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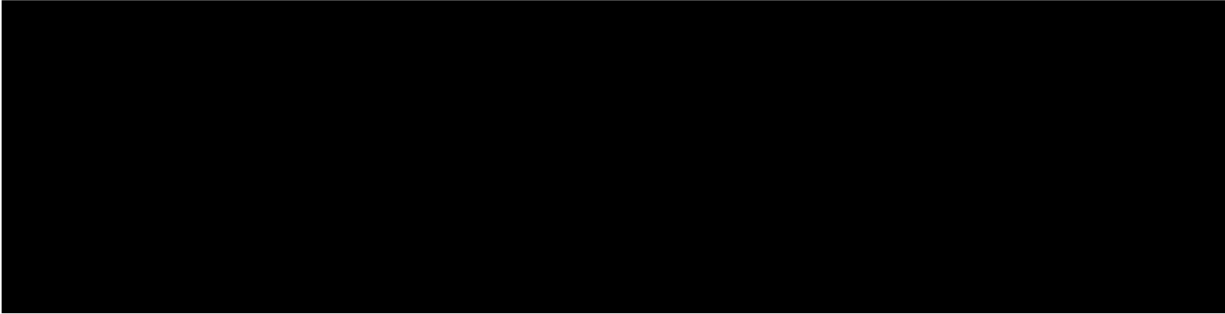
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1. Nestor Lima Quintana, Argentine Cultural Attache in Santiago, who returned to Chile from Buenos Aires on 27 April 1949, stated that he considers Argentine President Peron still solidly in power. He disagrees completely with the previously reported statements made by Third Secretary Miguel Angel Guezales,* who believed that Peron's power was waning.
2. Lima Quintana admitted that many Peronistas had rebelled because of the activities of Eva Duarte de Peron, but he claimed that most of them were now once again supporting Peron.
3. Both Lima Quintana and Guezales agreed that, should the Peron regime fall, the government would be seized by the army General Staff to prevent power from falling into the hands of any political faction.

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