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AMPHETAMINE AND OTHER DRUGS. DELIVERIES ARE MADE IN ACCORD WITH
NORMAL COMMERCIAL PRACTICES GOVERNING THE SALE AND TRANSPORT OF
FIREARMS AND EXPLOSIVES. THE WORLD WOULD BE JEOPARDIZED: THE REPUTATION OF
CENTROTEL BY AGREEING TO MISLABEL PACKING CRATES OR TO ISSUE FALSE
SHIPPING DOCUMENTS.

8. VENEZUELA. SUPREME COURT IS DETERMINED TO HOLD
THE NATIONAL ELECTIONS OF 1 DEC 1954 IN SPITE OF INCREASED TENSION BY
THE COMMUNIST-DIRECTED ARMED FORCES OF NATIONAL LIBERATION (FALN.) //

//ONLY A COMPLETE CATASTROPHE, SUCH AS ASSASSINATION OF ONE OR
MORE OF THE LEADING CANDIDATES, COULD NOW RESULT IN A POSTPONEMENT.
A PARTY CANNOT SUBSTITUTE A CANDIDATE FOR ONE WHO DOES NOT RESIDE
UNTIL ELECTION DAY, AND THE RESULTS OF AN ELECTION HELD AFTER AN
ASSASSINATION WOULD BE CHALLENGED IN THE COURTS AND PROBABLY VOIDED. //

//MOST OBSERVERS OF THE SCENE FORECAST THE VICTORY OF RAUL LEONI
OF RETAFUORT'S DEMOCRATIC ACTION PARTY. OTHERS ANTICIPATE THE
ELECTION OF GLENN SOCIALIST JOVITO VILLARBA OF THE REPUBLICAN
DEMOCRATIC UNION.

//ABOUT 60 PERCENT OF THE 3,369,886 REGISTERED VOTERS WILL BE
VOTING FOR THE FIRST TIME, AND MANY MAY VOTE CONSIDERABLY

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TO VILLALBA'S TOTAL IN ADDITION, THE CONGRESSMEN, WHO HAVE VOTED TO BOYCOTT THE ELECTIONS, MAY SO VOTE FOR VILLALBA IF THEY BELIEVE THEIR VOTES WILL DEFEAT AGUIR//

//FUTURE BARRIERS TO STABILITY WILL ARISE IN THE PERIOD BETWEEN THE ELECTIONS AND THE INAUGURATION IN MARCH. THE FIRM WILL CONTINUE AND INCREASE INTENSIFY ITS EFFORTS TO DISRUPT THE CONSTITUTIONAL SUCCESSION WHICH WOULD BE THE FIRST IN VENEZUELA'S HISTORY. MILITARY LEADERS, HOWEVER, MAY FIND ESTANCOVET'S SUCCESSION UNACCEPTABLE AND INTERVENE.//

//NO PARTY WILL WIN A MAJORITY IN CONGRESS, AND THE POLITICAL JOCKEYING TO FORM COALITIONS DURING THE LAME DUCK SESSION WILL WEAKEN THE GOVERNMENT'S DECISIVENESS AND POWER TO ACT.//

9. HONDURAS: LEADERS OF OUSTED PRESIDENT RAMON VILLERA MORALES' LIBERAL PARTY HAVE NOT YET REJECTED THE MILITARY DECREE WHICH WOULD EARLIER A CONSTITUTIONAL GOVERNMENT IN HONDURAS WITHIN 18 MONTHS. INDICATIONS ARE HOWEVER, THAT THE PARTY IS INCLINED TO COOPERATE WITH THE MILITARY IF CERTAIN GUARANTEES, SUCH AS FREE ELECTIONS, ARE FORTHCOMING.

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FULLY BOUGHT THE PARTY'S PRESIDENTIAL NOMINATION IN THE SPRING OF
1963, MET PRIVATELY ON 23 NOV WITH COLONEL DR OSWALDO LOPEZ
ARELLANO, THE MILITARY CHIEF OF STATE. AS A RESULT OF THIS CON-
VERSATION, ALVARADO FORTO SAID HE WAS PREPARED TO ACCEPT THE DECREE
AND WOULD TRY TO PERSUADE THE PARTY TO PARTICIPATE IN THE DRAFTING
OF A NEW ELECTORAL LAW. HE IS ALSO WORKING TO SECURE THE SUPPORT
OF LABOR.

THE THREAT OF A SHORT GENERAL STRIKE BY LABOR UNIONS IN THE
VITAL NORTH COAST AREA APPEARS TO HAVE DIMINISHED. LABOR LEADERS
APPARENTLY ALSO FAILED IN THEIR ATTEMPT TO PERSUADE THE DISBANDED
CONGRESS TO RECONVENE AND ELECT A SUCCESSOR TO VILLEDA.

//ANOTHER INDICATOR THAT POLITICAL TENSION MAY EASE IS THE
ALLEGED ATTITUDE OF ONE OF THE MOST PROMINENT ALVARADO FORTO LIBERAL PARTY
PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATES. FORTO SAID HE WANTS TO AVOID VIOLENCE AND
HAS GIVEN ORDERS TO HIS FOLLOWERS IN THE LIBERAL PARTY TO USE
PASSIVE MEANS IN THEIR OPPOSITION TO THE MILITARY REGIME // (CONF)

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10. (URGENT): THE URUGUAYAN COMMUNIST YOUTH ORGANIZATION (UJC) HAS INVITED 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-
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REVOLUTIONARY MOVEMENT (MIR) REPORT THE CHINESE TO BE REPRESENTED,
BUT THERE IS NO EVIDENCE AS YET THAT PEIPIERS HAS SENT SUCH A GROUP.

THE CONGRESS MAY BE THE OCCASION FOR A MEETING OF COMMUNIST
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SINO-SOVIET DISPUTE. REPORTEDLY SUCH A MEETING WILL TAKE PLACE IN
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AS ISRAELI NATIONAL IN PORT-AU-PRINCE WHO REPRESENTS CENTROTECH-- A CZECH STATE OWNED TRADING AGENCY FOR IMPORT AND EXPORT OF TRIFLED AND ~~OTHER~~ ~~LEATHER~~ ~~GOODS~~ ~~WORE~~ ~~SO~~ ~~FAR~~ ~~AS~~ ~~TO~~ ~~ASSERT~~ ~~THAT~~ ~~AN~~ ~~AGREEMENT~~ ~~HAS~~ ~~BEEN~~ ~~CONCLUDING~~ ~~THE~~ ~~NEGOTIATIONS~~ ~~FOR~~ ~~THE~~ ~~PURCHASE~~ ~~OF~~ \$100,000 WORTH OF WEAPONS. THE WEAPONS HE CLAIMS ARE TO BE SHIPPED BY CENTROTECH CONCEALING THEM AS COMMERCIAL CONSIGNMENTS TO BEIJING AND COMPANY. A COMMERCIAL OUTLET IN PORT-AU-PRINCE. THEY ARE TO ARRIVE ABOUT THE 15TH.

A KENYAN SOURCE STATED THAT A CZECH BUSINESSMAN REPRESENTING CENTROTECH WAS IN PORT-AU-PRINCE FOR THE PURPOSE OF THE PRECISE NATURE OF HIS MISSION WAS NOT KNOWN.

CZECH SALES OF WEAPONS ARE HANDLED AS COMMERCIAL DEALS BY THE CZECH TRADING AGENCY. CENTROTECH HAS CORPORATION ADVERTISES WIDELY AND HAS SOLD WEAPONS TO SEVERAL COUNTRIES AND SUITABLE

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ADDITIONAL ALL OVER THE WORLD DELIVERIES ARE MADE IN ACCORD WITH
NORMAL COMMERCIAL PRACTICES INVOLVING THE SALE AND TRANSPORT OF
FIREARMS AND EXPLOSIVES FROM THE WORLD THROUGH THE REPUTATION OF
CERTIFICATE BY AGREEMENT TO RE-label PACKING CRATES OR TO ISSUE FALSE
SHIPPING DOCUMENT

8. VERMONT. PRESIDENT BETHCOCK IS DETERMINED TO HOLD
THE NATIONAL ELECTIONS ON 1 DEC 1ST NOTWITHSTANDING THE INCREASED TENSION BY
THE GOVERNMENT-DIRECTED ARMED FORCES OF NATIONAL LIBERATION (FALN.)//

//ONLY A COMPLETE CATASTROPHE, SUCH AS ASSASSINATION OF ONE OR
MORE OF THE LEADING CANDIDATES, COULD NOW RESULT IN A POSTPONEMENT.
A PARTY CANNOT SUBSTITUTE A CANDIDATE FOR ONE WHO HAS NOT ARRIVED
UNTIL ELECTION DAY, AND THE RESULTS OF AN ELECTION HELD AFTER AN
ASSASSINATION WOULD BE CHALLENGED IN THE COURTS AND PROBABLY VOIDED.//

//MOST OBSERVERS OF THE SCENE FORECAST THE VICTORY OF RALPH LEON
OF BETHCOCK & DEMOCRATIC ACTION PARTY. OTHERS ANTICIPATE THE
ELECTION OF CARLOS SOCIALIST JOSE VILLARBA OF THE REPUBLICAN
DEMOCRATIC UNION

//ABOUT 60 PERCENT OF THE 3,369,886 REGISTERED VOTERS WILL BE
VOTING FOR THE FIRST TIME, AND MANY MAY VOTE CONSIDERABLY

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TO VILLALBA'S TOTAL IN ADDITION, THE COMMUNISTS, WHO HAVE VOTED TO BOYCOTT THE ELECTIONS, MAY SO VOTE FOR VILLALBA IF THEY BELIEVE THEIR VOTES WILL DEFEAT HIM!!

//FUTURE BARRIERS TO STABILITY WILL APPEAR IN THE PERIOD BETWEEN THE ELECTIONS AND THE INSTALLATION IN MARCH. THE FIRM WILL CONTINUE AND INCREASE INTENSIFY ITS EFFORTS TO PREVENT THE CONSTITUTIONAL SUCCESSION WHICH WOULD BE THE FIRST IN VENEZUELA'S HISTORY. MILITARY LEADERS, HOWEVER, MAY FIND RETARDANT'S SUCCESSION UNACCEPTABLE AND INTERVENE.//

//NO PARTY WILL WIN A MAJORITY IN CONGRESS, AND THE POLITICAL JOCKEYING & POOR COALITIONS DURING THE LAME DUCK SESSION WILL WEAKEN THE GOVERNMENT'S POSITIONS AND POWER TO ACT.//

9. HONDURAS: LEADERS OF OUSTED PRESIDENT RAMON VILLERA BOLALES' LIBERAL PARTY HAVE NOT YET ENDORSED THE MILITARY REGIME WHICH WOULD ESTABLISH A CONSTITUTIONAL GOVERNMENT IN HONDURAS WITHIN 18 MONTHS. INDICATIONS ARE HOWEVER, THAT THE PARTY IS INCLINED TO COOPERATE WITH THE MILITARY IF CERTAIN GUARANTEES, SUCH AS FREE ELECTIONS, ARE FORTHCOMING.

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ANDRES ALVARADO POKTO A LIBERAL PARTY LEADER WHO UNSUCCESS-
FULLY BOUGHT THE PARTY'S PRESIDENTIAL NOMINATION IN THE SPRING OF
1963, MET PRIVATELY ON 23 NOV WITH COLONEL DR GONZALO LOPEZ
ARELLANO, THE MILITARY CHIEF OF STATE AS A RESULT OF THIS CON-
VERSATION, ALVARADO POKTO SAID HE WAS PREPARED TO ACCEPT THE DECREE
AND WOULD TRY TO PERSUADE THE PARTY TO PARTICIPATE IN THE DRAFTING
OF A NEW ELECTORAL LAW. HE IS ALSO WORKING TO SECURE THE SUPPORT
OF LABOR.

THE THREAT OF A SHORT-TERM GENERAL STRIKE BY LABOR UNIONS IN THE
VITAL NORTH COAST AREA APPEARS TO HAVE DIMINISHED. LABOR LEADERS
APPARENTLY ALSO FAILED IN THEIR ATTEMPT TO PRESSURE THE DISSOLVED
CONGRESS TO RECONVENE AND ELECT A SUCCESSOR TO VILLEDIA.

//ANOTHER INDICATOR THAT POLITICAL TENSION MAY EASE IS THE
ALLEGED ATTITUDE OF AN ALVARADO POKTO ALVARADO FORMER LIBERAL PARTY
PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATE. POKTO SAID HE WANTS TO AVOID VIOLENCE AND
HAS GIVEN ORDERS TO HIS FOLLOWERS IN THE LIBERAL PARTY TO USE
PASSIVE MEANS IN THEIR OPPOSITION TO THE MILITARY REGIME // (CONF)

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10. **URGENT: THE URUGUAYAN COMMUNIST YOUTH ORGANIZATION (UJC)**
HAS INVITED THE USSR AND COMMUNIST CHINA TO SEND DELEGATES TO THE
UJC CONGRESS SCHEDULED TO BEGIN ON 28 NOV.

//A ~~HIGH RANKING MEMBER~~ MEMBER OF THE URUGUAYAN COMMUNIST PARTY REPORT-
EDLY HAS ASKED THE FOREIGN MINISTER TO AID IN OBTAINING VISAS FOR TWO
SOVIET DELEGATES. // ~~MEMBERS~~ OF URUGUAY'S PRO-CHINESE LEFTIST
REVOLUTIONARY MOVEMENT (MLR) ~~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.