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HW LATE ITEMS FOR INTELLIGENCE SUPPORT CABLE FOR 1 JULY 1975

ARGENTINA

SENTIMENT IS STRONG IN THE LABOR
MOVEMENT FOR A SHOW OF FORCE AGAINST
THE GOVERNMENT'S DECISION LAST WEEKEND
TO ROLL BACK WAGE INCREASES THE UNIONS
RECENTLY WON FROM MANAGEMENT. IT IS
THE MOST DANGEROUS SITUATION PRESIDENT
PERON HAS FACED IN HER YEAR AS PRESI-
DENT.

ON-FILE NSC RELEASE INSTRUCTIONS APPLY

LABOR LEADERS SEEM DIVIDED ON HOW TO PROCEED,
BUT THEY ARE UNDER HEAVY PRESSURE FROM UNION MEMBERS.
GENERAL STRIKES HAVE BEEN DECLARED IN THREE PROVIN-
CIAL CITIES AND WILDCAT STRIKES HAVE BROKEN OUT IN
BUENOS AIRES.

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IF IT COMES TO A SHOWDOWN, THE GOVERNMENT WOULD
BE HARD PRESSED TO GET THE SUPPORT IT WOULD NEED TO
PREVAIL. ARMY LEADERS ARE SAID TO HAVE DECIDED TO
ADOPT A HANDS-OFF POLICY RIGHT NOW; THEY REALIZE
THEY WOULD NEED LABOR SUPPORT IF THEY ASSUME CONTROL
OF THE GOVERNMENT. PERONIST, AS WELL AS OPPOSITION,
CONGRESSMEN ARE EXPRESSING SUPPORT FOR LABOR'S POSI-
TION.

THE INTERIOR MINISTER, WHO IS THREATENING TO
RESIGN, IS SAID TO HAVE WARNED FELLOW PERONISTS THAT
PRESIDENTIAL ADVISER LOPEZ REGA MAY RESORT TO FORCE
IN AN ATTEMPT TO KEEP THEM IN LINE BEHIND THE PRESI-
DENT. LOPEZ REGA, IN FACT, IS REPUTED TO CONTROL A

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RIGHT-WING TERRORIST GROUP THAT MAY HAVE BEEN RE-
SPONSIBLE FOR A BOMBING ATTACK ON SUNDAY AGAINST A
RELATIVE OF A PERONIST LABOR LEADER,
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