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ARGENTINA

ANTITERRORISM CAMPAIGN MAY BEGIN.

~~(S/NOFORN/NOINTEL)~~ President Peron has appointed Brig Gen Harguindeguy, former Deputy Commander of the 1st Army Corps, as the new commissioner of the federal police. Appointment of the general, who will probably take a hard line against dissidents, puts one more security position under the effective control of the armed forces.

~~(S/NOFORN)~~ Mrs. Peron's action comes in the wake of increased terrorist activity and criticism of the federal police's antisubversion role. A large-scale attack by leftist Montoneros occurred on 31 January when an estimated 50 guerrillas stormed a police academy; they were repulsed by armed forces' counterattacks. The raid came one day after former Police Commissioner Pinto resigned.

~~(S/NOFORN)~~ Harguindeguy has the reputation of being a hardnosed professional who has proven himself in previous confrontations with leftists. His appointment as head of the 20,000-man force tasked with guarding the Federal District will bring the federal police in line with the armed forces' strategy in combating terrorism.

~~(S/NOFORN/NOINTEL)~~ Despite armed forces' statements that the major threat -- the Montoneros -- have been neutralized militarily, Argentina continues to experience large-scale terrorism. With police and armed forces coordination in the offing, however, the antiterrorist campaign may begin to succeed, even though leftists retain the capability to stage sensationalist attacks at will. ~~(S/NOFORN/NOINTEL)~~

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