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1. The following data on the missions and personalities doing business with the Polish Bank in Buenos Aires have been made available to source:

   a. The account of the local Soviet Embassy now shows a credit balance of 700,000 pesos;

   b. The Rumanian Legation recently received a 65,000 peso credit from the Polish Bank which was deposited to its account;

   c. The Polish Minister to Argentina, Stefan Szumowski, receives a salary of $2200 a month, while the First Secretary of the Polish Legation receives about 20,000 pesos a month. Salaries of other Legation officials range from 10,000 pesos to 16,000 pesos monthly.

   d. The Argentine branch of the Polish Red Cross, which was established recently, also keeps an account open with the Polish Bank.

2. Byelorussian and Ukrainian Communist organizations in Argentina, both of which plan to construct their own buildings, have requested loans from the Polish Bank.

3. Ludmila Schostakovsky de Cortes, daughter of Union Eslava president Pablo Schostakovsky, is in charge of customer files at the bank. [redacted] 25X1A6a
   Comment. Sra. de Cortes was previously reported to have tak[redacted]
   of Czeslaw Bujwid in the Polish Bank's contacts with the Soviet Legation.
   25X1A2g [redacted].) In her present position she is able to check credit data and other pertinent data on individuals and organizations. Recently Sra. de Cortes is said to have made personal profits on a transaction involving the introduction into Argentina of European books by the firm Distribuidora Rio Platense de Libros Extranjeros.

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