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TO: IMMEDIATE WHITE HOUSE//SITUATION ROOM FOR MR [REDACTED] 25X1A
 STATE RCI//OPERATIONS CENTER FOR MR FRY, NMCC//ATTENTION CIA
 REP, TREASURY DEPT//INFO [REDACTED] 25X1A9a
 WARNING NOTICE SENSITIVE INTELLIGENCE SOURCES AND METHODS
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ITEM NO: (2) DATE: 5 SEP 74
 SUBJECT: PRESIDENT MARIA ESTELA DE PERON'S HEALTH 25X1A2g
 REF : [REDACTED] 5 SEP 74, SECRET NFD; [REDACTED] 25X1A2g
 25X1A2g [REDACTED] 050925Z SEP 74, CONF

25X1X6 PRESIDENT PERON SUFFERED ANOTHER NERVOUS ATTACK YESTERDAY
 MORNING [REDACTED] THIS TIME IT
 COULD BE A LITTLE MORE SERIOUS SINCE SHE REPORTEDLY HAD TO BE
 FLOWN BY HELICOPTER FROM THE PRESIDENTIAL PALACE DOWNTOWN TO THE
 OFFICIAL RESIDENCE AT OLIVOS WHERE SHE IS BEING ATTENDED BY
 PHYSICIANS.

25X1X6 [REDACTED] MRS. PERON HAS AN ANEMIC CONDITIONS WHICH
 HAS BEEN WORSENING LATELY. THE BUENOS AIRES PRESS ATTRIBUTES THE
 ILLNESS TO A SLIGHT ATTACK OF LOW BLOOD PRESSURE. [REDACTED]

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MRS. PERON HAS BEEN VERY NERVOUS RECENTLY, HAS EATEN LITTLE, AND IS LOSING WEIGHT. OTHER SOURCES CLAIM THAT HER HEALTH IS DETERIORATING DUE TO THE STRAINS OF THE OFFICE.

FOR SEVERAL MONTHS LAST SPRING SHE WAS REPORTED TO BE SUFFERING FROM SEVERE MENTAL DEPRESSION, ANXIETY, AND WEIGHT LOSS AND WAS UNDER PSYCHIATRIC CARE. THE EPISODE WAS PRECIPITATED BY HER APPREHENSION CONCERNING HER HUSBAND'S HEALTH AND FEARS OF HER INABILITY TO GOVERN IN HIS ABSENCE. HER CURRENT STATE IS PROBABLY RELATED TO THE SAME ISSUES--DEPRESSION OVER LOSS OF HER HUSBAND AND ANXIETY BECAUSE SHE IS IN OVER HER HEAD. IT MAY WELL BE THAT MRS. PERON'S EMOTIONAL REACTION IS EXAGGERATED BECAUSE OF BEING IN THE MENOPAUSAL PERIOD.

ALTHOUGH IT IS DIFFICULT TO GAUGE THE SERIOUSNESS OF HER CONDITION AT THIS POINT, IT IS CONCEIVABLE THAT SHE WOULD RESIGN IF SHE FINDS THE PRESSURE TOO GREAT. THAT PROSPECT WOULD PROMPT MILITARY, PERONIST, AND OPPOSITION PARTY LEADERS TO APPEAL FOR HER TO STAY ON AND AVERT A POLITICAL CRISIS THAT NONE OF THEM WANT.

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PRESS SOURCES HAVE FLOATED THE IDEA RECENTLY THAT THE GOVERNMENT INTENDS TO ESTABLISH A POST OF PRIME MINISTER TO ALLEVIATE SOME OF MRS. PERON'S DUTIES. IF SHE ACCEDES TO SUCH A PROPOSAL, IT WOULD IN EFFECT RESULT IN HER BECOMING A FIGUREHEAD WITH REAL POWER DEVOLVING TO HER CHIEF ADVISERS. E2 IMPDET.
 [SPECIAL DISTRIBUTION: WH DIV, NIO [REDACTED] 25X1A9a

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