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TO. SUBJECT: THE URUGUAYAN COMMUNIST YOUTH ORGANIZATION (UJC)  
 HAS REQUESTED THE USSR AND COMMUNIST CHINA TO SEND DELEGATES TO THE  
 UJC CONGRESS SCHEDULED TO BEGIN ON 28 NOV.

// A HIGH RANKING MEMBER OF THE URUGUAYAN COMMUNIST PARTY REPORT-  
 ELY HAS ASKED THE FOREIGN MINISTER TO AID IN OBTAINING VISAS FOR TWO  
 SOVIET DELEGATES. // MEMBERS OF URUGUAY'S PRO-CHINESE LEFTIST  
 REVOLUTIONARY MOVEMENT (MIR) REPORT THE CHINESE DO BE REPRESENTED,  
 BUT THERE IS NO EVIDENCE AS YET THAT PEIPING HAS SENT SUCH A GROUP.

THE CONGRESS MAY BE THE OCCASION FOR A MEETING OF COMMUNIST  
 YOUTH LEADERS FROM SEVERAL LATIN AMERICAN COUNTRIES TO DISCUSS THE  
 SINO-SOVIET DISPUTE. REPORTEDLY SUCH A MEETING WILL TAKE PLACE IN  
 MONTEVIDEO "IN LATE NOVEMBER" IN ORDER TO ACHIEVE A UNITED POSITION  
 PRIOR TO THE CUBAN-SPONSORED CONGRESS OF LATIN AMERICAN YOUTH (LAYC)  
 SCHEDULED FOR NEXT MARCH IN EITHER CHILE OR BRAZIL.

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