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MRS. PERON REJECTS PERONIST PARTY DEMANDS.

~~(C/NOFORN)~~ President Peron has rejected demands of key Peronist Party members that she make changes in her government. Mrs. Peron's refusal to take their advice may trigger military intervention if Congress fails to remove her from office.

~~(C/NOFORN)~~ A 10-man Peronist delegation consisting of congressional, labor, and party leaders -- including Mrs. Peron's constitutional successor Senator Italo Luder -- met with the President on 23 February. They demanded that she make immediate Cabinet changes, adopt new economic policies, and rid herself of controversial right-wing advisers or face military intervention. Mrs. Peron apparently gave the delegation no satisfaction, thereby creating additional pressure for her ouster within her own political party.

~~(C/NOFORN)~~ Meanwhile, Congress is scheduled to reconvene on the 25th, and the first order of business will probably be the establishment of a legislative assembly to debate the President's status. Considering Mrs. Peron's rejection of the Peronist delegation's demands, heretofore loyal Peronist congressmen may support both a move to declare her incompetent and impeachment proceedings.

~~(C/NOFORN/WHINTEN)~~ Despite recent reports that Mrs. Peron's government will be replaced by a military junta during the 3 to 5 March time frame, it is believed that the armed forces still prefer a constitutional solution in removing the president. The military has demonstrated great

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patience and restraint in the matter for some time; however, if Congress fails to take immediate action to remove Mrs. Peron, they will probably intervene soon. ~~(S-31 Dec 92)~~

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