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~~(S//NOFORN//NFINT)~~ A military coup to oust President Peron is apparently in the offing, probably by March. In a related development, a congressional investigation of a rightist terrorist organization is potentially damaging for the embattled chief executive.

~~(S//NOFORN//NFINT)~~ A recent meeting of key officers presided over by army chief Gen Jorge Videla reportedly set the coup date for the 20 February through 5 March time frame. Reliable sources say that the participants chose Videla as most likely to head the government. One version of the deliberations suggests a new military government would curtail political and labor activity for 15 months, suspending elections for the President, legislators, and governors indefinitely. Another source contends that only the order from Videla is lacking, but another says armed forces preparations preclude a military move before March.

~~(C//NOFORN)~~ Meanwhile, leaks from a congressional investigation of the rightist Argentine Anticommunist Alliance, a terrorist organization believed funded by ousted social welfare minister and former Peron confidante Jose Lopez Rega, have trickled to the press. One witness has claimed that he was hired by the Social Welfare Ministry through a close associate of Lopez Rega. As these revelations mount, the President's involvement will be questioned.

~~(S//NOFORN//NFINT)~~ Meanwhile, the hearings serve the military's purpose of giving them cause to unseat the President. It seems almost certain, therefore, that they will move to topple Mrs. Peron before the end of her term next year. (XGDS-2 Declassify upon notification of originator)

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