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LATIN AMERICA BRIEF

(EXCERPT IN SLANTS. REMAINING INFO RELEASABLE TO [redacted]

1. CUBA: ABOUT 7,000 CUBAN SOLDIERS ARE NOW ENROLLED IN "SPECIAL WEAPONS" COURSES, ACCORDING TO DEFENSE MINISTER RAUL CASTRO. HE SAID THAT THE PERSONNEL INVOLVED ARE "FORMER STUDENTS" WHO ENLISTED LAST SUMMER IN RESPONSE TO AN APPEAL BY FIDEL CASTRO. IN ADDITION TO SURFACE-TO-AIR MISSILES, THE "SPECIAL WEAPONS" PROBABLY INCLUDE COMMUNICATIONS, RADAR, CRUISE MISSILES, AND POSSIBLY SHAFFER ANTITANK MISSILES AND FROG TACTICAL MISSILES.

2. BOLIVIA: //VICE PRESIDENT JUAN LECHIN RETURNED FROM HIS AMBASSADORIAL POST IN ROME ON 10 NOV AND IMMEDIATELY ANNOUNCED HE WAS ABOUT TO UNDERTAKE AN EXTENSIVE TRIP THROUGH THE INTERIOR OF THE COUNTRY. THIS IS INTERPRETED BY THE GOVERNMENT AS THE COMMENCEMENT OF A LECHIN CAMPAIGN AIMED AT WRESTING THE PRESIDENCY FROM PAZ ESTENSSORO. LECHIN, A CLEVER AND OPPORTUNISTIC POLITICIAN, IS CONSIDERED TO BE PAZ MAIN RIVAL FOR THE INCUMBENT NATIONALIST REVOLUTIONARY MOVEMENTS

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NOMINATION FOR NEXT YEARS PRESIDENTIAL ELECTIONS. TO HEAD OFF A POSSIBLE LEFTIST OFFENSIVE, THE GOVERNMENT IS REPORTED TO BE SENDING GERARDO SAN ROMAN, HEAD OF BOLIVIAS SECURITY SERVICE, TO THE CITY OF COCHABAMBA TO TRY TO BREAK THE LEFTIST-COMMUNIST HOLD OVER THE POWERFUL COCHABAMBA DEPARTMENTAL LABOR CONFEDERATION //

2. BRAZIL: AT THE PERSONAL INVITATION OF THE SOVIET AIR MINISTER, FORMER BRAZILIAN AIR MINISTER MINISTER WALDO DE CARVALHO WILL ARRIVE IN MOSCOW THIS WEEK, POSSIBLY TO REVIVE THE PROSPECTS OF OBTAINING SOVIET AIRCRAFT FOR THE BRAZILIAN AIR FORCE. CARVALHO HAD STATED THAT HE HAS NO INSTRUCTIONS FROM HIS GOVERNMENT REGARDING THIS VISIT.

CARVALHO HAS COMPLAINED THAT, WHEN HE WAS AIR MINISTER, THE US FAILED TO PROVIDE BRAZIL WITH HELICOPTERS AFTER THE US DISCOURAGED BRAZILIAN NEGOTIATIONS WITH POLAND FOR 100 HELICOPTERS. HE CLAIMS THAT BRAZIL NEEDS AIRCRAFT AND NOTES THAT OTHER COUNTRIES HAVE "BOTH US AND RUSSIAN EQUIPMENT."

CARVALHO MAY ALSO DISCUSS AN AGREEMENT FOR AIR ROUTES BETWEEN THE USSR AND BRAZIL.

4. CUBA-VENEZUELA: [illegible]

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STOLEN FROM THE ARMY BY THE TERRORISTS--ARE NOW BELIEVED TO HAVE COME FROM CUBA. THE WEAPONS, MANUFACTURED IN THE US AND IN BELGIUM, MAY BE TRACED THROUGH SERIAL NUMBERS TO INVENTORIES OF WEAPONS PURCHASED BY THE CUBAN ARMY SEVERAL YEARS AGO. THE VENEZUELAN GOVERNMENT HAS LONG CHARGED THAT FIDEL CASTRO WAS ARMING THE TERRORISTS, BUT HAS LACKED THE NECESSARY EVIDENCE TO ENABLE PROTEST FORMALLY TO THE OAS OR OTHER INTERNATIONAL BODIES. (CONF)

5. VENEZUELA: THE VENEZUELAN NATIONAL GUARD HAS INFORMATION THAT THE VENEZUELAN COMMUNIST PARTY (PCV) PLANS TO CARRY OUT "FULL SCALE" TERRORIST ACTIVITIES BEGINNING 20 NOVEMBER.

THE NATURE OF THE PROJECTED ACTIVITIES WAS NOT DISCLOSED, BUT "FULL SCALE" PROBABLY MEANS INTENSIFICATION OF THE PRESENT KNOWN CAMPAIGN OF SABOTAGE, ARSON, AND MURDER BY THE ARMED FORCES OF NATIONAL LIBERATION THE PCV'S OWN PARAMILITARY ARM.

THE MOVEMENT OF THE REVOLUTIONARY LEFT ALSO PLANS TO PUBLISH A STATEMENT CALLING FOR A BOYCOTT OF THE NATIONAL ELECTIONS SCHEDULED FOR 1 DECEMBER.

THE PCV HOPES BY A COMBINATION OF TERRORISM AND SUBVERSIVE PROPAGANDA TO LEAVE THE FUTURE GOVERNMENT WITHOUT A [illegible]

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IN THE EYES OF THE PCV, A WEAK GOVERNMENT WOULD BE SUBJECT TO OVERTHROW BY EITHER LEFTISTS OR RIGHTISTS, LEAVING THE PIECES FOR THE PCV TO PICK UP.

6. COLOMBIA: THE COMMUNIST PARTY OF COLOMBIA (PCC) HAS VIRTUALLY BEEN DRIVEN UNDERGROUND BY THE TERRORIST ACTIVITY OF LEFTIST EXTREMISTS. BECAUSE OF POLICE REPRISALS AGAINST TERRORISTS, BONA FIDE PCC MEMBERS ARE AFRAID TO DISTRIBUTE PROPAGANDA, PAINT WALL SLOGANS, SELL THE PCC NEWSPAPER, OR EVEN LEAVE THEIR HIDING PLACES FOR CELL MEETINGS.

7. GUATEMALA: GUATEMALAN CHIEF OF STATE PERALTA REPORTEDLY WILL SOON ANNOUNCE A TIMETABLE WHICH WOULD CALL FOR INSTALLATION OF AN ELECTED PRESIDENT AND CONGRESS BY 1 MARCH 1965. ACCORDING TO THE REPORTS, ELECTIONS FOR A CONSTITUENT ASSEMBLY WOULD BE HELD IN JANUARY, AND ELECTIONS FOR THE PRESIDENT AND CONGRESSMEN WOULD FOLLOW LATE IN 1964 AFTER THE ASSEMBLY CONCLUDED ITS WORK.

WHEN PRESIDENT YDIGORAS WAS OUSTED IN MARCH 1963, COLONEL PERALTA [illegible] ESTIMATED THAT A RETURN TO [illegible] CIVILIAN RULE WOULD [illegible] TWO YEARS, SHOWING RESTIVENESS OVER

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RESTRICTIONS ON POLITICAL ACTIVITY UNDER HIS REGIME MAY HAVE CONVINCED HIM TO FOLLOW THROUGH. PERALTA TOLD THE SOURCE OF ONE REPORT THAT HE HAS ABSOLUTELY NO DESIRE TO PERPETUATE HIS ADMINISTRATION, BUT IT SEEMS POSSIBLE THAT HE MAY RUN FOR PRESIDENT.

8. MEXICO: //EFFORTS OF A BLOC PURCHASING AGENT TO ARRANGE THE SALE OF MEXICO'S ENTIRE WHEAT SURPLUS TO THE USSR HAVE FALLEN THROUGH. HE IS NOW REPORTED, HOWEVER, TO HAVE SUCCEEDED IN SELLING 50,000 TONS T OF MEXICAN WHEAT TO A PURCHASER FOR COMMUNIST CHINA. ALSO, THE POSSIBILITY OF AN EVENTUAL MEXICAN-SOVIET WHEAT DEAL IS NOT ALTOGETHER [illegible] IN VIEW OF A REPORT THAT THE SOVIET COMMERICAL COUNSELOR IN MEXICO CITY HAS INDICATED A WILLINGNESS TO DISCUSS THE MATTER.// (CONF)

9. CUBA: JUAN MARINELLO, RECTOR OF HAVANA UNIVERSITY AND A LONG TIME LEADER OF THE PRERREVOLUTIONARY CUBAN COMMUNIST PARTY WAS RECENTLY REMOVED FROM HIS POST AND APPOINTED AMBASSADOR TO UNESCO HEADQUARTERS IN PARIS. JUAN MIER PEBLES, DEPUTY MINISTER FOR HIGHER EDUCATION, HAS BEEN NAMED PROVISIONAL RECTOR. //MIER, LIKE HIS PREDECESSOR, HAS A LONG HISTORY OF PSP ACTIVITIES.//

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10. ARGENTINA: [illegible] ARGENTINA PRESIDENT ILLIA INTENDS TO INITIATE ACTION SOON TO ANNUL ARGENTINA'S PETROLEUM CONTRACT WITH US AND OTHER FOREIGN COMPANIES, AS HIS PARTY HAS PROMISED FOR FIVE YEARS. RENEGOTIATING THE CONTRACTS WILL BE MORE DIFFICULT NOW BECAUSE OF STRONG NATIONALIST ATTACKS AND THE ADVERSE REACTIONS TO A PROPOSED US DEBTS AGREEMENT WHICH COULD CUT OFF US AID IF ARGENTINA ACTS AGAINST THE OIL COMPANIES WITHOUT "SPEEDY" COMPENSATION. (CCSF)

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