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FOREIGN POLITICAL MATTERS - ARGENTINA; IS - ARGENTINA.

ON MARCH 15, 1976, RAYMOND MOLINA, A UNITED STATES
CITIZEN, WHO TOOK PART IN THE BAY OF PIGS INVASION OF CUBA,
PROVIDED THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION IN BUENOS AIRES, ARGENTINA: (S) (U)

DURING THE PAST SEVERAL WEEKS, HE WAS PLACED IN CONTACT
WITH JORGE ANTONIO, A FORMER OFFICIAL IN THE GOVERNMENT OF
JUAN DOMINGO PERON, WHICH WAS OVERTHROWN IN 1955 BY A MILITARY
COUP D'ETAT. ANTONIO HAS BEEN RESIDING ABROAD EVER SINCE THE
1955 COUP AND IS AN ^{IMPORTANT INTERNATIONAL} ~~ACTIVE~~ FINANCIER. ANTONIO, WHO IS ORIGINALLY
OF LEBANESE EXTRACTION, ^{ADVISED} ~~INFORMED THE SOURCE~~ THAT HE HAS BEEN
IN RECENT ^{FREQUENT} CONTACT WITH IMPORTANT MEMBERS OF THE ARGENTINE ARMY
REGARDING THEIR PLANS TO OUST INCUMBENT ARGENTINE PRESIDENT
MARIA ESTELA MARTINEZ DE PERON. ANTONIO CLAIMED THAT HE HAS AN
AGREEMENT WITH ARGENTINE ARMY LEADERS TO ARRANGE TO REFINANCE
ARGENTINA'S FOREIGN DEBT THROUGH ARAB SOURCES AVAILABLE TO
ANTONIO. ^{IN EXCHANGE ANTONIO WILL PROVIDE EXCLUSIVE DOCUMENTARY EVIDENCE}
^{SHOWING THE IMPRALITY + CORRUPTION OF PRESIDENT MARTINEZ DE PERON.}
ANTONIO ARRANGED A PERSONAL MEETING FOR THE SOURCE
WITH GENERAL CARLOS ABERTO DALLA TEA, ^{Secretary General of the Argentine Army}
^{Estado Mayor (Army Command)}
IN BUENOS AIRES ON MARCH 14, 1976,
AT THE HOME OF JORGE ANTONIO'S SON. GENERAL DALLA TEA (S) (U)

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STATED THAT THE ARGENTINE ARMED FORCES WOULD OUST PRESIDENT
^{BETWEEN} PERON ON WEDNESDAY, MARCH 17, 1976, ^{AND} ~~OR~~ THURSDAY, MARCH 18,
1976, AND THAT THE MILITARY WOULD HOLD ABSOLUTE CONTROL FOR
THE FIRST TEN DAYS OF THE COUP. AMONG THE MANY POINTS COVERED
BY GENERAL DALLA TEA DURING THE MARCH 14, 1976, MEETING WITH THE
SOURCE, WERE THE FOLLOWING: ~~(S)~~(U)~~(S)~~(U)

1. THE ARGENTINE MILITARY DESIRE CLOSE COOPERATION WITH THE
UNITED STATES. ~~(S)~~(U)~~(S)~~(U)

2. ~~ARGENTINE ARMY~~ ^{COMMANDER IN CHIEF} WILL BE THE ACKNOWLEDGED
~~LEADER OF THE COUP.~~ ~~(S)~~(U)~~(S)~~(U)

3. AFTER THE FIRST TEN DAYS OF THE COUP, THE ARGENTINE
MILITARY INTEND TO INCORPORATE CIVILIANS INTO THE GOVERNMENT
FILLING THE POSTS OF MINISTER OF FOREIGN RELATIONS, MINISTER
OF ECONOMY AND MINISTER OF FINANCE WITH CIVILIAN TECHNICIANS.

~~END PAGE TWO~~ THE ARGENTINE MILITARY BELIEVES THAT THE INCUMBENT
PERONIST GOVERNMENT HAS TAKEN OVER CONTROL OF TOO MANY ^{PRIVATE} INDUSTRIES
AND REDUCED THE INCENTIVE FOR PRIVATE INVESTMENT IN ARGENTINA
TO AN UNACCEPTABLE DEGREE. IN THIS CONNECTION, THE ARGENTINE
MILITARY INTEND TO ESTABLISH IMMEDIATE CONTACT WITH THE INTER-
NATIONAL TELEPHONE AND TELEGRAPH ^(U) CORPORATION IN ORDER TO ^{ARRANGE FOR} TAKE
OVER THE ARGENTINE TELEPHONE COMPANY, WHICH IS IN A DISASTROUS ~~(S)~~(U)

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STATE BOTH FINANCE AND TECHNOLOGY-WISE. / JORGE ANTONIO ADVISED THAT HE INTENDS TO RETURN TO ARGENTINA ON MARCH 20, 1976, AND THAT HE ANTICIPATED OBTAINING A POSITION IN THE ARGENTINE GOVERNMENT. JORGE ANTONIO FREELY ADMITS THAT HIS ULTIMATE OBJECTIVE IN RETURNING TO ARGENTINA IS TO EVENTUALLY BE ELECTED PRESIDENT IN A CIVILIAN GOVERNMENT, WHICH WILL FOLLOW THE MILITARY COUP ~~DE ETAT~~ D'ETAT. ~~(S)(X)(S)~~ (U)

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COORDINATED LOCALLY.

MOLINA WAS CONTACTED BY THE LEGAL ATTACHE AT THE SPECIFIC REQUEST OF AMBASSADOR HILL. MOLINA ARRIVED IN BUENOS AIRES 3/12/76, ACCOMPANIED BY GENERAL GRAHAM, former CIA Deputy Director, and several other individuals from Washington connected with US Senators Jose Helms and Strom Thurmond. ~~(S)(X)(S)~~ (U)

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