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2. Buenos Aires: On 27 January--the day Argentina broke with Germany and Japan--German Meynen reported as follows:

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a. "The precipitate severance of relations was brought on in part by far-reaching differences of opinion inside the Government."*

b. "Shortly before the break, a member of the Government (not the Foreign Minister, who has been avoiding me during the last few days) told me that unbearable pressure from the United States, Argentina's lack of arms, and the war situation in general were all working against the continuation of Argentina's neutrality. Those factors, together with the Bolivian incident and

*On 29 January the Mexican Ambassador in Buenos Aires reported that Vice President Farrell, Minister of Labor Peron and Foreign Minister Gilbert had been opposed to the break, and that Gilbert, when commented on Argentina's move by the Uruguayan Ambassador, had remarked that there was "no reason for congratulations."

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a bad conscience regarding Axis espionage activities, caused the Argentine Government to lose its nerve."

g. "The U.S. Embassy in Buenos Aires has shown little enthusiasm over the course of events, probably because there have been no anti-German mass demonstrations and because, up to the present, Argentina has not followed up the break with 'adequate' measures against the Axis. Our confidential agent from President Ramirez' circle of friends has informed us that Argentina does not at present intend to grant bases to the United States."

d. "For the time being, the members of our Embassy are allowed freedom of movement and have sufficient money."