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ARGENTINA: POLITICAL DEVELOPMENTS.

1. THIS INFORMATION IS TAKEN FROM THE ARGENTINE PRESS OF 21 JUNE 1982.
2. THE JUNTA HELD TWO MEETINGS ON 20 JUNE 1982 TO TRY TO DECIDE WHO TO NAME AS THE REGIME'S SEVENTH PRESIDENT. BETWEEN THE TWO MEETINGS, THE COMMANDERS IN CHIEF DISCUSSED THE VARIOUS ALTERNATIVES WITH THE MOST SENIOR OFFICERS OF THEIR RESPECTIVE SERVICES. HOWEVER, THEY FAILED TO REACH ANY AGREEMENT. THEY WERE MEETING AGAIN AT 9AM, ON 21 JUNE.
3. POLITICAL SOURCES SAID THAT AT LEAST 12 NAMES WERE UNDER CONSIDERATION. THESE INCLUDED JORGE AGUADO, GOVERNOR OF THE PROVINCE OF BUENOS AIRES; AMADEO FRUGOLI, DEFENCE MINISTER; COSTA MENDEZ, FOREIGN MINISTER; ALFREDO SAINT JEAN, INTERIM PRESIDENT; GENERAL EYNALDO BIGNONE AND LAMI DOZO. (BA HERALD).
4. NICOLAIDES IS SAID TO HAVE PROPOSED THE RETIRED GENERAL REYNALDO BIGNONE. AS THE ARMY SECRETARY BIGNONE. AS THE ARMY SECRETARY BIGNONE CONTROLLED THE SERVICE'S PUBLIC RELATIONS AND EXTERNAL POLICY SECTIONS UNDER FORMER PRESIDENTS VIDELA AND VIOLA. THE ARMY HAS ALSO RAISED THE ANAME OF EDUARDO CRESPI.
5. ONE AIR FORCE BRIGADIER GENERAL SAID THAT HIS SERVICE BACKED LAMI DOZO, AS THEIR FIRST CHOICE. LA NACION CITED TWO OTHER POSSIBLE CHOICES FOR THE AIR FORCE: OMAR GRAFFIGNA, LAMI DOZO'S PREDECESSOR OR JOSE MIRET, SECRETARY OF PLANNING.  
 IF NONE OF THESE WERE ELECTED, THE AIR FORCE WOULD SUPPORT A CIVILIAN PRESIDENT. THE NAMES SUGGESTED BY LAMI DOZO ARE : AMADEO FRUGOLI, MINISTER OF DEFENCE AND JUAN AGUIRRE LANARI, ONE OF THE LEADERS OF THE PARTIDO LIBERAL DE CORRIENTES.
6. NAVY SOURCES CLAIM THE NAVY WANTS A CIVILIAN PRESIDENT. COSTA MENDEZ IS THE MOST CITED CHOICE. IF IT MUST BE A MILITARY PRESIDENT IT IS SAID THAT THE NAVY WOULD SUPPORT LAMI DOZO OR SAINT JEAN.

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7. THE ARMY IS TRYING TO PRESSURE THE AIR FORCE AND NAVY REPRESENTATIVES ON THE JUNTA TO RESIGN, SO THAT A NEW JUNTA WILL BE UNTAINTED BY THE FALKLANDS. TOP AIR FORCE AND NAVY SOURCES SAY THERE IS NO REASON FOR THIS TO HAPPEN.

8. LAMI DOZO HAS DECLARED PUBLICLY THAT IF ASKED TO BECOME PRESIDENT, HE WILL ASSUME THIS RESPONSIBILITY.

9. SAINTJEAN STATED THAT THE QUESTION OF THE FALKLANDS WOULD CONTINUE TO BE A TOP PRIORITY; ARGENTINA WILL NEVER RENOUNCE ITS RIGHT TO SOVEREIGNTY OVER THE ISLANDS. HE SAID THERE WAS A DE FACTO CESSATION OF HOSTILITIES BUT IT WAS FOR THE JUNTA TO DECIDE WHETHER THERE WAS TO BE A DEFINITIVE END TO HOSTILITIES. SAINT JEAN'S ROLE AS INTERIM PRESIDENT IS TO BE PURELY ADMINISTRATIVE.

10. THE POLITICAL LEADERS OF THE MULTIPARTIDARIA WILL MEET IN THE EVENING OF 21 JUNE TO DRAW UP A PROPOSAL FOR A PLAN OF GOVERNMENT FOR THE PRESENT EMERGENCY, BY THE JUNTA, BUT WHICH WILL ALSO CATER FOR INTERNAL ELECTIONS WITHIN THE POLITICAL PARTIES AND NATIONAL ELECTIONS IN THE PATH TOWARDS DEMOCRACY.

THE FOLLOWING WILL BE PRESENT:

CARLOS CONTIN, RADICAL; ARTURO FRONDIZI, DESARROLLISTA; OSCAR ALENDE, INTRANSIGENTE; MARTIN DIP, DEMOCRISTIANE AND NESTOR CARRASCO, PERONISTA.

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