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25X1X 1. According to a statement made by General Rafael Luis Bates, approximately 3,000 officers of the Argentine armed forces will be retired from active service in the very near future. The reason given for their retirement is

that President Peron doubts their allegiance to his government.

2. In connection with the personnel changes and reorganization in the Army, this move is part of the military purge which Peron ordered after the attempted revolution of 28 September. Generals Solari, Urdapilleta, Corti,

25X1X Suari, and others, were offered the chance of retirement in order to make way for the promotions of lower-ranking officers.

- 3. Fourteen officers who have been studying in the Escuela de Guerra have recently been expelled because of the purge. These expulsions were the result of a list prepared by Captain (fnu) Cialceta, a nephew of Peron, who has been reporting on officers who are not loyal to the Peron regime.
- 4. On 20 November a small plastic bomb exploded in the doorway of a building belonging to the Air Ministry. There was only small damage to the door but windows in a building across the street were broken. The Oficina de Control del Estado (OCC), Presidential intelligence agency, which is investigating this explosion, believes that it is the work of persons connected with General Benjamin Menendez, leader of the 28 September revolt. A note was left with the bomb which warned that President Peron would be the next target.*

25X1X5. The United States Congressmen who visited Argentina last week were misled by Peron who, with great political tack, told them only the truths that were absolutely necessary.

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