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On Sept. 14, spokespersons for the Argentine Embassy in Mexico City reported on the following privatization plans: \* Sept. 28 is the deadline for receiving bids on a railway freight service concession, the 2,700-km. General Urquiza Line. Contracts are tentatively scheduled to be awarded in February 1991. \* Officials are examining bids by Spain's Ferrocarriles Espanoles and the Argentine Empresa Tschinp on a 30-year concession to operate the 250-km. Rosario-Bahia Blanca railway. \* Mid-October is the deadline for bids on private sector maintenance of 4,500 km. of the nation's highway system. The roadways are to be placed under a toll system. \* Auction procedures will soon be announced for privatization of the La Casualidad gold mining company. The firm currently operates two claims covering a total area of 194.8 ha. \* A public auction is also planned for foreign accounting firms bidding on operations to audit management of Argentine state-run enterprises. (Basic data from Notimex, 09/14/90)

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