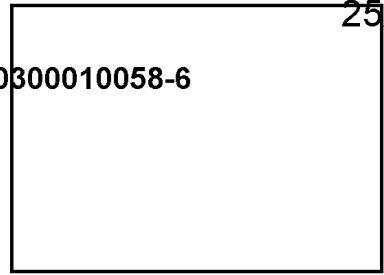


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1. SYRIA: PRESIDENT ASAD, IN ANOTHER SHARP ATTACK ON THE SINAI AGREEMENT, ASSERTED ON MONDAY THAT SYRIA WOULD NOT ENGAGE IN ANY FURTHER NEGOTIATIONS FOR A GOLAN HEIGHTS ACCORD UNLESS CONCURRENT NEGOTIATIONS ON THE PALESTINIAN QUESTION ARE HELD WITH THE PALESTINE LIBERATION ORGANIZATION.4

THIS APPEARS TO REPRESENT A SERIOUS CHANGE IN SYRIA'S NEGOTIATION POSITION AND ALL BUT RULES OUT ANY CHANCE OF THE US GETTING TALKS GOING SOON BETWEEN SYRIA AND ISRAEL.4

SYRIAN PROPAGANDA ATTACKS ON THE SINAI ACCORD OVER THE PAST WEEK HAVE BEEN LEADING TOWARD THIS SHIFT. SOME MIDDLE-LEVEL SYRIAN OFFICIALS RECENTLY INDICATED IN PRIVATE THAT SYRIA WAS NO LONGER IN ANY HURRY TO RECOVER A FEW MORE KILOMETERS ON THE HEIGHTS AND NEEDS SOMETHING FOR THE PALESTINIANS AS WELL BEFORE AN AGREEMENT WITH ISRAEL CAN BE POLITICALLY ACCEPTABLE.4

THIS IS THE FIRST TIME, HOWEVER, THAT ASAD HAS INSISTED IN PUBLIC ON A DIRECT LINKAGE BETWEEN SYRIAN-ISRAELI NEGOTIATIONS AND THE PALESTINIAN PROBLEM. IT IS NOT CLEAR WHAT TRIGGERED ASAD'S

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ABOUT-FACE. HE MAY HAVE CONCLUDED FROM FOREIGN MINISTER KHADDAM'S TALKS WITH SECRETARY KISSINGER LAST WEEK IN NEW YORK THAT THERE IS NO HOPE OF RAPID PROGRESS IN NEGOTIATIONS. ASAD MAY, THEREFORE, BELIEVE HE CANNOT AFFORD TO SETTLE FOR WHAT THE ISRAELIS WERE WILLING TO OFFER WITHOUT SUFFERING ACUTE PUBLIC EMBARRASSMENT AND STRONG ATTACKS FROM THE IRAQIS AND HIS DOMESTIC OPPONENTS. 4

IT IS NOT CERTAIN WHAT POSITION DAMASCUS WILL NOW TAKE TOWARD THE RENEWAL OF THE MANDATE OF THE UN FORCES ON THE GOLAN HEIGHTS, WHICH EXPIRES ON NOVEMBER 30. ASAD MAY STILL FIND SOME WAY OF RATIONALIZING AN EXTENSION OF THE MANDATE IN ORDER TO ALLOW THE US MORE TIME TO DEAL WITH THE PALESTINIAN ISSUE. IN THE MEANTIME, SYRIA IS LIKELY TO REDOUBLE ITS EFFORTS TO OBTAIN THE SUPPORT OF OTHER ARABS FOR ITS NEGOTIATING POSITION. [REDACTED]

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2. //MOROCCO-SPAIN: MOROCCO REPORTEDLY HAS MOVED SOME MILITARY FORCES [REDACTED] NEAR THE BORDER WITH SPANISH SAHARA.

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//A MOVE BY MOROCCO AGAINST SPANISH SAHARA IN EITHER THE  
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SUCCESS IN THE LESS DEFENDED AREAS.//4

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BELIEVING THAT THE POLITICAL TIDE IN LISBON IS TURNING AGAINST AZEVEDO AND HIS SOCIALIST-DOMINATED GOVERNMENT, THE COMMUNISTS APPARENTLY ARE SEEKING TO SHORE UP THEIR RELATIONS WITH LEFT-WING EXTREMISTS WHO ARE LEADING THE CHALLENGE TO AZEVEDO. THE COMMUNISTS AND EXTREME LEFTISTS HAVE WORKED TOGETHER OCCASIONALLY, BUT THE LEFTIST FRINGE GROUPS HAVE MORE OFTEN BEEN SHARPLY CRITICAL OF THE COMMUNIST PARTY.4

THE COMMUNISTS TOOK A NEUTRAL STAND WHEN THE MILITARY OCCUPIED RADIO AND TELEVISION STATIONS LAST WEEK. THEY WERE REPORTEDLY TRYING TO AVOID BREAKING WITH THE NEWLY FORMED AZEVEDO GOVERNMENT. THE COMMUNISTS' ACTION ON MONDAY COULD FORESHADOW A DECISION TO WITHDRAW FROM THE GOVERNMENT.4

IN LISBON, 10,000 DEMONSTRATORS, INCLUDING ABOUT 1,000 SOLDIERS

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AND SAILORS FROM SEVERAL LEFTIST UNITS IN THE CAPITAL REGION, RESPONDED MONDAY NIGHT TO THE COMMUNIST-BACKED APPEAL TO SHOW SUPPORT FOR THE LISBON LIGHT ARTILLERY REGIMENT'S DEFIANCE OF THE GOVERNMENT'S ATTEMPTS TO BRING IT TO HEEL. THE REBELLIOUS ARTILLERY MEN HAVE MOUNTED ANTITANK AND MACHINE GUNS OUTSIDE THEIR BARRACKS, CLAIMING THAT GOVERNMENT LEADERS ARE TRYING TO "ANNIHILATE" THE REGIMENT. 4

THOUSANDS ALSO DEMONSTRATED IN PORTO MONDAY NIGHT TO PROTEST THE GOVERNMENT'S DECISION SATURDAY TO DISBAND A MILITARY TRANSPORTATION UNIT THERE. THE DEMONSTRATION IN PORTO—WHERE THERE HAVE BEEN ALMOST CONTINUOUS DISTURBANCES SINCE SATURDAY—WAS PRECEDED BY A RALLY IN SUPPORT OF THE GOVERNMENT BY ABOUT 5,000 PEOPLE, LED BY THE CENTRIST POPULAR DEMOCRATIC PARTY. THE POPULAR DEMOCRATS, ALON WITH THE SOCIALISTS, HAVE CALLED FOR ANOTHER RALLY IN PORTO ON TUESDAY. 4

PRIME MINISTER AZEVEDO SHOWS NO SIGN OF BUCKLING IN FACE OF THE PRESSURE FROM THE LEFT, AND HE APPEARS TO HAVE WON THE SUPPORT OF PRESIDENT COSTA GOMES. COSTA GOMES SENT A MESSAGE TO THE ARMED FORCES SUNDAY NIGHT, FOLLOWING HIS RETURN FROM MOSCOW, APPEALING TO THE

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SOLDIERS NOT TO FOLLOW POLITICAL LEADERS BUT TO OBEY THEIR COMMANDING OFFICERS. A GOVERNMENT OFFICIAL WAS QUOTED IN THE PRESS AS SAYING THAT THERE MAY NOT BE ENOUGH LOYAL TROOPS IN THE LISBON AREA TO HOLD OUT IF THE LEFT-WING CIVILIAN AND MILITARY GROUPS MAKE A SERIOUS BID FOR POWER. 4

IN A PRESS INTERVIEW OVER THE WEEKEND, AZEVEDO SEEMED TO CONFIRM THE SOCIALIST PARTY'S CLAIM THAT THE LEFTISTS HAD PLANNED A TAKE-OVER LAST WEDNESDAY. <sup>AN OFFICIAL</sup> [REDACTED] IN THE PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE SAID THAT THE SOCIALISTS HAD MOBILIZED AT THE REQUEST OF ANTI-COMMUNIST MILITARY OFFICERS IN THE GOVERNMENT. 4

AZEVEDO ALSO SPOKE ABOUT THE NEW MILITARY FORCE WHICH HE SAID HE HAD FORMED LAST WEEK TO END DEPENDENCE ON THE FORCES UNDER GENERAL CARVALHO. CARVALHO HAS SWITCHED SIDES OFTEN IN RECENT DAYS, BUT MOST OFTEN HE APPEARS INCLINED TO THE FAR LEFT. PRESS REPORTS INDICATE THAT AZEVEDO IS HAVING TROUBLE GETTING THE NEW FORCE ORGANIZED BECAUSE SEVERAL DISSIDENT UNITS ARE REFUSING TO SERVE IN IT.

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YUGOSLAV COMMENTARIES ON THE BIJEDIC VISIT GENERALLY HAVE TRIED

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TO MAINTAIN A DISCREET DISTANCE FROM THE SINO-SOVIET CONFLICT. ECONOMIC RELATIONS AND AN EXCHANGE OF VIEWS ON FOREIGN AFFAIRS WERE DESCRIBED AS THE PRIME TOPICS ON BIJEDIC'S AGENDA. ONE KNOWLEDGEABLE YUGOSLAV COMMENTATOR STATED LAST FRIDAY THAT BELGRADE IS READY TO REOPEN BILATERAL PARTY RELATIONS, BUT HE ADMITTED THIS DEVELOPMENT MAY BE SOME DISTANCE OFF. CHINESE DIPLOMATS IN BELGRADE HAVE CONFIDED THAT THERE IS NO POSSIBILITY FOR AN EARLY RESUMPTION OF PARTY TIES.4

YUGOSLAV LEADERS HAVE LONG SUSPECTED THAT PEKING WANTS TO EMBROIL BELGRADE IN ITS CONFLICT WITH MOSCOW. THE CHINESE CHARGE IN BELGRADE LAST WEEK SAID AN AGREEMENT HAD BEEN REACHED TO EXCHANGE TOP-LEVEL MILITARY DELEGATIONS AND THAT THE BIJEDIC PARTY INTENDS TO DISCUSS "STRATEGY" DURING THE VISIT. IF BELGRADE DECIDES THAT THESE REPORTS WERE IN ANY WAY BEHIND THE SOVIET PROTEST, <sup>25X1</sup> TITO COULD ORDER A SLOWDOWN IN CONTACTS WITH PEKING.

3. USSR-CYPRUS: NICOSIA ANNOUNCED LAST WEEK THAT IT HAS SIGNED ITS FIRST ECONOMIC AND TECHNICAL COOPERATION AGREEMENT WITH MOSCOW. AS WITH OTHER RECENT SOVIET AGREEMENTS TO EXTEND AID TO DEVELOPING

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COUNTRIES, NO DOLLAR VALUE WAS PLACED ON THE ASSISTANCE.4

THE AGREEMENT POINTS UP PRESIDENT MAKARIOS' DESIRE TO OBTAIN AID WHEREVER HE CAN. IT PROBABLY ALSO REPRESENTS A SOVIET ATTEMPT TO INDICATE CONTINUED SUPPORT FOR A UNIFIED CYPRUS BUT WITHOUT BEING TOO CLOSELY IDENTIFIED WITH THE ARCHBISHOP.4

MOSCOW WILL EXTEND LONG-TERM CREDITS TO COVER THE FOREIGN EXCHANGE COSTS OF CONSTRUCTION AFTER SOVIET TECHNICIANS HAVE SURVEYED PROJECTS FOR POSSIBLE ASSISTANCE. ITEMS MENTIONED INCLUDE DAMS AND A NEW AIRPORT AT NICOSIA. [REDACTED]

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4. POLAND: OVER THE PAST WEEK MORE MEAT HAS APPEARED IN KRAKOW'S STORES AND THERE ARE GREATLY INCREASED NUMBERS OF POLICE ON THE STREETS. BOTH STEPS WERE TAKEN AS A RESULT OF GRUMBLING FROM THE INDUSTRIAL SUBURBS AND RUMORS OF POSSIBLE PUBLIC PROTESTS. THE EXTRA MEAT WAS EVIDENTLY INTENDED FOR EXPORT, WITH SOME OF IT CARRYING GERMAN MARKINGS. THE CONSULATE SAYS THAT THE LOCAL RUMOR MILL HAS QUIETED DOWN SOMEWHAT NOW THAT MEAT SUPPLIES HAVE IMPROVED.4

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SIMILAR MEASURES ARE PROBABLY BEING TAKEN IN OTHER POLISH CITIES. THE REGIME WILL TRY TO MEET PUBLIC DEMANDS, BUT AT THE SAME TIME IT IS CLEARLY SIGNALING THAT PUBLIC DISTURBANCES WILL NOT BE TOLERATED. THE DRAWDOWN ON GOODS INTENDED FOR EXPORT--WHICH HAS BEEN OFFICIALLY ANNOUNCED--WILL UNDOUBTEDLY PUT FURTHER BURDENS ON POLAND'S ALREADY SERIOUS BALANCE-OF-PAYMENTS PROBLEMS. MOREOVER, THE POLISH PEOPLE WILL BE QUICK TO RECOGNIZE THE STOP-GAP NATURE OF SUCH STEPS, AND ARE LIKELY TO KEEP UP THE PRESSURE FOR MORE CONSUMER GOODS.

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5. BULGARIA: BULGARIAN FOREIGN MINISTER MLADENOV WILL VISIT YUGOSLAVIA IN MID-NOVEMBER, ACCORDING TO THE YUGOSLAV COUNSELOR IN SOFIA. THE BULGARIANS APPARENTLY PROPOSED THE VISIT DURING ZHIVKOV'S TALKS WITH TITO IN HELSINKI.4

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PRESENT STATE OF RELATIONS BETWEEN BELGRADE AND SOFIA AS "NEITHER WARM NOR FROSTY," WAS SKEPTICAL THAT ANY MAJOR AGREEMENTS WOULD BE REACHED DURING THE VISIT. MAJOR IRRITANTS AS SEEN BY YUGOSLAVIA, ARE THE LONG-STANDING DISPUTE WITH BULGARIA OVER MACEDONIA AND PERSISTENT REFERENCES IN THE BULGARIAN PRESS TO THE ROLE OF THE SOVIET UNION AND BULGARIA IN THE LIBERATION OF YUGOSLAVIA.4

MLADENOV WILL CERTAINLY BRING UP GREEK PRIME MINISTER KARAMANLIS' CALL FOR A MEETING OF THE BALKAN STATES THIS FALL. BELGRADE HAS ACCEPTED ATHENS' INVITATION WITH MISGIVINGS BECAUSE IT IS CONCERNED ABOUT MOSCOW'S LEVERAGE OVER BULGARIA. MLADENOV WILL HAVE HIS WORK CUT OUT FOR HIM IN TRYING TO CONVINCE THE YUGOSLAVS TO THE CONTRARY.4

FOR SOFIA, THE VISIT COMPLETES A SERIES OF MISSIONS AIMED AT GAINING A LARGER BULGARIAN ROLE IN INTER-BALKAN AFFAIRS. ZHIVKOV ENTERTAINED GREEK

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PREMIER KARAMANLIS THIS SUMMER, VISITED ROMANIA IN JULY, AND HELD DISCUSSIONS IN THE SAME MONTH WITH TURKISH LEADER DEMIREL. MLADENOV'S VISIT TO BELGRAD. WILL COMPLETE HIS CIRCUIT OF BULGARIA'S NEIGHBORS.

6. USSR-ROMANIA: SOVIET PARTY SECRETARY KONSTANTIN KATUSHEV MADE A SUDDEN VISIT TO ROMANIA LATE LAST WEEK, PROBABLY TO TALK OVER A GROWING NUMBER OF DIFFERENCES BETWEEN BUCHAREST AND MOSCOW.

KATUSHEV, WHO IS RESPONSIBLE FOR RELATIONS WITH BLOC PARTIES, MET WITH CEAUSESCU ON THE FINAL DAY OF HIS VISIT. ACCORDING TO BUCHAREST RADIO, THE TWO MEN DISCUSSED ROMANIAN-SOVIET PARTY RELATIONS, "SOME ASPECTS OF INTERNATIONAL LIFE, AND PROBLEMS OF MUTUAL INTEREST." ONE OF THE CHIEF TOPICS MAY HAVE BEEN DIFFERENCES OVER THE CONDITIONS UNDER WHICH A EUROPEAN CONFERENCE OF COMMUNIST PARTIES SHOULD BE HELD.

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USUALLY LARGE NUMBER OF ROMANIAN OFFICIALS WHO TROOPED TO PEKING LAST MONTH. IN ADDITION, THE TWO ARE AT ODDS OVER HOW TO TREAT THE SOCIAL DEMOCRATIC PARTIES IN THE WEST AND OVER BUCHAREST'S CONTINUING COURTSHIP OF THE NONALIGNED MOVEMENT.4

A ROMANIAN DIPLOMAT IN MOSCOW CLAIMS THAT KATUSHEV WAS PLANNING TO DISCUSS PREPARATIONS FOR THE COMING CEMA SUMMIT--INCLUDING THE DRAFTING OF THE MEETING'S FINAL DOCUMENT. INDEED, A NUMBER OF BILATERAL ECONOMIC PROBLEMS REMAIN TO BE IRONED OUT. THE ROMANIANS, ACCORDING TO THE DIPLOMAT, ARE GETTING NOWHERE WITH THEIR REQUESTS FOR SOVIET OIL AND FOR STEPPED-UP DELIVERIES OF SOVIET IRON ORE. BUCHAREST HAS PROPOSED A BILATERAL FIVE YEAR TRADE TURNOVER OF 9 BILLION RUBLES, BUT THE SOVIETS ARE OFFERING ONLY 6 BILLION. THESE AND OTHER PROBLEMS MAY DELAY THE SIGNING OF THE 1976-80 PLAN COOPERATION AGREEMENT UNTIL LATE IN THE YEAR.

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7. HUNGARY-ROMANIA: BUDAPEST'S INCREASED EFFORTS TO PROTECT THE CULTURAL IDENTITY OF THE LARGE MAGYAR MINORITY IN ROMANIA UNDOUBTEDLY FIGURED PROMINENTLY IN RECENT BILATERAL CULTURAL COOPERATION TALKS.4

HUNGARIAN POLITBURO MEMBER ACZEL AND HIS ROMANIAN COUNTERPART--DUMITRU POPESCU--TALKED FOR THREE DAYS LAST WEEK, BACKED BY DELEGATIONS THAT INCLUDED CULTURAL AND HISTORICAL SPECIALISTS. THE TWO MEN REPORTEDLY WERE SLATED TO MEET EARLY THIS YEAR, BUT THERE WERE NO SIGNS THAT THE MEETING WAS HELD.4

THE KADAR REGIME HAS BEEN TRYING WITH RENEWED ENERGY SINCE 1974 TO EXPAND ITS TIES WITH THE ONE AND-A-HALF TO TWO MILLION TRANSYLVANIAN HUNGARIANS. THESE ENDEAVORS APPARENTLY WERE SPURRED BY DOMESTIC PRESSURES GROWING OUT OF CONCERN AMONG THE HUNGARIAN MINORITY THAT BUCHAREST HAD ADOPTED A MORE AGGRESSIVE ASSIMILATION POLICY.4

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BUCHAREST TO USE MORE IMPORTED, HUNGARIAN-LANGUAGE TEXTBOOKS AND TO SOFTEN WHAT BUDAPEST CONSIDERS "HISTORICAL DISTORTIONS" IN ROMANIAN-PRODUCED TEXTS. BUDAPEST HAS ALSO BEEN UNSUCCESSFULLY TRYING FOR SEVERAL YEARS TO OPEN A CONSULATE IN CLUJ THAT WOULD HANDLE CONSULAR MATTERS FOR ALL OF TRANSYLVANIA.4

KADAR PERSONALLY RECEIVED THE ROMANIAN DELEGATION, APPARENTLY TO IMPRESS ON BUCHAREST THE SERIOUSNESS OF HUNGARIAN OBJECTIVES AND TO SHOW THE DOMESTIC AUDIENCE THAT HE IS PERSONALLY INVOLVED.4

NONETHELESS, THE ROMANIANS WILL BE SLOW TO RESPOND TO BUDAPEST'S DEMANDS. THEY ARE UNDERSTANDABLY RELUCTANT TO EXPOSE THE MAGYAR MINORITY TO BUDAPEST'S INFLUENCE, AND PROBABLY HOPE IN THE LONG RUN TO ASSIMILATE THEM. [REDACTED]

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ARGENTINA: BUENOS AIRES PROVINCE GOVERNOR VICTORIO CALABRO HAS IN EFFECT ANNOUNCED HIS BID FOR THE PRESIDENCY IN 1977 BY ISSUING A STINGING CRITICISM OF THE ADMINISTRATION. IN THE PROCESS, HE SHARPENED THE DISPUTE WITH LABOR LEADER LORENZO MIGUEL AND OTHERS WHO CLING TO THE DEFENSE OF PRESIDENT PERON'S AUTHORITY. 4

CALABRO, ALSO AN IMPORTANT LABOR LEADER WHO HAS FOR SOME TIME BEEN IDENTIFIED WITH THE OPPONENTS OF PERON'S RULE, LASHED OUT AT VIRTUALLY EVERY ASPECT OF THE GOVERNMENT'S PERFORMANCE IN RECENT MONTHS. THE PRESIDENT, HE DECLARED, HAS LOST ALL POWER BECAUSE OF HER SUCCESSIVE POLITICAL DEFEATS. THE CRISIS IN THE ECONOMY CONTINUES, HE WENT ON, BECAUSE "NO PROPER MEASURES HAVE BEEN INTRODUCED." HE FOUND FAULT WITH ACTING PRESIDENT LUDER AS WELL, SAYING THAT THE POLITICAL STABILITY THE COUNTRY NEEDS CANNOT BE SUPPLIED BY "INTERIM PRESIDENTS." "UNLESS RAPID SOLUTIONS ARE FOUND," HE SAID, "THE GOVERNMENT WILL FALL." 4

CALABRO, PROBABLY THE MOST IMPORTANT OF THE SO-CALLED "ANTI-VERTICALISTAS"--OPPONENTS OF PERON'S AUTHORITY--SEEKS TO GAUGE THE

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EXTENT OF SUPPORT FOR HIS POSITION WHILE THE VACATIONING PRESIDENT IS STILL ON THE SIDELINES. MOREOVER, HE IS HOPING TO STEER THE GROWING DEBATE OVER HER FUTURE TO THE DISADVANTAGE OF THE PRESIDENT AND HER SUPPORTERS. HER RETURN TO BUENOS AIRES IS SCHEDULED FOR OCTOBER 17.4

BY GOING PUBLIC WITH HIS CRITICISM, CALABRO WENT A LONG WAY TOWARD CONFIRMING THE WIDELY HELD BELIEF THAT HE COVETS THE PRESIDENCY. MOREOVER, HIS ACTION REPRESENTS AN OPEN BREAK WITH TOP LABOR LEADER LORENZO MIGUEL, CHIEF AMONG THE "VERTICALISTAS," WHO FAVOR THE RETENTION OF THE PRESIDENT IN OFFICE.4

PRESIDENTIAL ASPIRATIONS ASIDE, MIGUEL AND HIS SUPPORTERS HAVE PROBABLY INTERPRETED CALABRO'S OPEN BREAK AS SIGNALLING HIS INTENTION TO WREST FROM THEM CONTROL OF THE LABOR MOVEMENT. THEY HAVE GOOD REASON TO BE CONCERNED. THE BUENOS AIRES GOVERNOR'S INFLUENCE IS GROWING, AT A TIME WHEN MIGUEL'S PRESTIGE AMONG LABOR HAS BEEN SLIPPING AS DISCONTENT OVER ECONOMIC CONDITIONS IS ENCOURAGING DISSATISFACTION WITH HIS LEADERSHIP.

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