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~~(C/NFD)~~ Armed forces leaders differ on a course of action toward the government's political and economic problems.

~~(C/NFD)~~ Citing a strong feeling within the military that the Peronists must be allowed to discredit themselves further, an informed source told the US Defense Attache in Buenos Aires that the armed forces do not object to President Peron remaining in office until her term expires in 1977. He added, however, that should she step down prematurely, there would be no coup but that the succeeding government would be scrutinized carefully.

~~(C/NFD)~~ Three factions have emerged within the armed forces whose plans of action differ, according to the source. One believes a military government is needed immediately; the second favors a wait-and-see posture but is not adverse to intervening to prevent chaos; a third group, which allegedly includes former commander in chief Gen Laplane, advocates a labor-military coalition to rule Argentina. No strong leftist elements are apparent within these groups.

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(S/NID) The overall feeling among junior and middle-grade officers appears to be one of frustration over mounting terrorism in the country that overrides their concern over the worsening political and economic situation. A stepped-up antiguerrilla campaign, perhaps in conjunction with the navy and air force, could offset the army's apprehension over the insurgency problem. Meanwhile, only the administration's complete inability to govern would probably goad the divided military leadership into a political role. (CDS 31 Dec 81)



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