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1. FRANCO told a meeting of the Council of Ministers in late June that he would name Agustin MUNOZ Grandes to be his successor as regent of Spain, according to Alberto MARTIN Artajo. At a later meeting of the Council of Ministers on 29 June FRANCO reportedly said that Don Juan had to be eliminated as a candidate to the throne because of his relations with leftist elements. FRANCO advocated that Don Juan's son be placed on the throne and that a regency be established. 1

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2. MARTIN Artajo believed that FRANCO was preoccupied over the problem of succession as he was to undergo an operation for hemorrhages of the gall bladder and the pancreas prior to 20 September 1951.

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3. [REDACTED] a number of unnamed Spanish generals held three secret meetings prior to 5 July. During the last meeting they prepared a document to be sent to FRANCO in which they outlined the problems facing the regime and their solutions. The only two generals who refused to sign the document were MUNOZ Grandes and Pablo MARTIN Alonso. [REDACTED], however, that this was an indication that a military uprising against FRANCO was in the offing.

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4. [REDACTED] Monarchist representatives in France told Trifon GOMEZ San Jose, leader of the Partido Socialista Obrero Espanol, that a group of unnamed Spanish generals had delivered an ultimatum to FRANCO stating that unless the United States sent substantial quantities of aid to Spain before September they would be forced to take drastic measures. Trifon GOMEZ reportedly met seven times with the Monarchist representatives during a short period prior to 20 July.

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5. Jose LARRAZ Lopez, Monarchist leader inside Spain, reportedly was seeing high church functionaries, generals, and important financiers in early July. [REDACTED] activity was an indication that LARRAZ had not given up his plans of a FRANCO-Monarchist accord. 25X1A

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