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3. //AR~~G~~GENTINA: THE ARMED FORCES ARE LEANING TOWARD  
 A MORE ACTIVE ROLE AS A POWER BROKER IN ARGENTINE POLITICS.  
 INCREASING POLITICAL ACTIVITY BY SOME MILITARY LEADERS AND  
 THE CONTINUING SUCCESS OF THE ARMY-SUPPORTED COUNTERTERRORIST  
 CAMPAIGN REPORTEDLY ARE THE MAJOR REASONS FOR THIS. A COUP  
 IS OUT OF THE QUESTION, BUT THE ARMY IS SAID TO BE RE-EVALUATING  
 ITS ROLE IN THE GOVERNMENT. PRESIDENT PERON IS GRADUALLY  
 BECOMING MORE ACCEPTABLE TO MILITARY LEADERS, BUT THEY ARE  
 GROWING MORE CRITICAL OF THE ROLE OF POWERFUL SOCIAL WELFARE  
 MINISTER LOPEZ REGA, WHO IS ALSO MRS. PERON'S PRIVATE  
 SECRETARY AND MENTOR. MILITARY CRITICS CONTEND THAT MRS.  
 PERON CAN GET ALONG WITHOUT HIM, PROVIDING SHE HAS THE ACTIVE  
 SUPPORT OF THE MILITARY AND LABOR. THE MILITARY HAS INCREASED  
 INFORMAL CONTACTS WITH KEY LABOR LEADERS RECENTLY, APPARENTLY  
 IN AN EFFORT TO REDUCE THE INFLUENCE OF EXTREMISTS IN THE  
 LABOR MOVEMENT AND TO ENHANCE RELATIONS BETWEEN THE TWO  
 POWER SECTORS--THE STRONGEST IN THE COUNTRY. MEANWHILE, THE  
 TERRORISTS ARE ON THE DEFENSIVE AND REPORTEDLY PLANNING TO

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