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ARGENTINA:

Muñoz, Rodolfo

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Dr. Muñoz has been a member of Argentina's Permanent Delegation to the United Nations since 1946 and has headed that delegation since 1951. In August 1952 he was promoted to the rank of Ambassador. Always courteous and friendly to the United States and its diplomatic representatives, Muñoz has at times been somewhat restricted in his freedom of action by his government's instructions. Argentina generally maintains a "third position" attitude of supporting neither the Soviet bloc nor the Western bloc. Since Muñoz is faithful to his government's policies, he loyally defends the Argentine position although it is obvious that he does not always agree with it. The Argentine attitude has often made it necessary for Muñoz to abstain from voting at the United Nations General Assembly on issues of crucial interest to the United States. He has given the impression of being a competent, hard-working, and serious minded representative of his country both at the United Nations and at other international conferences to which he has been a delegate. **He is highly restricted by senior officers of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs.**

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Muñoz, who was born in Buenos Aires in 1908, graduated from the Economics Faculty of the University of Buenos Aires in 1932 and received the degree of Doctor of Juridical and Social Sciences from the University of La Plata in 1934. From 1935 to 1937 he had a scholarship to study finance at Oxford University. Entering the Argentine Foreign Service in 1937, he served at London and Paris between 1937 and 1946. At the United Nations he has represented Argentina at several sessions of the Trusteeship Council, **and the Economic and Social Council.** In 1951 he was a member of the Argentine delegation to the Fourth Meeting of Consultation of Ministers of Foreign Affairs of the American Republics which met in Washington. At the Seventh Session of the United Nations General Assembly in 1952 Muñoz was elected chairman of Committee IV (Trusteeship).

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