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COUNTRY: Argentina

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SUBJECT: Requirements for Road Building Equipment

PLACE ACQUIRED: [REDACTED] 25X1X6

DATE ACQUIRED : [REDACTED]

DATE OF INFO : Oct 54

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SOURCE: [REDACTED]

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1. The supply of road rollers/<sup>is</sup> in adequate in Argentina, ~~and~~ <sup>and</sup> all are not in prime operating condition. New supplies will be bought from Germany as they underquote other nations and offer extended terms of payment, as long as five years.
2. According to recent estimates of the Argentina Department of Highways, there are only 200 road scrapers available and 350 more are needed. Present equipment is of U.S. manufacture and they want the additional equipment of the same type. There is a constant pressure from government purchasing offices on the local distributors to accept orders on the basis of three to five years to pay. The distributors are unable to finance such business and U.S. suppliers are not interested in business on this basis.
3. Recently, the matter of need for this equipment was called to Peron's attention and he replied there was no need for worry, the lack would be taken care of. I have no idea what he had in mind <sup>is</sup> doing.
4. It has become accepted practice for issuance of import permits to give them to individuals in the Army whom Person feels he must placate. My own connection is a General, whom I prefer not to name, who tells me he expects a permit in the amount of \$1,500,000 to cover 150 graders. The permits would be issued directly to a local importer at his direction, and the General exacts a percentage.

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