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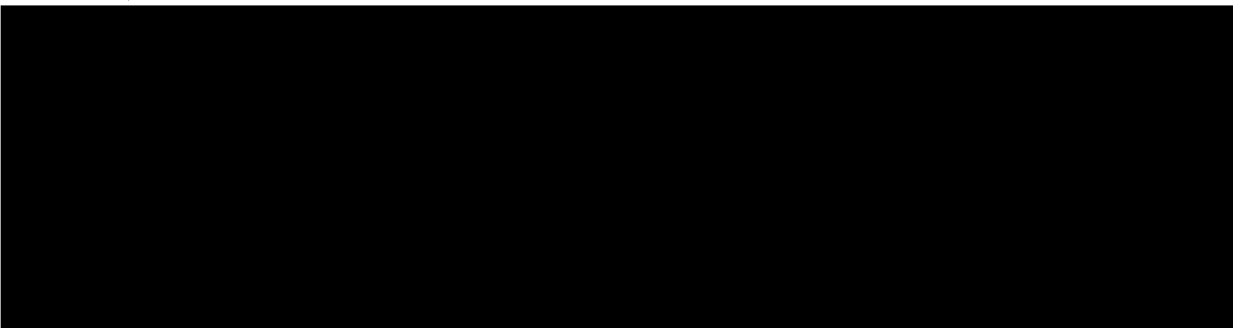
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1. Argentine representatives in Paraguay are said to have reported to the Peron government that a definite coolness exists in that country towards Argentina's diplomatic and economic overtures. They also alleged that some figures in the Gonzalez government are apprehensive about Argentina's armaments program and have recommended to Gonzalez that Paraguay should explore the possibility of uniting Paraguay, Chile, Brazil, and Bolivia into a bloc which would oppose any attempt of aggression by the Argentines.
2. Despite Argentina's dissatisfaction with the situation in Paraguay, source has been unable to confirm rumors that Argentina may be lending military support (arms and ammunition) to opponents of Gonzalez. The Argentine National Gendarmerie detachments on the Argentine-Paraguayan border have been strengthened and have recently received additional shipments of small arms and ammunition. Although some of these supplies may eventually reach anti-Gonzalez groups in Paraguay, the Gendarmerie ostensibly needs to be fortified in order to combat smuggling, illegal immigration into Argentina, and other problems in the area.
3. As a result of developments in Paraguay, Argentina is seeking to strengthen her intelligence service in that country.

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Comment: The Argentine government, which considers the present Paraguayan government to be anti-Argentine, expects that government to attempt the establishment of closer ties with the United States and Brazil in an effort to curb Argentina's influence in Paraguay. In particular, Argentina regards President Natalicio Gonzalez and the Ministers of Economy, Public Works, and Foreign Affairs (Mario Mallorquin, Victor Morinigo, and Domingo Montanaro, respectively) as being opposed to Argentina.

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