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One. After usual oath, followed by statement that Schellenberg was head of Amtel and, after July 1941, also of Secret Military Intelligence; that he was under Himmler and Altenbrunner, and his rank of SS-Brigadefuehrer and Waffen-SS Brigadier General; that Paefigen was his most important source of information re Latin America, which source he trusted, and that Paefigen's information came from Harbtertrauensmann Becker; that other South American intelligence came from Spitz in Spain, and others, but that Paefigen was chief evaluator. The purposely literal translation of Schellenberg's affidavit follows:

Two. On basis of intelligence results, which I often made available to Reich leadership, Argentina was considered an important Stuetzpunkt of German foreign policy; from which Germany wished to draw every possible advantage. This was made easy through Argentina's own policy, since Argentina in her basic thinking followed a similar line of Germany; the cooperation was made especially easy after revolution June 16, 1943, whereby Gen. Juan V. Peron and Juan D. Peron attained power. Argentina tried to share relations with Germany above all, in order, through weapons and products deliveries and through political support, to strengthen her own potential. The goal of this Argentina policy lay in the strengthening of her political resistance against the North American influence in South America, whereby Argentina attempted to assure for herself the leading role in South America.

Three.

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Three. As result of the collaboration, the Argentine Govt decided to conclude an agreement with the German secret services; as result of this the German secret service work in Argentina was to be made easier and supported, and the German secret service for its part was to support the general Argentine policy through making available information and channels for transmission of intelligence. The German Secret Service was to be supported in such manner, for example that its agents would no longer be persecuted; that it was permitted them to use cover names; that the Germans should be advised beforehand of coming cabinet changes. The Argentine Diplomatic courier channels were also to be put at Germans disposal for transmission of secret material. In this connection I recall the name of Theobben Arlnfl Attache in Berlin, commander Ewald Ceballos.

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