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The following report was received from a usually reliable source in Buenos Aires concerning the information contained in [REDACTED].

1. Source is unable to confirm that on 5 October 1951 a committee of ranking Argentine military leaders asked President Peron to resign. There have been neither overt public pronouncements nor action on the part of the individuals concerned which would indicate that this action had taken place.
2. It has been established that the report which indicated that on 24 September Franklin Lucero, Minister of War, requested Peron to resign had emanated from Dr. Juan Atilio Bramuglia, former Minister of Foreign Affairs. Another usually reliable source reports that he received similar information from the political secretary of Vice President Hortensio Quijano, who later claimed that a subsequent investigation proved that the information was without foundation.

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Comment. From outward appearances, it would seem that Peron is in control of the situation and enjoying the support of his Ministers and military chiefs. All sources are in agreement, however, that the critical period for the Peron regime has not passed; that the spirit of revolt is deeply rooted in all branches of the armed forces; and that Peron can remain in power only by making important concessions to the military group which would concern Evita Peron, the CGT, and other sore points.

Comment. Cf. [REDACTED] re the 23 September military revolt against the Peron regime.

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