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ARGENTINA

MRS. PERON PERSISTS.

~~(S/NOFORN)~~ The President's rejection of military demands to step down may have forced the service chiefs to change their plans.

~~(S/NOFORN/NOINTTEL)~~ The December air force revolt reportedly ended with military commanders saying they would force Mrs. Peron from office by the end of January. Twice this month she refused their demands to turn the presidency over to her constitutional successor. A further defiance was her recent replacement of four moderate Cabinet members with hardline Peronists without consulting the military.

~~(S/NOFORN/NOINTTEL)~~ The majority of the armed forces still favors replacing Mrs. Peron with a constitutional successor although recent reports suggest that a coup will place a military junta in power. The service chiefs no doubt realize that they must move soon in order to preserve unity within the ranks. The primary deterrent is uncertainty about labor's reaction. Some labor leaders were rankled about being omitted in the recent Cabinet reorganization, but the rank and file, Mrs. Peron's main political power base, would probably come to her defense. If so, a military government would most likely not be any more effective than were previous armed forces' attempts to run the country.

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