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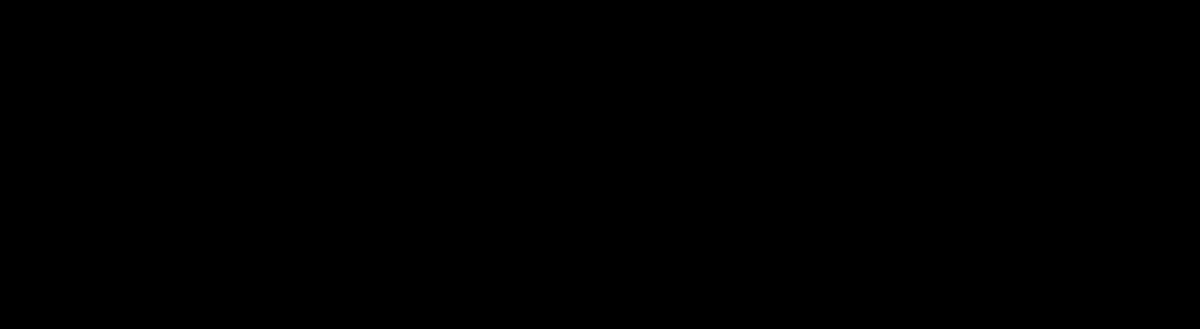
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1. It has been reported to the official investigators of the recent political crisis in Chile that Roberto Tixa Massa, Argentine Consul General in Chile, and Luis G. Cervino, former Argentine Consul in Concepcion, have repeatedly urged Army and Carabinero officers to supplant Gonzalez Videla with a Chilean Peron. The accusation against Cervino was made by Colonel Manuel Alvear, Commandant of the Carabineros in the Concepcion zone. The Chilean Government is said to be attempting discreetly to apprise the Argentine Ambassador of this situation so that the latter will arrange the recall of Tixa and Cervino, thus obviating the necessity of an official Chilean request.
2. Argentine Senator Alberto Durand conveyed a confidential message to Gonzalez Videla on 18 November from Peron, who offered assurances that he had had no part in the revolutionary plot in Chile. The President was reported to be cool, but pleased with Peron's protestations of innocence.
3. The police have questioned Ernesto Barros Darpa, former Chilean Foreign Minister and officer of Accion Chileno Argentina, regarding the financial records and the membership lists of this organization. He maintained that no records existed and that funds were obtained through voluntary contributions. He claimed that this organization existed only to support the Argentine-Chilean trade treaty, and would probably dissolve since the possibility of the adoption of the treaty now seems negligible. An examination of Barros Darpa's bank account was negative. ~~Comment.~~ Although the Government strongly suspects Argentine implication in the recent revolutionary plot, it seems to have obtained no concrete evidence.

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