THE ORDERS OF THEIR NATURAL CHIEFS.

THE TOP REBEL COMMANDS WERE MEETING AT 1100 ONE ONE ZERO ZERO GMT CONTINUING TO STUDY THE SITUATION, A BASE SPOKESMAN SAID.

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NNNNVV ESA611BRN907
PP RUESBA
DE RUEBANA 7844 3550440
ZNR UUUUU ZZH ZYN
P 210438Z DEC 75

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ARGENTINA: UCR BLOCS REPUDIATE RADIO CLOSURE
PY210438Y REF PY210401 (BUENOS AIRES NOTICIAS ARGENTINAS
SPANISH 210300--GOVERNMENT CLOSES RADIO)
BUENOS AIRES NOTICIAS ARGENTINAS IN SPANISH 0334 GMT 21
DEC 75 PY

((TEXT)) BUENOS AIRES, 20 DEC--UCR NATIONAL SENATORS ISSUED
A COMMUNIQUE AT NEAR MIDNIGHT IN WHICH THEY DISAPPROVE OF THE
EXECUTIVE BRANCH DECISION TO CLOSE L.S.5 RADIO RIVADAVIA.
MEANWHILE, THE UCR NATIONAL DEPUTIES DRAFTED A STATEMENT
CONDEMNING THE DECISION AND ASKED THE HEAD OF THE CHAMBER TO
INITIATE NEGOTIATIONS TO REVOKE THE CLOSURE DECREE.

THE UCR NATIONAL SENATORS STATE THAT "THE EXECUTIVE BRANCH
CLOSED RADIO RIVADAVIA FOR DUBIOUS MOTIVES" AND ADD THAT
"THIS SHOWS A TOTAL LACK OF RESPECT FOR FREEDOM OF EXPRESSION
AND THE PRESS." WITH THIS ACTION "THE EXECUTIVE BRANCH EXHIBITS ITS
PERSISTENT INSTABILITY AND ITS POLITICAL PARTISANSHIP, WHICH
ARE THE ANTI-THESIS OF RESPONSIBLE GOVERNMENT."

THE ALMOST-SIMULTANEOUS NATIONAL DEPUTIES BLOC DISAPPROVING
OF THE CLOSURE, ASKS THE HEAD OF THE CHAMBER OF DEPUTIES TO
INITIATE NEGOTIATIONS TO REVOKE THE EXECUTIVE BRANCH DECREE.
THE STATEMENT SAYS: "WE REPUDIATE THIS ACTION, WHICH REPRESENTS
AN ESCALATION LEADING US TO PRESUME THAT 'THIS MOMENT' WHICH
THE COUNTRY IS EXPERIENCING HAS BEEN USED TO SILENCE THE MEDIA."
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DE RUEBANA 7857 3551616

ZNR UUUUU ZZH ZYN

P 211612Z DEC 75

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RULBSAA/COMUSNAVFORSO/COMFIFTEEN

RUCLDHA/COMANTDEFCON

RULPAFA/COMUSAFSO

RUEBFGA/VOA WASHDC

RUESBA/AMEMB BUENOS AIRES

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ARGENTINE PRESIDENT MEETS WITH UNION LEADERS

PY211612Y

BUENOS AIRES NOTICIAS ARGENTINAS IN SPANISH 1600 GMT 21 DEC 75 PY

((TEXT)) BUENOS AIRES, 21 DEC--UNION LEADERS LORENZO MIGUEL,

CASILDO HERRERAS AND ROGELIO PAPAGNO, AS WELL AS PRESIDENTIAL

TECHNICAL SECRETARY JULIO GONZALEZ AND SOCIAL WELFARE MINISTER

ANIBAL DEMARCO, WERE MEETING WITH PRESIDENT PERON AT 1245 IN

THE OLIVOS RESIDENCE. 211600 OLC/DONNELL/CGM 211619 DEC

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NNNNVV ESA624BRN082

PP RUESBA

DE RUEBANA 7856 3551555

ZNR UUUUU ZZH ZYN

P 211554Z DEC 75

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RULPSEL/FBIS PANAMA

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ARGENTINA: CGT HEARS HERRERAS REPORT

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BUENOS AIRES TELAM IN SPANISH 1530 GMT 21 DEC 75 PY

((TEXT OF COMMUNIQUE RELEASED BY CGT FEDERAL CENTRAL COMMITTEE
IN BUENOS AIRES ON 21 DECEMBER))

((TEXT)) CONVOKED BY THE CGT EXECUTIVE COUNCIL, THE FEDERAL
CENTRAL COMMITTEE HAS MET TO DISCUSS THE EVENTS WHICH ARE OF
PUBLIC CONCERN.

AFTER HEARING THE DETAILED REPORT OF OUR SECRETARY GENERAL,
COMRADE CASILDO HERRERAS, IT WAS DECIDED TO REMAIN IN PERMANENT
SESSION AND TO RESUME THE DISCUSSIONS AT 1800 TODAY.

((SIGNED)) ENRIQUE MICO, CGT PRESS SECRETARY. 211530
OLC/DONNELL/CGM 211558 DEC

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NNNNVV ESA623BRN079
PP RUESBA
DE RULPSEL 6458 3551554
ZNR UUUUU ZZH ZYN
P 211552Z DEC 788

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RUEBFGA/VOA WASHDC
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RULPAKA/FT AMADOR G-2
INFO RUCLDHA/COMANTDEFCON
RULPAFA/COMUSAFSO/ALBROOK AFS
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RUEBANA/FBIS ASUNCION
RUESBA/AM EMBASSY BUENOS AIRES
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ARGENTINE GOVERNMENT TO RENEW ATTACKS AGAINST MORON

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BUENOS AIRES LATIN IN SPANISH 1547 GMT 21 DEC 75 PA
(TEXT) BUENOS AIRES, 21 DEC--THE AIR FORCE GENERAL
COMMAND HAS DECIDED TO RESUME REPRESSIVE ACTION AGAINST THE
REBEL WING, STATIONED AT MORON AIRBASE, 25 TWO FIVE KM FROM
BUENOS AIRES, IN VIEW OF THE FAILURE OF THE NEGOTIATIONS,
RESPONSIBLE AIR FORCE SOURCES HAVE ANNOUNCED.

THE SOURCES SAID THE ATTACK WILL BEGIN AT 1600 ONE SIX
ZERO ZERO GMT BUT MIGHT SUFFER A DELAY PENDING LAST MINUTE
NEGOTIATIONS.

REBEL SOURCES, WHEN ASKED ABOUT THE POSSIBLE NEW ATTACK
AGAINST THE BASE THEY HOLD, SAID THEY WOULD NOT RESPOND TO
THE FIRE BUT WILL DIRECT THEIR ACTIONS AGAINST THE PRESIDENTIAL
RESIDENCE AT OLIVOS AND THE GOVERNMENT PALACE AT THE HISTORIC
PLAZA DE MAYO.

PRESIDENT MARIA ESTELA PERON IS AT OLIVOS, IN SUBURBAN
BUENOS AIRES, 15 ONE FIVE KM WEST OF THE CAPITAL. 211547
BJP/SEBESTA/LAC 21/1559Z DEC

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NNNNVV ESA622BRN078
PP RUESBA
DE RUEBANA 7855 3551546
ZNR UUUUU ZZH ZYN
P 211545Z DEC 75

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ARGENTINA: HERRERAS CALLED TO MEET WITH PERON

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BUENOS AIRES NOTICIAS ARGENTINAS IN SPANISH 1525 GMT 21 DEC 75 PY

((TEXT)) BUENOS AIRES, 21 DEC--A PRESIDENTIAL ENVOY WENT
TO CGT HEADQUARTERS, 802 AZOPARDO ST, AT 1205 AND MET WITH
CGT SECRETARY GENERAL CASILDO HERRERAS.

HERRERAS, ACCOMPANIED BY THE PRESIDENTIAL ENVOY, LEFT THE
OFFICE IMMEDIATELY AND WENT TO THE OLIVOS RESIDENCE IN A
CAR. 211525 CRG/DONNELL/CGM 211549 DEC

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PP RUESBA
DE RUEBANA 7854 3551530
ZNR UUUUU ZZH ZYN
P 211530Z DEC 75

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PY211530 REF WA211514 (ANSWERING HOGAN)

GRAF ONE LINE THREE SHUD READ XXX "THE OPERATIONAL AIR
FORCE COMMAND ((LA FUERZA AEREA EN OPERACIONES)), WHICH
CONTINUES LOYAL XXX PROVIDING TRANSLATION USED YESTERDAY,
PLUS THE SPANISH. DONNELL/CGM 211535 DEC

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NNNNVV ESA620BRN054
PP RUESBA
DE RULPSEL 6453 3551442
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P 211441Z DEC 75

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ARGENTINE PRELATE TO SERVE AS MEDIATOR WITH AIR FORCE
PA211441Y

BUENOS AIRES LATIN IN SPANISH 1426 GMT 21 DEC 75 PA
((BY JUAN ARAYA))

((TEXT)) BUENOS AIRES, 21 DEC--ARGENTINE EPISCOPAL
CONFERENCE CHAIRMAN MSGR ADOLFO TORTOLO HAS ARRIVED AT
MORON AIR BASE, WHICH IS UNDER CONTROL OF THE AIRMEN REVOLTING
AGAINST THE PERONIST GOVERNMENT IN ORDER TO SECURE A SETTLEMENT
OF THE SERIOUS MILITARY CRISIS.

TORTOLO, WHO IS ALSO ARCHBISHOP OF PARANA--CAPITAL OF
ENTRE RIOS PROVINCE--WILL ACT AS MEDIATOR BECAUSE HE IS THE
GENERAL MILITARY VICAR.

THE PRELATE REACHED THE REBEL BASE BY CAR AND IMMEDIATELY
MET THE LEADERS OF THE SUBVERSIVE MOVEMENT WHILE THE AIR FORCE
COMMAND REPORTED AN IMMINENT MEETING OF ALL THE DIVISION GENERALS
((BRIGADIERES)) WHO FOLLOW BRANCH HEAD ORLANDO AGOSTI. 211426
CG/SEBESTA/LAC 21/1446Z DEC

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NNNNVV ESA619BRN052
PP RUESBA
DE RUEBANA 7853 3551425
ZNR UUUUU ZZH ZYN
P 211414Z DEC 75

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RULPSEL/FBIS PANAMA
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ARGENTINA: GOVERNMENT AIR FORCE COMMAND TO MEET

PY211414Y

BUENOS AIRES NOTICIAS ARGENTINAS IN SPANISH 1405 GMT 21 DEC 75 PY
(TEXT) BUENOS AIRES, 21 DEC--AIR FORCE SOURCES HAVE REPORTED
THAT THE CHIEFS WHO ARE LOYAL TO AIR FORCE COMMANDER BRIG ORLANDO
AGOSTI WILL MEET AT CONDOR BUILDING IN A FEW MOMENTS, PROBABLY
AT NOON.

THE REASON FOR THIS MEETING IS NOT KNOWN. 211405 OLC/DONNELL/CGM

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PP RUESBA
DE RUEBANA 7852 3551412
ZNR UUUUU ZZH ZYN
P 211335Z DEC 75

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TO RUTLAAA/FBIS WASHDC
RULPSEL/FBIS PANAMA
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RUEBFGA/VOA WASHDC
RUESBA/AMEMB BUENOS AIRES
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ARGENTINA: GOVERNMENT PLANES WATCH MORON
PY211335Y

BUENOS AIRES NOTICIAS ARGENTINAS IN SPANISH 1312 GMT 21 DEC 75 PY
(TEXT) BUENOS AIRES, 21 DEC--ONE BOMBER AND TWO JET PLANES
HAVE BEEN OVERFLYING THE HEADQUARTERS OF THE 7TH AIR FORCE
BRIGADE IN MORON SINCE 0900.

ACCORDING TO JOURNALISTS POSTED IN NEARBY AREAS, THESE PLANES
ARE CARRYING OUT RECONNAISSANCE. 211312 OLC/DONNELL/CGM
211416 DEC

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NNNNVV ESA616BRN047
PP RUESBA
DE RUEBANA 7851 3551333
ZNR UUUUU ZZH ZYN
P 211330Z DEC 75

FM FBIS ASUNCION
TO RUTLAAA/FBIS WASHDC
RULPSEL/FBIS PANAMA
RULPALJ/USCINCSO/ATTN J-2 AND J-5
RULPAKA/CDRUSARSO
RULPASA/USASA DET SOCOM FT CLAYTON CZ
RULBSAA/COMUSNAVFORSO/COMFIFTEEN
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RULPAPA/COMUSAFSO
RUEBFGA/VOA WASHDC
RUESBA/AMEMB BUENOS AIRES
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ARGENTINA: REBEL AIR FORCE HAS NOT SURRENDERED
PY211330Y REF PA2112316 (PARIS AFP SPANISH 211229--REBELS DENY
AGREEMENT)

BUENOS AIRES NOTICIAS ARGENTINAS IN SPANISH 1240 GMT 21 DEC 75 PY

((TEXT)) MORON, BUENOS AIRES, 21 DEC--AN OFFICER OF THE
7TH AIR FORCE BRIGADE HEADQUARTERED AT MORON, WHO IDENTIFIED
HIMSELF AS COMMODORE LARocca, REPORTED THIS MORNING THAT "THE
AIR FORCE IN OPERATIONS, WHICH CONTINUES LOYAL TO BRIG JESUS
CAPELLINI, IS FIRMLY MAINTAINING ITS INITIAL POSITION. THERE IS
NO SURRENDER OF ANY KIND NOR HAVE ANY DEMANDS BEEN ACCEPTED."
THIS WAS THE ANSWER HE GAVE WHEN HE WAS ASKED ABOUT THE OFFICIAL
REPORT RELEASED EARLY THIS MORNING BY THE PRESS AND BROADCASTING
SECRETARIAT WHICH INDICATED THAT "THE OFFICERS OF THE MORON AIR
FORCE BASE ARE LOYAL TO THEIR NATURAL LEADERS."

REGARDING THE SITUATION COMMODORE LARocca ADDED THAT IT IS
COMPLETELY STATIC, AND TO A QUESTION ON THE EXISTENCE OF
NEGOTIATIONS OR CONTACTS BETWEEN THE REBELS AND THE AIR FORCE
GENERAL COMMAND, HE ANSWERED: "I UNDERSTAND THERE ARE NEGOTIATIONS,
ALTHOUGH I AM NOT AWARE OF ANYTHING AT THAT HIGH DECISION-MAKING
LEVEL."

AFTER CONFIRMING THAT BRIGADIER CAPELLINI REMAINED AT BASE
HEADQUARTERS, LARocca STATED THAT NEITHER THE ATTACKS NOR THE
FLIGHTS, WHICH LASTED 2 1/2 HOURS YESTERDAY UNTIL A CEASE-FIRE
WAS ORDERED AT 1730, WERE REPEATED LAST NIGHT.

LARocca ADDED: "THE MORALE OF OUR FORCES IS HIGH AND WE
MAINTAIN OUR DECISION NOT TO REPEL THE ATTACK OF OUR COMRADES. WE
WILL NOT FIRE A SINGLE SHOT UNLESS WE ARE FORCED TO DO SO FOR
REASONS OF SELF-DEFENSE."

FINALLY, THE REBELLIOUS SPOKESMAN CATEGORICALLY DENIED THAT
MORON AIR BASE PERSONNEL HAD FIRED HEAVY ARTILLERY AGAINST THE
PLANES WHICH FLEW OVER THE BASE. HE SAID: "WE DID NOT TRY TO
REPEL ANY ATTACK. AS OF NOW, WE HAVE NOT FIRED ANY SINGLE SHOT,
NOT EVEN ACCIDENTALLY."

OTHER OFFICERS ALSO TOLD NEWSMEN WHO ARE WAITING IN FRONT OF
THE AIR BASE THAT THEY ARE UNANIMOUS IN THEIR DECISION TO RESIST
AND THAT THERE WAS ABSOLUTE COHESION AMONG THEM. THEY
SAID: "WE UNDERSTAND THAT THERE ARE ALSO PROBLEMS WITHIN THE
OTHER ARMED FORCES, HENCE THEY SHOULD NOT SPEAK TO US ABOUT
SURRENDERING" 211240 CRG/OLC/DONNELL/CGM 211345 DEC

NNNNVV ESA627BRN134
PP RUESBA
DE RUEBANA 7861 3551900
ZNR UUUUU ZZH ZYN
P 211856Z DEC 75

FM FBIS ASUNCION
TO RUTLAAA/FBIS WASHDC
RULPSEL/FBIS PANAMA
RULPALJ/USCINCSO/ATTN J-2 AND J-5
RULPAKA/CDRUSARSO
RULPASA/USASA DET SOCOM FT CLAYTON CZ
RULBSAA/COMUSNAVFORSO/COMFIFTEEN
RUCLDHA/COMANTDEFCON
RULPAFA/COMUSAFSO
RUEBFGA/VOA WASHDC
RUESBA/AMEMB BUENOS AIRES
FBPY

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ARGENTINE POLICE EVACUATE HOUSES NEAR MORON BASE

PY211856Y

BUENOS AIRES NOTICIAS ARGENTINAS IN SPANISH 1803 GMT 21 DEC 75 PY
(TEXT) BUENOS AIRES, 21 DEC--POLICE FORCES BEGAN EVACUATING
HOUSES TWO BLOCKS IN FRONT OF THE MAIN GATE OF MORON AIR BASE,
ON PERRESTEGUI STREET AT 1820 GMT.

THE EVACUATION ORDER ALSO APPLIED TO ABOUT 50 JOURNALISTS
FROM THE PRESS, RADIO AND TELEVISION WHO WERE GATHERED IN FRONT
OF THE 7TH BRIGADE.

THE MEASURE LED TO SPECULATION, INCLUDING THE POSSIBILITY OF AN
IMMINENT ATTACK ON THE BASE, EITHER BY AIR OR BY LAND. 211803
FCC/AUSTIN/CGM 211903 DEC

BT

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NNNNVV ESA629BRN139
PP RUESBA
DE RUEBANA 7862 3551910
ZNR UUUUU ZZH ZYN
P 211907Z DEC 75

FM FBIS ASUNCION
TO RUTLAAA/FBIS WASHDC
RULPSEL/FBIS PANAMA
RULPALJ/USCINCSO/ATTN J-2 AND J-5
RULPAKA/CDRUSARSO
RULPASA/USASA DET SOCOM FT CLAYTON CZ
RULBSAA/COMUSNAVFORSO/COMFIFTEEN
RUCLDHA/COMANTIDFCOM
RULPAFA/COMUSAFSO
RUEBFGA/VOA WASHDC
RUESBA/AMEMB BUENOS AIRES
FBPY

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ARGENTINE MINISTERS JOIN PRESIDENTIAL MEETING
PY211907Y REF PY211612Y (BUENOS AIRES NOTICIAS ARGENTINAS SPANISH
211600--PRESIDENT MEETS UNION LEADERS)

BUENOS AIRES NOTICIAS ARGENTINAS IN SPANISH 1723 GMT 21 DEC 75 PY
(TEXT) BUENOS AIRES, 21 DEC--SHORTLY AFTER 1400 THE PRESS
AND BROADCASTING SECRETARIAT REPORTED THAT ECONOMY MINISTER
ANTONIO CAFIERO, LABOR MINISTER CARLOS FEDERICO RUCKAUF AND
CULTURE AND EDUCATION MINISTER PEDRO ARRIGHI JOINED THE MEETING
THE PRESIDENT IS HOLDING WITH GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS AND UNION
LEADERS IN OLIVOS.

IT WAS REPORTED THAT JUSTICE MINISTER ERNESTO CORVALAN
NANCLARES WENT TO EZEIZA TO MEET FOREIGN MINISTER MANUEL
ARAUZ CASTEX, WHO IS RETURNING TODAY FROM A MISSION
ABROAD, AND THAT THE TWO OF THEM WILL GO DIRECTLY TO OLIVOS.

THE ABOVE-MENTIONED MEETING BEGAN AT 151 GMT WITH THE
PRESENCE OF CGT LEADER CASILDO HERRERAS, 62 ORGANIZATIONS
LEADER LORENZO MIGUEL, CONSTRUCTION UNION LEADER ROGELIO
PAPAGNO, PRESIDENTIAL TECHNICAL SECRETARY JULIO GONZALEZ,
AND SOCIAL WELFARE MINISTER ANIBAL DEMARCO. 211723 CRG/
AUSTIN/CGM 211915 DEC

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7862

VV ESA631BRN141
PP RUESBA
DE RUEBANA 7863 3551935
ZNR UUUUU ZZH ZYN
P 211933Z DEC 75

FM FBIS ASUNCION
TO RUTLAAA/FBIS WASHDC
RULPSEL/FBIS PANAMA
RULPALJ/USCINCSO/ATTN J-2 AND J-5
RULPAKA/CDRUSARSO
RULPASA/USASA DET SOCOM FT CLAYTON CZ
RULBSAA/COMUSNAVFORSO/COMFIFTEEN
RUCLDHA/COMANTDEFCON
RULPAFA/COMUSAFSO
RUEBFGA/VOA WASHDC
RUESBA/AMEMB BUENOS AIRES
FBPY

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TROOP MOVEMENTS SEEN INSIDE MORON BASE

PY211933Y REF PY211856Y (BUENOS AIRES NOTICIAS ARGENTINAS
SPANISH 211803--POLICE EVACUATE HOUSES)

BUENOS AIRES NOTICIAS ARGENTINAS IN SPANISH 1903 GMT 21 DEC 75 PY
((TEXT)) BUENOS AIRES, 21 DEC--THREE PATROL CARS AND
PERSONNEL CARRIERS BELONGING TO THE MORON PRECINCT OF THE
BUENOS AIRES PROVINCE POLICE FORCE AT ABOUT 1530 ARRIVED IN THE
NEIGHBORHOOD OF THE MORON AIR BASE.

CIVILIANS WERE TOLD TO ABANDON THE AREAS THROUGH A LAUDSPEAKER
ON ONE OF THE VEHICLES. NO EXPLANATION WAS GIVEN AS TO WHY
THIS MEASURE WAS BEING TAKEN.

AT THE SAME TIME MOVEMENTS OF TROOPS IN COMBAT FATIGUES
WERE NOTICED WITHIN THE REBEL MORON AIR BASE. 211903 RHB/AUSTIN/
CLR 211940 DEC

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NNNNVV ESB003BRN157
PP RUEBBA
DE RUEBANA #7866 3552022
ZHJ UUUUU ZZH ZYN
P 212115Z DEC 75

FM FBIS ASUNCION
TO RUTLAAA/FBIS WASHDC
RULPSEL/FBIS PANAMA
RULP)*/USCINCSO/ATTN J-2 AND J-5
RULPAKA/CDRUSARSO
RULPASA/USASA DET SOCOM FT CLAYTON CZ
RULBSAA/COMUSNAVFORSO/COMFIFTEEN
RUCLDHA/COMANTDEFCON
RULPAFA/COMUSAFSO
RUEBFGA/VOA WASHDC
RUESBA/AMEMB BUENOS AIRES
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ARLCONTINE REBELS 'READY TO ATTACK' IF NECESSARY

PY212015Y
BUENOS AIRES NOTICIAS ARGENTINAS IN SPANISH 2008 GMT 21 DEC 75
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((TEXT)) BUENOS AIRES, 21 DEC--AT 1930 GMT A TELEPHONE
CONVERSATION WAS HELD WITH THE REBELS AT MORON AIR FORCE
BASE IN WHICH A REBEL OFFICER SAID: "WE BELIEVE WE HAVE
ACHIEVED OUR OBJECTIVE."

THE OFFICER ADDED: "WE ARE AWAITING EVENTS. YOU KNOW THAT
WE HAVE BEEN ATTACKED AND THAT WE HAVE NOT ANSWERED THESE
ATTACKS AS WE MIGHT HAVE DONE. WE ARE STILL READY TO ATTACK IF
THE NEED ARISES."

QUESTIONED ABOUT A RUMOR THAT AN AIR FORCE COLUMN IS
ADVANCING BY ROAD TOWARD THE 7TH BRIGADE'S BASE, THE OFFICER
STATED THAT HE HAD NO NEWS ABOUT SUCH A COLUMN.

WITH REFERENCE TO A PRESUMED RETREAT OF THE REBEL FORCES,
IT WAS POINTED OUT THAT THERE WAS NO SUCH RETREAT AND THAT ANY
TROOP MOVEMENT MUST NOT BE INTERPRETED AS A RETREAT. 212008
RHB/AUSTIN/CLR 212027 DEC

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#7866

NNNNQXVV ESB114BRN168
PP RUESBA
DE RUEBANA #7869 3552150
ZNR UUUUU ZZH ZYN
P 212049Z DEC 75

FM FBIS ASUNCION
TO RUTLAAA/FBIS WASHDC
RULPSEL/FBIS PANAMA
RULPALJ/USCINCSO/ATTN J-2 AND J-5
RULPAKA/CDRUSARSO
RULPASA/USASA DET SOCOM FT CLAYTON CZ
RULBSAA/COMUSNAVFORSO/COMFIFTEEN
RUCLDHA/COMANTDEFCON
RULPAFA/COMUSAFSO
RUEBFGA/VOA WASHDC
RUESBA/AMEMB BUENOS AIRES
FBPY

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MORTARS BROUGHT TO ARGENTINE PRESIDENTIAL PALACE..

PY212049Y

BUENOS AIRES NOTICIAS ARGENTINAS IN SPANISH 2040 GMT 21 DEC 75 PY
((TEXT)) BUENOS AIRES, 21 DEC--CAVALRY GRENADIERS TROOPS
WITH SOME MORTARS WERE SEEN ARRIVING AT CASA ROSADA A LITTLE BEFORE
2000 GMT.

THESE WEAPONS WERE BROUGHT INTO THE PRESIDENTIAL PALACE THROUGH
THE RIVADAVIA ST ENTRANCE. 212040 FCC/AUSTIN/CLR 212052 DEC

BT

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VV ESB005BRN197
PP RUESBA
DE RUEBANA #7874 3552200
ZNR UUUUU ZZH ZYN
P 212152Z DEC 75

FM FBIS ASUNCION
TO RUTLAAA/FBIS WASHDC
RULPSEL/FBIS PANAMA
RULPALJ/USCINCSO/ATTN J-2 AND J-91
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RULBSAA/COMUSNAVFORSO/COMFIFTEEN
RUCLDHA/COMANTDEFCON
RULPAPA/COMUSAFSO
RUEBFGA/VOA WASHDC
RUESBA/AMEMB BUENOS AIRES
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BUENOS AIRES NOTICIAS ARGENTINAS IN SPANISH 2135 GMT 21 DEC 75 PY

((TEXT)) BUENOS AIRES, 21 DEC--ACCORDING TO REPORTS FROM THE
PWNDOR BUILDING THE GENERAL COMMAND OF THE AIR FORCE SEEMS TO
HAVE ACCEPTED THE CONDITIONS SUBMITTED BY THE REBEL OFFICERS OF
THE MORON AIR FORCE BASE TO ENABLE THEM TO GIVE UP THEIR POSITION.

THESE CONDITIONS SEEMS TO HAVE BEEN REPORTED TO BRIG ORLANDO
AGOSTI BY MSGR ADOLFO TORTOLO, VICAR GENERAL OF THE ARMED FORCES,
WHO VISITED THE REBEL BASE FOR SEVERAL HOURS THIS MORNING.

IT IS ALSO RUMORED THAT AT ANY TIME NOW AN OFFICER FROM
AIR FORCE HEADQUARTERS, MAY BE BRIG MIGUEL ANGEL OESES,
OPERATIONS COMMANDER, WILL TRAVEL TO MORON TO COORDINATE THE FINAL
DETAILS OF THE AGREEMENT. 212135 RHB/AUSTIN/CLR 212205 DEC

BT
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NNNVV ESA635BRN216
PP RUESBA
DE RUEBANA 7879 3552305
ZNR UUUUU ZZH ZYN
P 212305Z DEC 75

FM FBIS ASUNCION
TO RUTLAAA/FBIS WASHDC
RULPSEL/FBIS PANAMA
RULPALJ/USCINCSO/ATTN J-2 AND J-5
RULPAKA/CDRUSARSO
RULPASA/11SASA DET SOCOM FT CLAYTON CZ
RULBSAA/COMUSNAVFORSO/COMFIFTEEN
RUCLDHA/COMANTDEFCON
RULPAFA/COMUSAFSO
RUEBFGA/VOA WASHDC
RUESBA/UMEMB BUENOS AIRES
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ARGENTINA: MSGR TORTOLO RETURNS TO MORON BASE

PY2 12305Y

BUENOS AIRES NOTICIAS ARGENTINAS IN SPANISH 22RE GMT 21 DEC 75 PY
(TEXT) BUENOS AIRES, 21 DEC--MSGR ADOLFO TORTOLO, ARMED
FORCES VICAR, ACCOMPANIED BY A HIGH-RANKING AIR FORCE OFFICER,
ARRIVED AT THE MORON AIR FORCE BASE AT 2235 GMT.

WALTER BEVERAGGI ALLENDE, A NATIONALIST RIGHTIST LEADER
ARRIVES A FEW MINUTES BEFORE MSGR ADOLFO TORTOLO, BUT WAS NOT
ALLOWED TO ENTER THE BASE. NO REASONS WERE GIVEN.

PRIOR TO THIS, A SMALL GROUP OF PERONISTS APPROACHED THE
BASE SHOUTING INSULTS AGAINST BRIGADIER CAPELLINI. THE GROUP
WAS DISPERSED BY SECURITY FORCES. 212243 RHB/AUSTIN/CLR

212310 DEC

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NNNNVV ESA634BRN189
PP RUESBA
DE RUEBANA 7873 3552140
ZNR UUUUU ZZH ZYN
P 212140Z DEC 75

FM FBIS ASUNCION
TO RUTLAAA/FBIS WASHDC
RULPSEL/FBIS PANAMA
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RULPAFA/COMUSAFSO
RUEBFGA/VOA WASHDC
RUESBA/AMEMB BUENOS AIRES
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~~ARGENTINA: REBEL OFFICER SAYS ARMY TO JOIN REBELS~~

PY212140Y

BUENOS AIRES NOTICIAS ARGENTINAS IN SPANISH 2115 GMT 21 DEC 75 PY
(TEXT) BUENOS AIRES, 21 DEC--JUST BEFORE 2100 GGMT A
CARAVAN OF 15 AUTOMOBILES FILLED WITH CIVILIANS APPROACHES
THE MORON AIR FORCE BASE AND REACHED THE MAIN GATE.

THE PEOPLE, OVER 100, THEN GOT OUT OF THE AUTOMOBILES AND
STARTED TO CHEER THE FATHERLAND AND URGE THE SOLDIERS ON WITH
SHOUTS OF "DO NOT SURRENDER."

SOME OF THESE PEOPLE HANDED OUT CIGARETTES TO THE SOLDIERS
ON GUARD AND THEY THEN SANG THE NATIONAL ANTHEM.

REPORTERS TOOK ADVANTAGE OF THIS SITUATION TO QUESTION AN
OFFICER OF THE BASE. THIS OFFICER CAME OUT OF THE MAIN GATE
AND THE ONLY ANSWER HE MADE WAS: "WE WILL NOT SURRENDER; THE
LATEST INFORMATION WE HAVE IS THAT THE ARMY IS GOING TO JOIN
US." 212115 RHB/AUSTIN/CLR 212148 DEC

BT

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VV ESA632BRN155
PP RUESBA
DE RUEBANA 7865 3552010
ZNR UUUUU ZZH ZYN
P 212009Z DEC 75

~~FM FBIS ASUNCION~~
TO RUTLAAA/FBIS WASHDC
RULPSEL/FBIS PANAMA
RULPALJ/USCINCSO/ATTN J-2 AND J-5
RULPAKA/CDRUSARSO
RULPASA/USASA DET SOCOM FT CLAYTON CZ
RULBSAA/COMUSNAVFORSO/COMFIFTEEN
RUCLDHA/COMANTDEFCON
RULPAFA/COMUSAFSO
RUEBFGA/VOA WASHDC
RUESBA/AMEMB BUENOS AIRES
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~~ARGENTINA BRIGADIERS CONCLUDE MEETING; NO DETAILS.~~

~~PY212009Y REF PY211653Y (BUENOS AIRES NOTICIAS ARGENTINAS
SPANISH 211645--AIR FORCE DENIES RESUMPTION OF ATTACKS)
BUENOS AIRES NOTICIAS ARGENTINAS IN SPANISH 1945 GMT 21
DEC 75 PY~~

((TEXT)) BUENOS AIRES, 21 DEC--THE MEETING OF BRIGADIERS
WHICH WAS HELD AT THE CONDOR BUILDING UNDER THE CHAIRMANSHIP OF
AIR FORCE COMMANDER BRIG ORLANDO AGOSTI ENDED AT 1620.

ARMY VICAR MSGR ADOLFO TORTOLO, WHO HAD BEEN AT
THE REBEL BASED OF MORON AND AEROPARQUE THIS MORNING,
ARRIVED AT THE CONDOR BUILDING SHORTLY AFTER THE END OF THIS
MEETING. 211945 OLC/AUSTIN/CLR 212015 DEC

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NNNNVV ESA633BRN162
PP RUESBA
DE RUEBANA 7868 3552035
ZNR UUUUU ZZH ZYN
P 212033Z DEC 75

FM FBIS ASUNCION
TO RUTLAAA/FBIS WASHDC
RULPSEL/FBIS PANAMA
RULPALJ/ SCINCSO/ATTN J-2 AND J-5
RULPAKA/CDRUSARSO
RULPASA/USASA DET SOCOM FT CLAYTON CZ
RULBSAA/COMUSNAVFORSO/COMFIFTEEN
RUCLDHA/COMANTDEFCON
RULPAFA/COMUSAFSO
RUEBFGA/VOA WASHDC
RUESBA/AMEMB BUENOS AIRES
FBPY

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REBEL TROOP DISMANTLE, REPLACE BARRICADE AT AEROPARQUE

PY212033Y

BUENOS AIRES NOTICIAS ARGENTINAS IN SPANISH 2018 GMT 21 DEC 75 PY
(TEXT) BUENOS AIRES, 21 DEC--JUST AFTER 1900 GMT SOLDIERS
OF THE METROPOLITAN AEROPARQUE AIRPORT AIRFORCE BASE TOOK AWAY
THE BARRICADES THAT HAD BE PLACED AT THE INTERSECTION OF
COSTANERA AND SALGUERO AVENUES, ONLY TO REPLACE THEM AGAIN A
FEW MINUTES LATER.

THE NONCOMMISSIONED OFFICER IN CHARGE OF THE SOLDIERS POSITIONED
AT THE BARRICADE STATED THAT THE BARRICADE HAD BEEN DISMANTLED
AT THE ORDER OF COMMODORE RODRIGUEZ, COMMANDER OF THE BASE,
WHO IMMEDIATELY ISSUED A COUNTERORDER TO THE EFFECT THAT THE
BARRICADE BE PUT UP AGAIN.

THE NONCOMMISSIONED OFFICER SAID: "WE HAVE TO STAND HERE,
AND HERE WE WILL STAND."

THE TROOPS POSITIONED AT THE BARRICADE ARE OBVIOUSLY UNDER
EXTREME NERVOUS TENSION AND WITNESSES POINTED OUT THAT WHEN THE
BARRICADE WAS DISMANTLED SOME OF THE SOLDIERS WERE CRYING AND
OTHERS WERE ASKING THEMSELVES: "WHY HAVE WE DONE THIS."

212018 RHB/AUSTIN/CLR 212043 DEC

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NNNNVV ESB013B RN893

RR RUESBA

DE RUEBANA #7836 3550250

ZNR UUUUU ZZH ZYN

R 210217Z DEC 75

FM FBIS ASUNCION

TO RUTLAAA/FBIS WASHDC

RULPSEL/FBIS PANAMA

RULPALJ/USCINCSO/ATTN J-2 AND J-5

RULPAKA/CDRUSARSO

RULPASA/USASA DET SOCOM FT CLAYTON CZ

RULBSAA/COMUSNAVFORSO/COMFPITEEN

RUCLDHA/COMANTDEFCON

RULPAFA/COMUSAFSO

RUESBA/AMEMB BUENOS AIRES

FBPY

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UNCLAS

ARGENTINA: LEGISLATURE ASKED TO SOLVE CRISIS

PY210117Y

BUENOS AIRES NOTICIAS ARGENTINAS IN SPANISH 2155 GMT 20 DEC
75 PY

((TEXT)) BUENOS AIRES, 20 DEC--IN A DOCUMENT RELEASED TODAY,
THE CHRISTIAN REVOLUTIONARY PARTY ((RCP)) STATES: "THE
ATTITUDE ADOPTED BY ONE SECTOR OF THE AIR FORCE REPRESENTS AN
UNACCEPTABLE POSITION BYPASSING REPUBLICAN INSTITUTIONS."
BUT THEN IT SAYS: "WE SHOULD NOT FOOL OURSELVES: DEEDS LIKE
THIS ARE EXPLAINABLE, AND THEY WILL BE MORE AND MORE FEQUENT
AND IRREVERSIBLE WHILE THE POWER VACUUM PERSISTS IN THE
TOP LEVELS OF GOVERNMEFZ."

THE RCP, OVER THE SIGNATURE OF ITS PRESIDENT, MARTIN
DIP, PROPOSES:

1. THAT THE PRESIDENT PATRIOTICALLY LEAVE, WHICH WILL
ALLO W THE ROAD TO BE OPENED TO THE SOLUTIONS THE COUNTRY IS
DEMANDING;
2. THAT IN THE IMMEDIATE ABSENCE OF THIS ATTITUDE,
THE LEGISLATIVE BRANCH--WITH GREATNESS AND TM
CONSTITUTIONAL CHANNELS--TAKE ON THE SUPREME AND URGENT
RESPONSIBILITY OF SOLVING THE PRESENT CRISIS, WHICH IS HARMING
THE HIGH INTERESTS OF THE COUNTRY; AND
3. THAT THIS CRISIS IS DUE TO THE INABILITY OF THE
GOVERNMENT TO CARRY OUT THE PROFOUND TRANSFORMATION WHICH IS
CALLED FOR. 202155 IRW/MIKE/JAB 210258 DEC

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NNNNVV ESB014BRN031
RR RUESBA
DE RUEBANA #7849 3551255
ZNR UUUUU ZZH ZYN
R 211250Z DEC 75

FM FBIS ASUNCION
TO RUTLAAA/FBIS WASHDC
RULPSEL/FBIS PANAMA
RILPALJ/USCINCSO/ATTN J-2 AND J-5
RULPAKA/CDRUSARSO
RULPASA/USASA DET SOCOM FT CLAYTON CZ
RULBSAA/COMUSNAVFORSO/COMFIFTEEN
RUCLDHA/COMANTDEFCON
RULPAFA/COMUSAFSO
RUESBA/AMEMB BUENOS AIRES
FBPY

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ARGENTINA: PDP COMMENTS ON RECENT EVENTS

~~PY211250Y~~

BUENOS AIRES NOTICIAS ARGENTINAS IN SPANISH 2200 GMT 20 DEC 75 PY
((TEXT)) BUENOS AIRES, 20 DEC--THE PROGRESSIVE DEMOCRATIC PARTY
((PDP)) HAS REVEALED ITS OPINION REGARDING THE EVENTFFKNOWN TO
THE PEOPLE, BY STATING: "WE WANT THE INSTITUTIONS TO (?CONTINUE),
BUT IN ORDER TO PRESERVE AND DEFEND THEM IT IS NECESSARY TO
REMOVE ALL THOSE WHO HAVE VIOLATED AND PROSTITUTED THEM IN
AN INSANE FRENZY WHICH ONLY SERVED THEIR PERSONAL INTERESTS
OR THOSE OF THE CLIQUE THEY FORM."

THE COMMUNIQUE, RELEASED THIS AFTERNOON, ADDS: "THIS IS
AN HOUR OF RESPONSIBILITY AND ALSO OF SACRIFICE" AND THAT "NO ONE
CAN CONSIDER HIMSELF THE OWNER OF THE INSTITUTIONS."

THE PDP STRESSES: "IF THE HEALTH OF THE COUNTRY URGENTLY
DEMANDS AN ATTITUDE WHICH WILL PERMIT THE RECOVERY OF LOST
MORAL, POLITICAL AND INSTITUTIONAL VALUES, NO ONE HAS THE RIGHT
TO PLACE HIMSELF ABOVE THAT ATTITUDE."

IN CONCLUSION, THE COMMUNIQUE REITERATES THE NEED TO REMOVE
"THOSE WHO ARE AN OBSTACLE TO SAVING THE PEACE OF THE COUNTRY
THROUGH CONSTITUTIONAL MECHANISMAON IF THEY DO NOT UNDERSTAND
THAT THE HOUR FOR SACRIFICE HAS ARRIVED." 202200 MCA/CRG/
DONNELL/CGM 211301 DEC

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VV ESB016BRN156

RR RUESBA
DE RULPSEL #6470 3552023
ZNR UUUUU ZZH ZYN
R 212000Z DEC 75

FM FBIS PANAMA
TO RUTLAAA/FBIS WASHDC
RULPALJ/USCINCSO/ATTN J-2 AND J-5
RULPAKA/FT AMADOR G-2
INFO RUCLDHA/COMANTDEFCON
RULPAPA/COMUSAFSO/ALBROOK AFS
RULPASA/USASA DET SOCOM FT CLAYTON CZ
RULBSAA/COMUSNAVFORSO/COMFIFTEEN
RUEBANA/FBIS ASUNCION
RUESBA/AM EMBASSY BUENOS AIRES
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ARGENTINE STATIONS BANNED FROM AIRING APPEALS TO VIOLENCE

PA212000Y

MADRID EFE IN SPANISH 1912 GMT 21 DEC 75 PA

((TEXT)) BUENOS AIRES, 21 DEC--A CONCLUSIVE MILITARY ORDER WAS RECEIVED AT THE RADIO STATIONS IN THE COUNTRYSIDE TODAY FORBIDDING THEM TO BROADCAST APPEALS WHICH MAY CAUSE OLENCE OR DISTURB THE PEACE "WHETHER INDIVIDUALLY OR BY JOINING A NATIONAL RADIOBROADCASTING NETWORK."

THE RADIO STATION MANAGERS IN THE SOUTHERN PART OF THE COUNTRY HAVE RECEIVED THE FDWLOWING ORDER SIGNED BY V RPT V ARMY CORPS COMMANDER GEN GUILLERMO SUAREZ MASON:

"I INFORM YOU THAT UPON RECEIPT OF THIS NOTICE YOU WILL REFRAIN FROM AIRING ANY APPEAL OR SPEECH CALLING FOR VIOLENCE OR DISTURBANCES OR OTHERWISE AFFECT THE TRANQUILLITY OF THE POPULATION, WHETHER INDIVIDUALLY OR BY JOINING A NATIONAL RADIOBROADCASTING NETWORK. IF THIS ORDER IS NOTT FOLLOWED, YOUR TRANSMISSIONS STUDIO WILL BE OCCUPIED BY V RPT V ARMY CORPS FORCES."

SIMILAR ORDERS HAVE BEEN ISSUED TO RADIO STATIONS IN THE REMAINING NATIONAL AREAS BY THE CORRESPONDING ARMY CORPS COMMANDERS.

IT HAS CALLED THE ATTENTION OF THE RADIO MEDIA CONSULTED BY EFE THAT BY BANNING EVEN OFFICIAL COMMUNIQUES FROM BEING AIRED OVER A NATIONAL RADIOBROADCASTING NETWORK THIS MILIMRBY PROVISION SEEMS TO OPPOSE THE GOVERNMENT'S INTENTION OF DIVULGING ITS OWN COMMUNIQUES. 211912 CG/SEBESTA/LAC 21/2029Z DEC

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NNNNVV ESAG44BRN175
RR RUESBA
DE RUEBANA 7864 3552004
ZNR UUUUU ZZH ZYN
R 211644Z DEC 75

FM FBIS ASUNCION
TO RUTLAAA/FBIS WASHDC
RUDOMKA/FBIS LONDON
RUDOMLA/FBIS CAVERSHAM/DW
RULPSEL/FBIS PANAMA
RULPALJ/USCINCSO/ATTN J-2 AND J-5
RULPAKA/CDRUSARSO
RULPASA/USASA DET SOCOM FT CLAYTON CZ
RULBSAA/COMUSNAVFORSO/COMFIFTEEN
RUCLDHA/COMANTDEFCON
RULPAFA/COMUSAFSO
RUESBA/MEMB BUENOS AIRES
FBPY

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ARGENTINA: UOM HONORS LORENZO MIGUEL
PY211644Y

BUENOS AIRES TELAM IN SPANISH 1644 GMT 20 DEC 75 PY
(EXCERPT) BUENOS AIRES, 20 DEC--MORE THAN 4,000 PEOPLE
GATHERED LAST NIGHT AT THE CAMPGROUND OF THE METALLURGICAL
WORKERS UNION ((UOM)) TO HONOR UOM SECRETARY GENERAL LORENZO
MIGUEL AND TO CELEBRATE THE END OF YEAR FESTIVITIES, AS THEY
HAVE TRADITIONALLY DONE. ((PASSAGE OMITTED))

THEN MIGUEL MADE A SPEECH AND TALKED ABOUT THE YEARS OF
STRUGGLE OF THE WORKERS MOVEMENT, POINTING OUT THAT AT PRESENT
THERE IS A WOMAN WHO IS MAKING THE GREATEST EFFORT TO FULFILL
WITH THE WISH OF OUR LEADER GENERAL PERON.

MIGUEL ADDED THAT THE PERSON WHO DID MOST IN THE PAST FEW
YEARS ON BEHALF OF THE ORGANIZED WORKERS MOVEMENT IS COMRADE
ISABEL MARTINEZ DE PERON, AND IN THAT RESPECT HE STATED: IN
THE PAST 24 HOURS I HAVE HAD THE OPPORTUNITY TO MEASURE THE
SCOPE OF THE EFFORT SHE HAS MADE ON OUR BEHALF.

IN CONCLUSION MIGUEL SAID THAT IT IS A SHAME THAT THERE
ARE STILL PEOPLE WHO DO NOT WANT TO ACCEPT THE WILL OF THE
PEOPLE, BUT HE WARNED THEM THAT THE WORKERS MOVEMENT WILL NOT PERMIT
THAT. HE CONCLUDED STATING: DO THEY WANT DEMOCRACY? IT EXISTS.
DO THEY WANT FREEDOM OF THE PRESS? IT EXISTS ALMOST TO THE POINT
OF LIBERTINISM. BUT ALL THIS SERVES TO PROVE OUR STRENGTH
AND THAT WE ARE OPEN TO LISTEN TO THE CLAIMS OF ALL SECTORS.
NOW LET US PAY TRIBUTE TO OUR FALLEN COMRADES, TO GENERAL
PERON AND TO THE PRESIDENT. ((PASSAGE OMITTED)) 201644

CRG/DONNELL/CLR 212020 DEC
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DE RUEBANA 7871 3552127
ZNR UUUUU ZZH ZYN
R 212005Z DEC 75

FM FBIS ASUNCION
TO RUTLAAA/FBIS WASHDC
RUDOMKA/FBIS LONDON
RUDOMLA/FBIS CAVERSHAM/DW
RULPSEL/FBIS PANAMA
RULPALJ/USCINCSO/ATTN J-2 AND J-5
RULPAKA/CDRUSARSO
RULPASA/USASA DET SOCOM FT CLAYTON CZ
RULBSAA/COMUSNAVFORSO/COMFIFTEEN
RUCLDHA/COMANTDEFCON
RULPAFA/COMUSAFSO
RUESBA/AMEMB BUENOS AIRES
FBPY

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UNCLAS BBC DW

ARGENTINA: TETTAMANTTI RETURNS FROM EEC, GATT MEETINGS

PY212005Y

BUENOS AIRES TELAM IN SPANISH 1924 GMT 21 DEC 75 PY

((EXCERPT)) BUENOS AIRES, 21 DEC--LEOPOLDO TETTAMANTTI,
FOREIGN TRADE AND INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC NEGOTIATIONS SECRETARY,
RETURNED FROM EUROPE THIS AFTERNOON.

TETTAMANTTI VISITED BRUSSELS, WHERE HE MET WITH EEC OFFICIALS,
AND GENEVA, WHERE HE ATTENDED THE GATT MEETING. HE ALSO VISITED
CZECHOSLOVAKIA.

TETTAMANTTI TOLD REPORTERS AT EZEIZA AIRPORT THAT THE
EEC CANNOT NOW REOPEN THE MARKET FOR MEAT IMPORTS FROM ARGENTINA
AND THAT THE REOPENING OF THE MARKET WILL BE A VERY SLOW PROCESS
THROUGHOUT 1976.

REFERRING TO THE GATT CONFERENCE, TETTAMANTTI STATED THAT
ARGENTINA, AS WELL AS ALL OF THE WORLD'S DEVELOPING COUNTRIES,
POINTED OUT THE SLOWNESS OF THE NEGOTIATIONS FOR THE REORGANIZATION
OF THE ECONOMIC AND TRADE SYSTEM WHICH STARTED 2 YEARS AGO.
HE ADDED: "WE DO NOT KNOW WHEN THESE NEGOTIATIONS WILL BE
CARRIED OUT EFFECTIVELY." ((PASSAGE OMITTED)) 211924 RHB/
AUSTIN/CLR 212133 DEC

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DE RUEBANA #7870 3552115
ZNR UUUUU ZZH ZYN
R 212037Z DEC 75

FM FBIS ASUNCION
TO RUTLAAA/FBIS WASHDC
RULPSEL/FBIS PANAMA
RULPALJ/USCINCSO/ATTN J-2 AND J-5
RULPAKA/CDRUSARSO
RULPASA/USASA DET SOCOM FT CLAYTON CZ
RULBSAA/COMUSNAVFORSO/COMFIFTEEN
RUCLDHA/COMANTDEFCON
RULPAFA/COMUSAFSO
RUESBA/AMEMB BUENOS AIRES
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ARGENTINE RADIOS RECEIVE INSTRUCTIONS FROM MILITARY

PY212037Y

BUENOS AIRES NOTICIAS ARGENTINAS ((NA)) IN SPANISH 2000
GMT 21 DEC 75 PY

((TEXT)) BUENOS AIRES, 20 DEC--REPORTS FROM VARIOUS PARTS
OF THE INTERIOR OF THE COUNTRY RECEIVED BY NA INDICATE THAT
RADIO STATIONS AND ALL OTHER COMMUNICATIONS MEDIA HAVE RECEIVED
INSTRUCTIONS FROM LOCAL MILITARY OFFICIALS REGARDING THE
BROADCASTING OF NEWS RELATED TO THE PRESENT CRISIS.

A COMMUNIQUE SENT TO RADIO AND TELEVISION STATIONS INDICATE
THAT BY ORDERS OF THE MILITARY COMMAND THESE COMMUNICATIONS
MEDIA MUST ABSTAIN FROM RELEASING NEWS EMANATING FROM THE
GOVERNMENT, THE CGT OR THE ARMEFIFORCES WITHOUT PREVIOUS
AUTHORIZATION OF THE RESPECTIVE COMMANDER OF EACH ZONEJ

COMMUNIQUES OF THESE KINDS WERE RELEASED IN SEVERAL CITIES
AND LOCALITIES OF THE INTERIOR. IN MENDOZA, ANOTYER COMMUNIQUE
ZAS SENT BY THE FEDERAL INTERVENTION TO THE NEWSPAPERS.

THIS COMMUNIQUE STATES THAT BY ORDER OF THE FEDERAL INTERVENTOR
AND BY VIRTUE OF THE PROVISIONS OF ARTICLE 110 OF THE
NATIONAL CONSTITUTION AND LAW NO. 20,840, "THEY WILL ABSTAIN
FROM PUBLISHING PROCLAMATION OR REPORTS RELATED TO THE ACTION
BEING CARRIED OUT BY AN AIR FORCE GROUP. IF THIS
PROHIBITION IS NOT OBSERVED, THE PROVISIONS OF THE STATE
SECURITY LAW WILL BE APPLIED AND, IF NECESSARY, POLICE FORCES
WILL TAKE ACTIONS." 212000 OLC/AUSTIN/CLR 212122 DEC

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RR RUESBA
DE RUEBANA 7875 3552215
ZNR UUUUU ZZH ZYN
R 212137Z DEC 75

FM FBIS ASUNCION
TO RUTLAAA/FBIS WASHDC
RULPSEL/FBIS PANAMA
RULPALJ/USCINCSO/ATTN J-2 AND J-5
RULPAKA/CDRUSARSO
RULPASA/USASA DET SOCOM FT CLAYTON CZ
RULBSAA/COMUSNAVFORSO/COMFIFTEEN
RUCLDHA/COMANTDEFCON
RULPAFA/COMUSAFSO
RUEBFGA/VOA WASHDC
RUESBA/AMEMB BUENOS AIRES
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ALLENDE SAYS PERON RESIGNATION POSSIBLE SOLUTION

PY212137Y

BUENOS AIRES LA OPINION IN SPANISH 21DEC 75 P 12 PY
(TEXT) NATIONAL SENATOR JOSE ALLENDE ((FREJULI POPULAR
CHRISTIAN PARTY, (CORDOBA) STATED YESTERDAY DURING A RADIO
INTERVIEW THAT PRESIDENT MARIA ESTELA MARTINEZ DE PERON'S
RESIGNATION COULD BE A POSSIBLE SOLUTION FOR THE MILITARY
CRISIS.

ALLENDE MADE THIS STATEMENT ABOUT THE PRESIDENTIAL RESIGNATION
AS A POSSIBLE SOLUTION TO THE CRISIS DURING A PROGRAM BROADCAST
AT NOON BY RADIO CONTINENTAL.

ANSWERING A QUESTION, ALLENDE STATED: "THIS IS A PERSONAL
DECISION THAT THE PRESIDENT MUST MAKE, BUT IT IS NOT DISCARDED
THAT THIS COULD BE THE SOLUTION FOR THE COUNTRY."

THE INTERVIEW WAS PARTICULARLY INTERESTING BECAUSE ALLENDE,
TOGETHER WITH OFFICIALIST SENATORS AFRIO PENNISI FROM SANTA
FE; AND MIGUEL ORLANDO MOREYRA FROM MISIONES, HELD A MEETING
UNTIL EARLY THIS MORNING WITH ARMED FORCES COMMANDERS ARMY LT
GEN JORGE RAFAEL VIDELA AND NAVY ADM EMILIO MASSERA.

ASKED TO COMMENT ON THE MEETING, ALLENDE SAID: "WE ATTENDED THE
MEETING IN ORDER TO GET FIRST-HAND INFORMATION FROM THE
COMMANDERS ABOUT THE SITUATION IN THE MILITARY SECTOR."

HE DID NOT GIVE ANY OTHER DETAILS ASIDE FROM STATING THAT "THE
HIGH CIRCLES OF POWER ARE AWARE OF THE PEOPLE'S FEELINGS, THEIR
REJECTION OF IRRATIONAL EXTREMES AND THEIR SUPPORT OF
INSTITUTIONAL ORDER."

LATER ALLENDE STATED HIS PERSONAL OPINION THAT "A SOLUTION
IS GOING TO BE FOUND IN ARGENTINA," ADDING THAT "THE COUNTRY
CANNOT BE SACRIFICED FOR ONE PERSON. THIS IS NOT A QUESTION OF
ACCUSING ANYONE; NO ONE WANTS TO HARM ANYONE, BUT RATHER IT IS AN
ATTEMPT TO IMPROVE THINGS. 21 DEC MCA/AUSTIN/CLR 212226 DEC

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DE RUEBANA 7872 3552136

ZNR UUUUU ZZK ZYN

R 211800Z DEC 75

FM FBIS ASUNCION

TO RUTLAAA/FBIS WASHDC

RULPSEL/FBIS PANAMA

RULPALJ/USCINCSO/ATTN J-2 AND J-5

RULPAKA/CDRUSARSO

RULPASA/USASA DET SOCOM FT CLAYTON CZ

RULBSAA/COMUSNAVFORSO/COMFIFTEEN

RUCLDHA/COMANTIDFCOM

RULPAFA/COMUSAFSO

RUESBA/AMEMB BUENOS AIRES

FBPY

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ARGENTINA: PI CONCERNED OVER INSTITUTIONAL CRISIS

PY211800Y

BUENOS AIRES LA OPINION IN SPANISH 20 DEC 75 P 12 PY

((TEXT)) OSCAR ALENDE, HEAD OF THE INTRANSIGENT PARTY ((PI)), EXPRESSED SERIOUS CONCERN OVER THE POSSIBILITY OF THE DISRUPTION OF THE DEMOCRATIC PROCESS. QUESTIONED BY LA OPINION, HE SAID THAT THE ATTEMPT BY AN AIR FORCE SECTOR WAS AN ATTACK OF THE NATIONALISTIC RIGHT, AND POINTED OUT THAT "THE PEOPLE OF JORDAN BRUNO GENTA ARE INVOLVED IN THIS OUTBREAK." BUT HE WARNED THAT "THE LACK OF A DEFINITION AND THE EXTENSION OF THE CRISIS MAKES A SOLUTION MORE AND MORE DIFFICULT." HE STATED THAT IN CASE AN INSTITUTIONAL DISRUPTION OCCURS THROUGH THE MILITARY, "THINGS ARE GOING TO GET WORSE AND WORSE; IN THE ECONOMIC FIELD, INFLATION WILL CONTINUE, THERE WILL BE NO SALARY INCREASE, THE PEOPLE WILL BE UNHAPPY; THE COUNTRY SITUATION MAY BECOME HIGHLY CRITICAL. 20 DEC CRG/ DONNELL/CLR

212143 DEC

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NNNNVV ESA651BRN204
RR RUESBA
DE RUEBANA 7876 3552235
ZNR UUUUU ZZH ZYN
R 212053Z DEC 75

FM FBIS ASUNCION
TO RUTLAAA/FBIS WASHDC
RUDOMKA/FBIS LONDON
RUDOMLA/FBIS CAVERSHAM/DW
RULPSEL/FBIS PANAMA
RULPALJ/USCINCSO/ATTN J-2 AND J-5
RULPAKA/CDRUSARSO
RULPASA/USASA DET SOCOM FT CLAYTON CZ
RULBSAA/COMUSNAVFORSO/COMFIFTEEN
RUCLDHA/COMANTDEFCON
RULPAFA/COMUSAFSO
RUESBA/AMEMB BUENOS AIRES
FBPY

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UNCLAS BBC DW

ARGENTINE ENERGY SECRETARY ON CIEC MEETING

PY212053Y

BUENOS AIRES TELAM IN SPANISH 1610 GMT 21 DEC 75 PY

((TEXT)) BUENOS AIRES, 21 DEC--ENERGY SECRETARY EDUARDO SETTI HAS RETURNED FROM PARIS WHERE HE TOOK PART IN THE CONFERENCE ON INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC COOPERATION ((CIEC)). SETTI TERMED THE TALKS FRANKLY PROMISING.

THE ENERGY SECRETARY STATED TODAY AT EZEIZA AIRPORT THAT THE DESIRES OF THE NONALIGNED COUNTRIES HAD BEEN TAKEN INTO ACCOUNT BECAUSE AS GEN JUAN DOMINGO PERON SAID: "THE POOR COUNTRIES OF TODAY WILL BE THE RICH ONES OF TOMORROW BECAUSE THEY HAVE THE RESERVES OF NATURAL RESOURCES."

SETTI STATED THAT THE NEW ORGANIZATION WILL START ITS MEETINGS IMMEDIATELY AND THAT THEY WILL LAST FOR 12 MONTHS.

SETTI SAID: "WE HAVE DECIDED UPON OPERATING MECHANISMS, AND THIS IS VERY PROMISING BECAUSE IT IS THE FIRST TIME THAT THE DEVELOPED COUNTRIES AND THE DEVELOPING COUNTRIES HAVE AGREED ON THE NECESSITY OF CREATING A MECHANISM WHICH WILL LET THE WORLD SURVIVE IN FACE OF THE PROBLEMS WHICH HAVE LATELY SURFACED AND WHICH THREATEN HUMANITY. 211610 RHB/AUSTIN/CLR 212244 DEC

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PP RUEBBA
DE RUEBANA 7831 3550046
ZNR UUUUU ZZH ZYN
P 210045Z DEC 75

FM FBIS ASUNCION
TO RUTLAAA/FBIS WASHDC
RULPSEL/FBIS PANAMA
RULPALJ/USCINCSO/ATTN J-2 AND J-5
RULPAKA/CDRUSARSO
RULPASA/USASA DET SOCOM FT CLAYTON CZ
RULBSAA/COMUSNAVFORSO/COMFIFTEEN
RUCLDHA/COMANTDEFCON
RULPAFA/COMUSAFSO
RUEBFGA/VOA WASHDC
RUESBA/AMEMB BUENOS AIRES
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ARGENTINA: GENERAL MUJICA RELIEVED OF COMMAND

PY210045Y

BUENOS AIRES NOTICIAS ARGENTINAS IN SPANISH 0028 GMT
21 DEC 75 PY

((TEXT)) BUENOS AIRES, 21 DEC--A SPOKESMAN FOR THE ARMY
COMMANDER IN CHIEF REPORTED THAT "GEN RODOLFO MUJICA ((HEAD
OF THE ARMY WAR COLLEGE--FBIS)), WHO ADOPTED A PERSONAL
POSITION BY SUPPORTING THE ATTITUDE ASSUMED BY THE MORON
AIR BASE, HAS BEEN RELIEVED OF HIS DUTIES DUE TO THIS
SUPPORT."

THE ARMY COMMANDER IN CHIEF SAID THAT THE PROBLEM CREATED
BY GEN RODOLFO MUJICA'S POSITION HAS BEEN OVERCOME. 210028

MCA/MIKE/JAB 210050 DEC

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NNNNVV ESA578BRN833
PP RUESBA
DE RUEBANA 7832 3550101
ZNR UUUUU ZZH ZYN
P 210100Z DEC 75

FM FBIS ASUNCION
TO RUTLAAA/FBIS WASHDC
RULPSEL/FBIS PANAMA
RULPALJ/USCINCSO/ATTN J-2 AND J-5.
RULPAKA/CDRUSARSO
RULPASA/USASA DET SOCOM FT CLAYTON CZ
RULBSAA/COMUSNAVFORSO/COMFIFTEEN
RUCLDHA/COMANTDEFCON
RULPAFA/COMUSAFSO
RUEBFGA/VOA WASHDC
RUESBA/AMEMB BUENOS AIRES
FBPY

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ARGENTINA: LUDER LEADS DELEGATION TO GOVERNMENT HOUSE

PY210100Y

BUENOS AIRES NOTICIAS ARGENTINAS 2359 GMT 20 DEC 75 PY
(TEXT) BUENOS AIRES, 20 DEC--A DELEGATION OF SENATORS
HEADED BY SENATE PRESIDENT ITALO LUDER LEFT THE NATIONAL
CONGRESS FOR GOVERNMENT HOUSE AT 2030 TO FOLLOW THE
SITUATION MORE CLOSELY. THE GUARDS THAT WERE KEPT BY THE
SENATE PERSONNEL WERE RELIEVED AT THIS TIME. THE
DELEGATION WAS FORMED BY SENATORS ORALDO BRITOS, EDGARDO
BRITOS, EDGARDO MURGUI AND MIGUEL MOREIRA. 202359
MCA/MIKE/JAB 210105 DEC

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PP RUESBA
DE RUEBANA 7833 3550106
ZNR UUUUU ZZH ZYN
P 210105Z DEC 75

FM FBIS ASUNCION
TO RUTLAAA/FBIS WASHDC
RULPSEL/FBIS PANAMA
RULPALJ/USCINCSO/ATTN J-2 AND J-5
RULPAKA/CDRUSARSO
RULPASA/USASA DET SOCOM FT CLAYTON CZ
RULBSAA/COMUSNAVFORSO/COMFIFTEEN
RUCLDHA/COMANTDEFCON
RULPAFA/COMUSAFSO
RUEBFGA/VOA WASHDC
RUESBA/AMEMB BUENOS AIRES
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ARGENTINA: REBELS REPORTEDLY TO PROPOSE SOLUTION

PY210205Y

BUENOS AIRES NOTICIAS ARGENTINAS IN SPANISH 0026 GMT
21 DEC 75 PY

((TEXT)) BUENOS AIRES, 20 DEC--THREE REPRESENTATIVES OF
THE REBEL FORCES LEFT THE MORON BASE FOR THE CONDOR
BUILDING AT A LITTLE AFTER 2100. THEY ARE REPORTED
TO CARRY A PROPOSAL TO SOLVE THE SERIOUS CRISIS AFFECTING THE
AIR FORCES. 210026 MCA/MIKE/JAB 210110 DEC

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NNNNVV ESA580BRN870
OO RUESBA
DE RULPSEL 6436 3550248
ZNR UUUUU ZZH ZYN.
O 210246Z DEC 75

FM FBIS PANAMA
TO RUTLAAA/FBIS WASHDC
RUEBFGA/VOA WASHDC
RULPALJ/USCINCSO/ATTN J-2 AND J-5
RULPKA/FT AMADOR G-2
RUDOMKA/FBIS LONDON
INFO RUCLDHA/COMANTDEFCON
RULPAFA/COMUSAFSO/ALBROOK AFS
RULPASA/USASA DET SOCOM FT CLAYTON CZ
RULBSAA/COMUSNAVFORSO/COMFIFTEEN
RUTWSDF/FBIS KWEST
RUESBA/AM EMBASSY BUENOS AIRES
FBPA

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UNCLAS WA BBC

ARGENTINA: AIR FORCE SECTOR'S UPRISE REPORTEDLY SETTLED

PA210246Y

HAVANA PRELA IN SPANISH 0240 GMT 21 DEC 75 PA

((TEXT)) BUENOS AIRES, 20 DEC--THE REBELLION OF A SECTOR OF
THE AIR FORCE HAS BEEN SETTLED. 210240 BMC/HARAN/CEB 21/0251Z DEC

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VV ESA582BRN860

PP RUESBA

DE RUEBANA 7834 3550210

ZNR UUUUU ZZH ZYN

P 210206Z DEC 75

FM FBIS ASUNCION

TO RUTLAAA/FBIS WASHDC

RUDOMKA/FBIS LONDON

RUDOMLA/FBIS CAVERSHAM/DW

RULPSEL/FBIS PANAMA

RULPALJ/USCINCSO/ATTN J-2 AND J-5

RULPAKA/CDRUSARSO

RULPASA/USASA DET SOCOM FT CLAYTON CZ

RULBSAA/COMUSNAVFORSO/COMFIFTEEN

RUCLDHA/COMANTDEFCON

RULPAFA/COMUSAFSO

RUESBA/AMEMB BUENOS AIRES

RUEBFGA/VOA WASHDC

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UNCLAS BBC DW

ARGENTINA: CGT SECRETARY REPEATS SUPPORT FOR PERON

PY210206Y REF PY210020FYI

BUENOS AIRES DOMESTIC SERVICE IN SPANISH 0110 GMT 21 DEC 75 PY

((SPEECH BY CGT SECRETARY GENERAL CASILDO HERRERAS OVER RADIO AND TELEVISION NETWORK--LIVE))

((TEXT)) CONSIDERING THE CONTINUING SUBVERSIVE ACTION BY A SMALL GROUP OF AIR FORCE OFFICERS WHO HAVE NOT GIVEN US THEIR INTENTIONS, ALTHOUGH FACED WITH INDIFFERENCE, PRESSURE OR REPUDIATION FROM ALL NATIONAL SECTORS;

CONSIDERING THAT THE BEHAVIOR OF THIS MINORITY GROUP DOES NOT COMMIT THE ARMED FORCES--WHICH HAS ALWAYS REITERATED ITS COMPLIANCE AND RESPECT FOR INSTITUTIONAL ORDER AND FOR THE GOVERNMENT ELECTED BY THE SOVEREIGN WILL OF THE PEOPLE;

KEEPING IN MIND THAT WITH THIS ATTITUDE THEY ARE DAMAGING THE COUNTRY'S INTERESTS, ITS WORLD IMAGE, AND THE ECONOMY-- WITH THE INTENT OF CREATING CHAOS AND CONFRONTATION AMONG ARGENTINES AND STOPPING THE PEACEFUL REVOLUTION DELEGATE TO US BY OUR GREAT LEADER, GENERAL PERON--A REVOLUTION SUPPORTED BY THE GREAT MAJORITY OF THE ARGENTINE PEOPLE:

THE CGT EXECUTIVE BOARD RESOLVES:

1. TO AGAIN RATIFY SUPPORT FOR THE CONSTITUTIONAL GOVERNMENT PRESIDED OVER BY OUR COMRADE, ISABEL PERON, AND TO RATIFY THE STATE OF ALERT AND MOBILIZATION OF THE ARGENTINE LABOR MOVEMENT.

2. TO MAKE ANOTHER PATRIOTIC CALL TO THIS MINORITY GROUP TO GIVE UP ITS SUBVERSIVE ATTITUDE, WHICH IS SO DAMAGING TO THE NATIONAL INTEREST.

3. TO CALL A MEETING OF THE CGT CENTRAL COMMITTEE FOR 21 DECEMBER AT 1000 IN THE CGT FELIPE VALLESE CONFERENCE ROOM.

10110 RWL/MIKE/JAB 210217 DEC

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VV ESA585BRN868

PP RUESBA

DE RUEBANA 7835 3550230

ZNR UUUUU ZZH ZYN

P 210225Z DEC 75

FM FBIS ASUNCION

TO RUTLAAA/FBIS WASHDC

RUDOMKA/FBIS LONDON

RUDOMLA/FBIS CAVERSHAM/DW

RULPSEL/FBIS PANAMA

RULPALJ/USCINCSO/ATTN J-2 AND J-5

RULPAKA/CDRUSARSO

RULPASA/USASA DET SOCOM FT CLAYTON CZ

RULBSAA/COMUSNAVFORSO/COMFIFTEEN

RUCLDHA/COMANTDEFCON

RULPAPA/COMUSAFSO

RUESBA/AMEMB BUENOS AIRES

RUEBFGA/VOA WASHDC

FBPY

BT

UNCLAS BBC DW

ARGENTINA: SENATOR SEES SOLUTION IN '1 OR 2 HOURS'

PY210225Y

BUENOS AIRES RADIO EL MUNDO IN SPANISH 0105 GMT 21 DEC 75 PY

((INTERVIEW WITH SENATOR EDUARDO PAZ, HEAD OF THE SENATE DEFENSE COMMITTEE; RELAY FROM GOVERNMENT HOUSE--LIVE))

((TEXT)) ((QUESTION)) ((WORDS INDISTINCT)) YOUR IMPRESSIONS AFTER MEETING WITH THE PRESIDENT?

((ANSWER)) GENTLEMEN, I HAVE JUST COME FROM THE DEFENSE MINISTRY AFTER A MEETING WITH THE INTERIOR AND ECONOMY MINISTERS, WHILE THE DEFENSE MINISTER WAS MEETING WITH THE AIR FORCE COMMANDER AND IMMEDIATELY AFTERWARD WITH THE ARMY COMMANDER IN CHIEF AND WITH NAVY COMMANDER ADMIRAL MASSERA. THIS IS THE PRESENT SITUATION: THE ARMED FORCES, ARMY COMMANDER IN CHIEF GEN VIDELA, NAVY COMMANDER IN CHIEF ADMIRAL MASSERA, AND THE NEW AIR FORCE COMMANDER, ARE DOING EVERYTHING POSSIBLE TO SOLVE THE TRANSITIONAL BUT SERIOUS PROBLEM WHICH THE MORON AIRBASE HAS CREATED.

((WORDS INDISTINCT))

THE ARMED FORCES IS HELPING THE CONSTITUTIONAL GOVERNMENT A GREAT DEAL AND ALSO DEFENDING THE COUNTRY'S PRESTIGE. I AM A MEMBER OF THE GOVERNMENT TO THE EXTENT THAT I PRESIDE OVER THE SENATE DEFENSE COMMITTEE, AND AS A REPRESENTATIVE I WANT TO THANK THE ARMED FORCES FOR ITS POSITION IN THIS DIFFICULT MOMENT. THE PRESIDENT HAS ADDRESSED THE NATION IN A SERENE MANNER, ADVISING THE PEOPLE TO STAY CALM AND RECOGNIZING THE ACTION OF THE ARMED FORCES FOR THE CONSTITUTIONAL GOVERNMENT AND FOR THE WHOLE NATION. I BELIEVE THAT THIS PROBLEM WILL BE SOLVED WITHIN 1 OR 2 HOURS. THIS IS OUR HOPE, AND THIS IS WHAT THE COUNTRY NEEDS.

((QUESTION)) WHAT IS THE PRESENT MILITARY SITUATION?

((ANSWER)) THE PRESENT MILITARY SITUATION IS THAT TWO COMMISSIONED OFFICERS MET WITH THE HEAD OF THE REBELS. THESE OFFICERS HAVE RETURNED AND ARE NOW FINALLY DISCUSSING THE NEXT STEP. I AM LEAVING THIS ROOM NOW, AND BELIEVE THAT EVERYTHING WILL BE SOLVED SATISFACTORILY. 210105 FCC/MIKE/JAB 210240 DEC

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NNNNVV ESA586BRN872
PP RUESBA
DE RULPSEL 6437 3550254
ZNR UUUUU ZZH ZYN
P 210252Z DEC 75

FM FBIS PANAMA
TO RUTLAAA/FBIS WASHDC
RUEBFGA/VOA WASHDC
RULPALJ/USCINCSO/ATTN J-2 AND J-5
RULPAKA/FT AMADOR G-2
INFO RUCLDHA/COMANTDEFCON
RULPAPA/COMUSAFSO/ALBROOK AFS
RULPASA/USASA DET SOCOM FT CLAYTON CZ
RULBSAA/COMUSNAVFORSO/COMFIFTEEN
RUESBA/AM EMBASSY BUENOS AIRES
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ARGENTINE RADIO STATION ORDERED CLOSED

PA210252Y

PARIS AFP IN ENGLISH 0153 GMT 21 DEC 75 PA

((TEXT)) BUENOS AIRES, DEC 20 (AFP--THE ARGENTINE GOVERNMENT TONIGHT SHUT DOWN A PRIVATE RADIO STATION WHICH REPORTS THAT PRESIDENT MARIA ESTELA (ISABEL) PERON SUFFERED A FAINTING SPELL TODAY, PARLIAMENTARY SOURCES SAID.

RADIO RIVADAVIA, ONE OF BUENOS AIRES MOST POPULAR STATIONS, SAID MRS PERON HAD BEEN UNWELL AS A RESULT THE DAYS INTENSIVE COMINGS AND GOINGS. AIR FORCE OFFICERS, IN THE THIRD DAY OF THEIR REVOLT, TODAY THREATENED TO BOMB THE PRESIDENTIAL PALACE.

THE GOVERNMENT ORDERED THE STATION SHUT DOWN FOR FIVE DAYS, THE SOURCES SAID. 210153 GH/HARAN/CEB 21/0258Z DEC

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NNNNVV ESA592BRN878
PP RUESBA
DE RUEBANA 7838 3550312
ZNR UUUUU ZZH ZYN
P 210310Z DEC 75

FM FBIS ASUNCION
TO RUTLAAA/FBIS WASHDC
RULPSEL/FBIS PANAMA
RULPALJ/USCINCSO/ATTN J-2 AND J-5
RULPAKA/CDRUSARSO
RULPASA/USASA DET SOCOM FT CLAYTON CZ
RULBSAA/COMUSNAVFORSO/COMFIFTEEN
RUCLDHA/COMANTDEFCON
RULPAFA/COMUSAFSO
RUEBFGA/VOA WASHDC
RUESBA/AMEMB BUENOS AIRES
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ARGENTINA: FREJULI TIES REBELLION TO ELECTION CALL
PY210310Y REF PY210257 (BUENOS AIRES TELAM SPANISH-210124--
SENATORS REAFFIRM SUPPORT&
BUENOS AIRES NOTICIAS ARGENTINAS IN SPANISH 0002 GMT 21 DEC
75 PY

((TEXT)) BUENOS AIRES, 21 DEC--THE FREJULI SENATOR'S
BLOC RELEASED A COMMUNIQUE AT NOON TODAY STRONGLY CONDEMNING
ANY INTENTION TO SUBVERT THE INSTITUTIONAL ORDER. THE COMMUNIQUE
STATES: "DEFENSE OF INSTITUTIONAL ORDER DEMANDS OBEDIENCE TO
MRS PERON'S PRESIDENTIAL POWER."

THE COMMUNIQUE ADDS: "THE PEOPLE WILL SELECT THEIR DESTINY
ONLY THROUGH HIGHER POLITICAL VIEWS, WITHOUT NARROW SECTARIAN
IDEAS, WITH DIALOG, AND BY EFFECTIVELY CARRYING OUT THE
23 SEPTEMBER MANDATE UNTIL THE NEXT ELECTION."

REGARDING THE LATEST EVENTS, THE DOCUMENT STATES: "THIS
GOES FURTHER THAN AN ATTACK ON THE LEGAL GOVERNMENT. THIS
IS PROVEN BY THE FACT THAT A DAY AFTER THE ANNOUNCEMENT THAT
ELECTIONS WOULD BE HELD IN 10 MONTHS, A SMALL GROUP BASED ITS
POWER ON THE ARBITRARY USE OF FORCE TO ATTACK THE VERY IDEALS
IT SAID IT WAS DEFENDING. JUSTICIALISM'S SUCCESS DOES NOT SEEM
TO BE SHARED BY THE MINORITY GROUPS DEFEATED AT THE BALLOT
BOX BY THE PEOPLE'S FREE DECISION."

FREJULI ALSO DENIES IN THE COMMUNIQUE THAT THE SECTOR HEADED
BY SENATOR HUMBERTO ROMERO HAS SPLIT UP. 210002 RWL/MIKE/JAB
WQPEQI DEC

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VV ESA594BRN886
OO RUESBA
DE RUEBANA 7840 3550330
ZNR UUUUU ZZH ZYN
O 210327Z DEC 75

FM FBIS ASUNCION
TO RUTLAAA/FBIS WASHDC
RULPSEL/FBIS PANAMA
RULPALJ/USCINCSO/ATTN J-2 AND J-5
RULPAKA/CDRUSARSO
RULPASA/USASA DET SOCOM FT CLAYTON CZ
RULBSAA/COMUSNAVFORSO/COMFIFTEEN
RUCLDHA/COMANTDEFCON
RULPAFA/COMUSAFSO
RUEBFGA/VOA WASHDC
RUESBA/AMEMB BUENOS AIRES
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ARGENTINA: REBELS GIVE DETAILS OF NEGOTIATIONS

PY210327Y

BUENOS AIRES NOTICIAS ARGENTINAS IN SPANISH 0250 GMT 21
DEC 75 PY

((TEXT)) BUENOS AIRES, 20 DEC--AN AIR FORCE REBEL COMMAND SOURCE AT MORON BASE REVEALED TONIGHT THE BASIS OF THE REPORTED NEGOTIATIONS ON THE SERIOUS CRISIS AFFECTING THE AIR FORCE.

THE SOURCE INDICATED THAT THE NEGOTIATIONS ARE BEING CARRIED OUT UNDER STRONG PRESSURE FROM OTHER ARMED FORCES SECTORS WHICH, ALTHOUGH LOYAL TO THEIR DETERMINATION NOT TO GET INVOLVED, LOOK FORWARD TO A SOLUTION WHICH WILL AVOID REGRETTABLE RESULTS.

THE AGREEMENT BEING NEGOTIATED IS ALLEGEDLY BASED ON FOUR POINTS, TO BE INCLUDED IN A DOCUMENT NOW BEING DEFINED. THE POINTS ARE: THAT THE REBEL FORCES WILL RECOGNIZE THE AUTHORITY OF AIR FORCE COMMANDER, GEN ORLANDO AGOSTI; THAT ALL REBEL OFFICERS WILL BE KEPT IN THEIR POSTS AT THEIR BASES; THAT AIR FORCE EQUIPMENT WILL BE REDISTRIBUTED TO ACHIEVE BETTER INTERNAL BALANCE; AND THAT THE AIR FORCE COMMAND WILL COMMIT ITSELF TO WORK JOINTLY WITH THE OTHER BRANCHES TO OBTAIN PROFOUND CHANGES IN THE COUNTRY'S POLITICAL LEADERSHIP SOON.

IN ADDITION, AN ATTEMPT IS REPORTEDLY BEING MADE TO GUARANTEE THAT NO REPRISALS WILL BE TAKEN AGAINST THE REBEL FORCES. 210250

MCA/MIKE/JAB 210337 DEC

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OO RUESBA
DE RUEBANA 7847 3550525
ZNR UUUUU ZZH ZYN
O 210525Z DEC 75

FM FBIS ASUNCION
TO RUTLAAA/FBIS WASHDC
RUDOMKA/FBIS LONDON
RUDOMLA/FBIS CAVERSHAM/DW
RULPSEL/FBIS PANAMA
RULPALJ/USCINCSO/ATTN J-2 AND J-5
RULPAKA/CDRUSARSO
RULPASA/USASA DET SOCOM FT CLAYTON CZ
RULBSAA/COMUSNAVFORSO/COMFIFTEEN
RUCLDHA/COMANTDEFCON
RULPAFA/COMUSAFSO
RUESBA/AMEMB BUENOS AIRES
RUEBFGA/VOA WASHDC
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ARGENTINA: MORON BASE RETURNS TO 'NORMAL COMMAND'

PY210525Y REF PY210514 FYI

BUENOS AIRES TELAM IN SPANISH 0505 GMT 21 DEC 75 PY

((TEXT)) BUENOS AIRES, 21 DEC--THE PRESIDENTIAL PRESS AND BROADCASTING SECRETARIAT ISSUED THE FOLLOWING COMMUNIQUE AT 0130:

THE PRESIDENTIAL PRESS AND BROADCASTING SECRETARIAT REPORTS THAT THE OFFICERS AT MORON AIR FORCE BASE ARE AGAIN UNDER THEIR NORMAL COMMAND, WHICH MEANS OHAT OUR SOLDIERS HAVE STOPPED POINTING THEIR WEAPONS AT THEIR BROTHERS. IT MEANS THAT MOTHERS CAN AGAIN SLEEP WITHOUT WORRY, THAT CHILDREN CAN AGAIN PLAY IN THE PARKS WITHOUT RISK; AND THAT MEN CAN CONTINUE THEIR PATH OF RECONSTRUCTION AND PROGRESS UNDER THE GOVERNMENT OF ISABEL PERON, THE WOMAN WHO STATED 2 YEARS AGO AT A CGT RALLY: "ALL ARGENTINES OF ALL POLITICAL TENDENCIES MUST UNDERSTAND ONCE AND FOR ALL THAT THE FUTURE OF THE NATION SOLELY DEPENDS ON THE JOINT EFFORT OF EACH AND EVERY ONE OF ITS CITIZENS."

THE TRUTH IS THAT THE SOLDIERS STATIONED AT MORON AIR BASE ARE NOW EMBRACING THEIR COMRADES FROM OTHER BASES. 210505
RWL/MIKE/JAB 210534 DEC

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OO RUESBA
DE RUEBANA 7858 3551654
ZNR UUUUU ZZK ZYN
O 211653Z DEC 75

FM FBIS ASUNCION
TO RUTLAAA/FBIS WASHDC
RULPSEL/FBIS PANAMA
RULPALJ/USCINCSO/ATTN J-2 AND J-5
RULPAKA/CDRUSARSO
RULPASA/USASA DET SOCOM FT CLAYTON CZ
RULBSAA/COMUSNAVFORSO/COMFIFTEEN
RUCLDHA/COMANTDEFCOM
RULPAFA/COMUSAFSO
RUEBFGA/VOA WASHDC
RUESBA/AMEMB BUENOS AIRES
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ARGENTINA: AIR FORCE DENIES RESUMPTION OF ATTACKS

PY211653Y REF PA211552Y (BUENOS AIRES LATIN SPANISH 211547--
GOVERNMENT TO RENEW ATTACKS)

BUENOS AIRES NOTICIAS ARGENTINAS IN SPANISH 1645 GMT 21 DEC 75 PY

((TEXT)) BUENOS AIRES, 21 DEC--ALL CHIEFS OF UNITS WHO
MET WITH BRIGADIER AGOSTI LEFT THE CONDOR BUILDING AT 1330.

ONLY THE BRIGADIERS REMAINED IN THE BUILDING TO DISCUSS
WITH THE AIR FORCE COMMANDING GENERAL THE VARIOUS ASPECTS OF
THE NEGOTIATIONS AIMED AT FINDING SOLUTION TO THE INTERNAL
AIR FORCE CONFLICT.

AN AUTHORIZED AIR FORCE SPOKESMAN HAS DENIED A REPORT
BROADCAST BY A FOREIGN STATION TO THE EFFECT THAT AGOSTI HAD
ORDERED RESUMPTION OF REPRESSIVE ACTIONS ((AGAINST MORON AIR
BASE)). 211645 OLC/DONNELL/CGM 211658 DEC

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NNNNVV ESA601BRN880
PP RUESBA
DE RUEBANA 7839 3550325
ZNR UUUUU ZZH ZYN
P 210322Z DEC 75

FM FBIS ASUNCION
TO RUTLAAA/FBIS WASHDC
RULPSEL/FBIS PANAMA
RULPALJ/USCINCSO/ATTN J-2 AND J-5
RULPAKA/CDRUSARSO
RULPASA/USASA DET SOCOM FT CLAYTON CZ
RULBSAA/COMUSNAVFORSO/COMFIFTEEN
RUCLDHA/COMANTDEFCON
RULPAFA/COMUSAFSO
RUEBFGA/VOA WASHDC
RUESBA/AMEMB BUENOS AIRES
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ARGENTINA: PERON LEAVES GOVERNMENT HOUSE FOR RESIDENCE

PY210322Y

BUENOS AIRES NOTICIAS ARGENTINAS IN SPANISH 0258 GMT 21 DEC
75 PY

((TEXT)) BUENOS AIRES, 20 DEC--PRESIDENT MARIA ESTELA
MARTINEZ DE PERON LEFT GOVERNMENT HOUSE FOR OLIVOS RESIDENCE
AT 2355. THE CHIEF OF STATE HAD BEEN AT GOVERNMENT HOUSE
SINCE 1000 TODAY. 210258 RWL/MIKE/JAB 210328 DEC

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NNNNVV ESA602BRN881
PP RUESBA
DE RULPSEL 6441 3550328
ZNR UUUUU ZZH ZYN
P 210324Z DEC 75

FM FBIS PANAMA
TO RUTLAAA/FBIS WASHDC
RUEBFGA/VOA WASHDC
RULPALJ/USCINCSO/ATTN J-2 AND J-5
RULLPAKA/FT AMADOR G-2
INFO RUCLDHA/COMANTDEFCON
RULPAPA/COMUSAFSO/ALBROOK AFS
RULPASA/USASA DET SOCOM FT CLAYTON CZ
RULBSAA/COMUSNAVFORSO/COFIFTEEN
RUESBA/EMBASSY BUENOS AIRES
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ARGENTINE AIR FORCE REPORTS AGREEMENT WITH REBELS REACHED

PA210324Y

MADRID EFE IN SPANISH 0309 GMT 21 DEC 75 PA

((TEXT)) BUENOS AIRES, 20 DEC--A SPOKESMAN FOR THE COMMANDING GENERAL OF THE AIR FORCE, BRIG GEN ORLANDO AGOSTI, SAID TONIGHT THAT THE POLITICAL AND MILITARY CRISIS THAT ARGENTINA IS EXPERIENCING WILL END TOMORROW MORNING. THE INFORMATION WAS RELEASED AT APPROXIMATELY 2300 TWO THREE ZERO ZERO HOURS (0200 ZERO TWO ZERO ZERO GMT) AT THE CONDOR BUILDING, SITE OF THE AIR FORCE COMMAND, WHICH WAS SUBSEQUENTLY ABANDONED EVEN BY THE HIGH-RANKING AIR FORCE OFFICERS.

THE SPOKESMAN SAID THAT AN AGREEMENT HAD BEEN REACHED TONIGHT WITH THE REBEL SECTOR AND THAT THEREFORE THE REBELS WOULD IN THE MORNING GIVE UP THE BASES OF MORON AND AEROPARQUE WHICH ARE NOW IN THEIR POWER. 210309 WJS/BORNSON/CEB 21/0333Z DEC

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PP RUESBA
DE RUEBANA 7841 3550345
ZNR UUUUU ZZH ZYN
P 210332Z DEC 75

FM FBIS ASUNCION
TO RUTLAAA/FBIS WASHDC
RULPSEL/FBIS PANAMA
RULPALJ/USCINCSO/ATTN J-2 AND J-5
RULPAKA/CDRUSARSO
RULPASA/USASA DET SOCOM FT CLAYTON CZ
RULBSAA/COMUSNAVFORSO/COMFIFTEEN
RUCLDHA/COMANTDEFCON
RULPAFA/COMUSAFSO
RUEBFGA/VOA WASHDC
RUESBA/AMEMB BUENOS AIRES
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ARGENTINA: AIR FORCE PROMISES SOLUTION 'TOMORROW MORNING'

PY210332Y

BUENOS AIRES NOTICIAS ARGENTINAS IN SPANISH 0207 GMT 21
DEC 75 PY

((TEXT)) BUENOS AIRES, 20 DEC--AN OFFICIAL AIR FORCE
GENERAL COMMAND SOURCE SAID TODAY AT 2300 THAT "THE PROBLEM
IS ON THE WAY TO A FAVORABLE SOLUTION" AND THAT "MEDIATIONS
WERE CARRIED OUT BY ACTIVE DUPLY PERSONNEL FROM THE TWO SECTORS."

THE SOURCE STATED THAT "THE SOLUTION WILL BE REACHED
TOMORROW MORNING." 210207 RWL/MIKE/JAB 210349 DEC

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NNNNVV ESA590BRN876
PP RUESBA
DE RUEBANA 7837 3550300
ZNR UUUUU ZZH ZYN
P 210257Z DEC 75

FM FBIS ASUNCION
TO RUTLAAA/FBIS WASHDC
RUDOMKA/FBIS LONDON
RUDOMLA/FBIS CAVERSHAM/DW
RULPSEL/FBIS PANAMA
RULPALJ/USCINCSO/ATTN J-2 AND J-5
RULPAKA/CDRUSARSO
RULPASA/USASA DET SOCOM FT CLAYTON CZ
RULBSAA/COMUSNAVFORSO/COMFIFTEEN
RUCLDHA/COMANTDEFCON
RULPAFA/COMUSAFSO
RUESBA/AMEMB BUENOS AIRES
RUEBFGA/VOA WASHDC
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ARGENTINA: LUDER, SENATORS REAFFIRM SUPPORT FOR PERON
PY210257Y REF PY210100 (BUENOS AIRES NOTICIAS ARGENTINAS
SPANISH 202359--LUDER LEADS DELEGATION)

BUENOS AIRES TELAM IN SPANISH 0126 GMT 21 DEC 75 PY
(TEXT) BUENOS AIRES, 20 DEC--WHILE ENTERING THE NATIONAL
CONGRESS ON HIS RETURN FROM GOVERNMENT HOUSE, FREJULI SENATOR
FROM SAN LUIS ORALDO BRITOS STATED THAT THE JUSTICIALIST SENATORS
BLOC REAFFIRMED ITS SOLIDARITY WITH MRS PERON AND WITH INSTITUTIONAL
ORDER DURING THE MEETING JUST CONCLUDED.

A SENATORIAL DELEGATION OF SENATORS ITALO LUDER, ORALDO
BRITOS, EDGARDO MURGUIA, AND MIGUEL MOREIRA WENT
TO GOVERNMENT HOUSE TO MEET WITH THE PRESIDENT.

BRITOS STATED THAT THEY PRESENTED THE PRESIDENT WITH THE
TEXT OF THE BLOC DECLARATION ISSUED THIS AFTERNOON AND THEY
REPORTED THE COMPLET AGREEMENT AND DISCIPLINE OF THE JUSTICIALIST
BLOC.

HE ADDED THAT THE PRESIDENT THANKED THEM FOR THE GESTURE
AND BROUGHT THEM UP TO DATE ON EVENTS, EMPHASIZING THAT
NEGOTIATIONS ARE BEING CARRIED TO AVOID USELESS LOSS OF THE
LIVES OF YOUTHS WHO HAVE NOTHING TO DO WITH THE ATTITUDE
ADOPTED BY A GROUP OF AIR FORCE OFFICERS.

BRITOS INDICATED THAT THE FREJULI SENATORS BLOC IS IN
PERMANENT SESSION. 210126 MCA/MIKE/JAB 210305 DEC

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VV ESAG10BRN902
PP RUESBA
DE RUEBANA 7843 3550435
ZNR UUUUU ZZH ZYN
P 210434Z DEC 75

FM FBIS ASUNCION
TO RUTLAAA/FBIS WASHDC
RULPSEL/FBIS PANAMA
RULPALJ/USCINCSO/ATTN J-2 AND J-5
RULPAKA/CDRUSARSO
RULPASA/USASA DET SOCOM FT CLAYTON CZ
RULBSAA/COMUSNAVFORSO/COMFIFTEEN
RUCLDHA/COMANTDEFCON
RULPAFA/COMUSAFSO
RUEBFGA/VOA WASHDC
RUESBA/AMEMB BUENOS AIRES
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ARGENTINA: ARMY CONFINEMENT TO QUARTERS EASED.

PY210434Y

BUENOS AIRES NOTICIAS ARGENTINAS IN SPANISH 0150 GMT 21 DEC
75 PY

((TEXT)) BUENOS AIRES, 20 DEC--BEGINNING AT 2200 THE CONFINEMENT
TO QUARTERS OF THE ARMY, WHICH LAST NIGHT WAS TOTAL, WAS REDUCED
TO 50 PERCENT. OBSERVERS INTERPRETED THIS AS INDICATING THAT
THE CRISIS IS EASING. 210150 RWL/MIKE/JAB 210437 DEC

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NNNNVV ESAG08BRN898
PP RUESBA
DE RUEBANA 7842 3550402
ZNR UUUUU ZZH ZYN
P 210401Z DEC 75

FM FBIS ASUNCION
TO RUTLAAA/FBIS WASHDC
RULPSEL/FBIS PANAMA
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ARGENTINA: GOVERNMENT CLOSES RADIO RIVADAVIA

PY210401Y

BUENOS AIRES NOTICIAS ARGENTINAS IN SPANISH 0300 GMT 21 DEC 75 PY
(TEXT) BUENOS AIRES, 20 DEC--A GOVERNMENT DECREE SIGNED BY
PRESIDENT MARIA ESTELA MARTINEZ DE PERON CLOSED L.S.5 RADIO
RIVADAVIA TONIGHT FOR BROADCASTING "INEXACT INFORMATION AND
SUBVERSIVE COMMUNIQUES." RADIO STATION DIRECTORS LABELED THE DRASTIC
GOVERNMENT DECISION "AN UNJUST AND UNUSUAL ATTACK ON FREEDOM
OF EXPRESSION."

THE REACTION BY THE RADIO STATION WAS KNOWN 1 AND 1/2 HOURS
AFTER POLICE AND MEMBERS OF THE FEDERAL RADIO BROADCASTING
COMMITTEE ENTERED THE STATION AT 2400 ARENALES ST AND
ANNOUNCED THAT THEY HAD AN ORDER TO CLOSE IT.

THE OFFICIALS PRESENTED A MEMORANDUM AND IT WAS LEARNED THAT
THE DRASTIC MEASURE WAS BASED ON AN EXECUTIVE BRANCH DECREE
WHICH CHARGED THAT THE STATION BROADCAST "INEXACT INFORMATION
AND SUBVERSIVE COMMUNIQUE." 210300 RWL/MIKE/JAB 210408 DEC

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