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1. The insistent rumors which have recently been circulating on subversive movements directed against the Paraguayan government appear to be based on the purported formation of a pro-military movement for the installation of a military government. The central figure in this movement is said to be Brigadier General Alfredo Stroessner, Commander of the First Artillery Regiment based at Paraguari. Other military sectors, both army and navy, would reportedly aid this coup.
2. The movement is said to have the sympathy, if not the actual aid, of the Argentine government. This impression has been very strong in opposition circles, where it is believed that within a short time a military government will be set up under the auspices of President Peron.
3. Leaders of the current regime, however, do not foresee a military movement at the present time. Also, they do not believe that the Argentine government has been working actively for the formation of a military government in Paraguay.
4. A group of military men who were removed from their positions on 26 February 1949 have given their support to another military movement headed by General Raimundo Rolon.
5. [REDACTED] the following facts as possible indications of Argentina's involvement in the military movement led by Stroessner. Juan Queralto, leader of the nationalist, pro-Peron Alianza Libertadora Nacionalista (ALN) of Argentina, recently visited Asuncion and met with Stroessner on at least two occasions. One Ruda, whose brother is Director of the Argentine Military College and who is said to be extremely well-informed on the Paraguayan political situation, has also recently been in Asuncion. This was Ruda's second visit to Paraguay within the past two months.
6. Ramon Ignacio Clavell, head of Argentine Army Intelligence in Paraguay, has expressed the belief that a military government will be established in Paraguay within the near future.

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