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10:45 AM IMMEDIATE 3-23-76 JN
 TO DIRECTOR (109-12-201) NR. 067-23
 FROM LEGAT BUENOS AIRES (109-2)

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OUR REPRESENTATIVE IN BUENOS AIRES HAS ADVISED AS

Follows. ON MARCH 22, 1976, A CONFIDENTIAL SOURCE ABROAD, WHO IS
 A KNOWLEDGEABLE OFFICIAL OF THE ARGENTINE ARMY INTELLIGENCE
 SERVICE (AAIS) PROVIDED THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION: (S)

DURING THE PAST SEVERAL DAYS RUMORS OF AN IMPENDING MILITARY
 COUP HAVE WIDELY CIRCULATED THROUGHOUT BUENOS AIRES, ARGENTINA.
 THE AAIS HAS DEVELOPED INFORMATION THROUGH ELECTRONIC SURVEILLANCE
 THAT ARGENTINE PRESIDENT MARIA ESTELA MARTINEZ DE PERON'S REACTION ^{ARG}
 TO THESE RUMORS HAS BEEN TO TELL SEVERAL OF HER CONFIDANTS AND
 INTIMATE FRIENDS THAT, SHOULD THE MILITARY STAGE A COUP AND APPROACH
 HER IN ORDER TO DETAIN HER, SHE INTENDS TO COMMIT SUICIDE UTILIZ-
 ING A PISTOL WHICH SHE CARRIES ON HER PERSON AT ALL TIMES. THE
 PRESIDENT ADVISED THAT BY HER COMMITTING SUICIDE THE MILITARY
 WOULD UNDOUBTEDLY BE ACCUSED OF HAVING ASSASSINATED HER AND
 SHE WOULD BECOME A MARTYR TO THE ARGENTINE PEOPLE AND ATTAIN A (S)

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STATURE EQUAL TO EVA DUARTE DE PERON, JUAN DOMINGO PERON'S SECOND WIFE, WHO, SUBSEQUENT TO HER DEATH, HAS BECOME AN IDOL TO THE ARGENTINE PEOPLE. (S)

THE AAIS, BASED ON THE ABOVE INFORMATION AND OTHER AVAILABLE INTELLIGENCE, BELIEVE THAT PRESIDENT PERON IS CAPABLE OF CARRYING OUT HER STATEMENT THAT SHE WOULD COMMIT SUICIDE IN THE EVENT OF A MILITARY COUP AND FOR THIS REASON, THE MILITARY WILL BE EXTREMELY CAREFUL IN CARRYING OUT THE COUP TO INSURE THAT THE PRESIDENT IS IMMEDIATELY IMMOBILIZED AND NOT ALLOWED THE OPPORTUNITY TO USE THE WEAPON WHICH SHE CARRIES ON HER PERSON. (S)

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~~ADMINISTRATIVE [SOURCE IS CAPTAIN JUAN LUCERO, AAIS.] (S)~~

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