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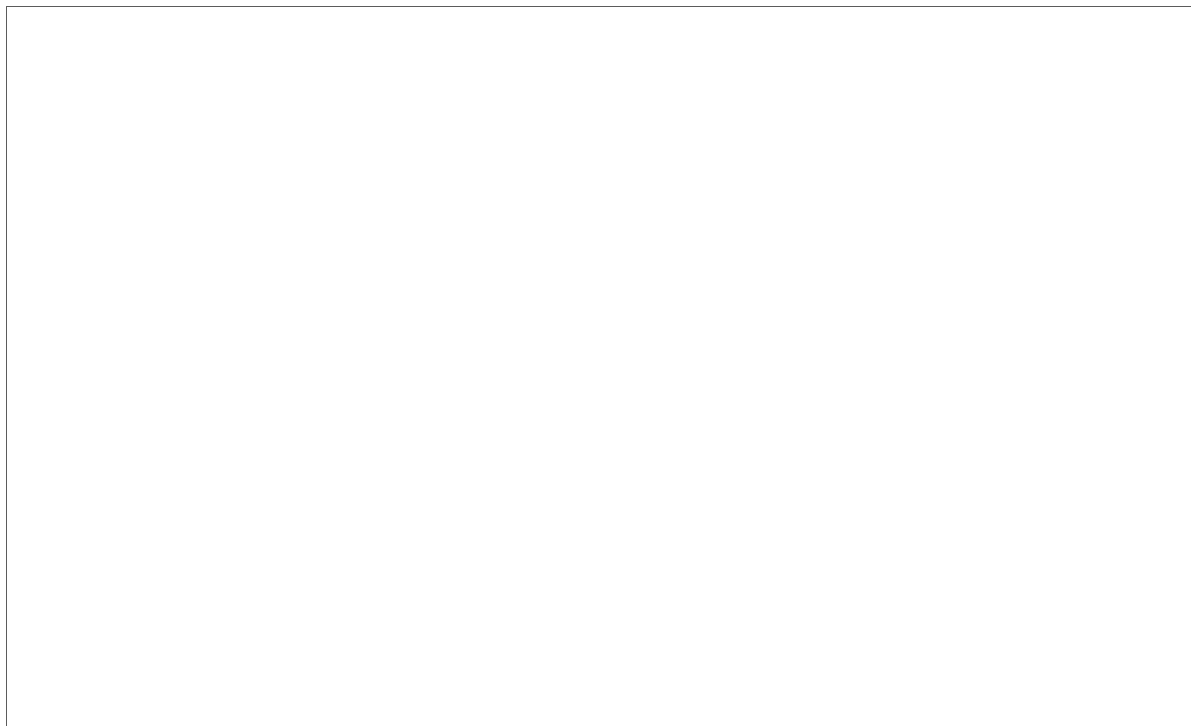
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Argentina

The US Embassy in Buenos Aires yesterday noted the sense of disquiet in the Videla administration and in the Army led by General Viola, who is still likely to succeed Videla as president next year. The Embassy believes Viola, a relative moderate, may yet be forced to choose as his replacement Army Chief of Staff Suarez Mason, now the leading proponent of the "dirty war" against political opponents of the military junta. Reflecting Viola's somewhat shaky position is the light punishment--90 days' banishment to a frontier garrison--accorded General Menendez, who late last month attempted to remove Viola from his post. [redacted]

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