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6. COMING TO AMERICA AND BOSTON HAVE NAMED A CORRESPONDENT
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CLAIMS HE IS NOT ONLY A GOOD JOURNALIST BUT ALSO A LATIN AMERICAN EXPERT. THE
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A RELIABLE SOURCE STATES THAT A CZECH BUSINESSMAN REPRESENTING CENTROTECA WAS IN PORT-AU-PRINCE IN THE MID-1970. THE PRECISE NATURE OF HIS MISSION WAS NOT KNOWN AT THE TIME.

CZECH SALES OF FIREARMS ARE HANDLED AS COMMERCIAL DEALS BY THE CZECH TRADING COMPANY. CENTROTECA THIS CORPORATION ADVERTISES FIREARMS AND HAS SOLD THEM IN THE PAST TO SEVERAL FIRMS AND SUITABLE

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ASSASSINATION ALL OVER THE WORLD. DELIVERIES ARE MADE IN ACCORD WITH
NORMAL COMMERCIAL PRACTICES COVERING THE SALE AND TRANSPORT OF
FIREARMS AND EXPLOSIVES. PRACTICE WOULD JEOPARDIZE THE REPUTATION OF
CERTAIN BY AGREEMENT TO UNLABEL PACKING CRATES OR TO ISSUE FALSE
SHIPPING DOCUMENT

8. VERMONT. PRESIDENT RETAPCOUET IS DETERMINED TO HOLD
THE NATIONAL ELECTIONS ON 1 DEC 1971 NOTWITHSTANDING INCREASED TENSION BY
THE CURRENTLY-DIRECTED ARMED FORCES OF NATIONAL LIBERATION (FALN.)//

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//MOST OBSERVERS OF THE SCENE FORECAST THE VICTORY OF RAUL LEONI
OF RETAPCOUET'S DEMOCRATIC ACTION PARTY. OTHERS ANTICIPATE THE
ELECTION OF GLENN SOCALIST JOSE VILLABLA OF THE REPUBLICAN
DEMOCRATIC UNION.

//ABOUT 60 PERCENT OF THE 3,189,606 REGISTERED VOTERS WILL BE
VOTING TODAY FOR THE FIRST TIME, AND THEY MAY ABS. CONSIDERABLY

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TO VILLALBA'S TOTAL. IN ADDITION, THE COMMUNISTS, WHO HAVE VOTED TO BOYCOTT THE ELECTIONS, MAY JOIN FOR VILLALBA IF THEY BELIEVE THEIR VOTES WILL BEFRAY EIGHTY //

//FUTURE BARRERS TO STABILITY WILL COME IN THE FORM OF THE TENSION BETWEEN THE ELECTIONS AND THE IMMEDIATELY IN MARCH. THE PALE WILL CONTINUE AND REMAINS INTENSIFY ITS EFFORTS TO RESIST THE CONSTITUTIONAL SUCCESSION, WHICH WOULD BE THE FIRST IN VENEZUELA'S HISTORY. MILITARY LEADERS, HOWEVER, MAY FIND BETANCOURT'S SUCCESSION UNACCEPTABLE AND INTERFERE //

//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 DETERMINATION AND POWER TO ACT. //

9. HONDURAS: LEADERS OF OUSTED PRESIDENT RAMON VILLERA MORALES' LIBERAL PARTY HAVE NOT YET ENDORSED THE MILITARY DECREE 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 FUERTO, A LIBERAL PARTY LEADER WHO UNSUCCESSFULLY BOUGHT THE PARTY'S PRESIDENTIAL NOMINATION IN THE SPRING OF 1963, MET PRIVATELY ON 23 NOV WITH COLONEL BEN GONZALEZ LOPEZ ARELLANO, THE MILITARY CHIEF OF STATE. AS A RESULT OF THIS CONVERSATION, ALVARADO FUERTO 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 PERSUADE THE DISBANDED CONGRESS TO RECONVENE AND ELECT A SUCCESSION TO VILLAM.

//ANOTHER INDICATOR THAT POLITICAL TENSION MAY EASE IS THE ALLEGED ATTITUDE OF AN UNIDENTIFIED FORMER ALVARADO, FORMER LIBERAL PARTY PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATE. HE SAID HE WANTS TO AVOID VIOLENCE AND HAS GIVEN ORDERS TO HIS FOLLOWERS IN THE LIBERAL PARTY TO TAKE PASSIVE RESISTANCE TO THE MILITARY REGIME. (CONT)

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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 ~~YOUTH LEADER~~ MEMBER OF THE URUGUAYAN COMMUNIST PARTY REPORT-
ELY HAS ASKED THE FOREIGN MINISTER TO AID IN OBTAINING VISAS FOR TWO
RUSSIAN DELEGATES.// MEMBERS OF URUGUAY'S PRO-COMMUNIST LEFTIST
REVOLUTIONARY MOVEMENT (MR) EXPECT THE CHINESE TO BE REPRESENTED,
BUT THERE IS NO EVIDENCE AS YET THAT BEIJING 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
SIN-SOVIET DISPUTE. UNFORTUNATELY WHEN A MEETING WILL TAKE PLACE IS
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 ASSASSINATION WOULD BE CHALLENGED IN THE COURTS AND PROBABLY VOIDED.//

//MOST OBSERVERS OF THE SCENE FORECAST THE VICTORY OF RAUL LEONI
 OF BETANCOURT'S DEMOCRATIC ACTION PARTY. OTHERS ANTICIPATE THE
 ELECTION OF OLD-TIME SOCIALIST JOSEITO VILLABLA OF THE REPUBLICAN
 DEMOCRATIC UNION.

//ABOUT 80 PERCENT OF THE 3,389,886 REGISTERED VOTERS WILL BE
 YOUNG VOTING FOR THE FIRST TIME, AND THEY MAY VOTE CONSIDERABLY

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TO VILLALBA'S TOTAL. IN ADDITION, THE CONSERVATIVES, WHO HAVE VOTED TO BOYCOTT THE ELECTIONS, MAY JOIN FOR VILLALBA IF THEY BELIEVE THEIR VOTES WILL IMPART WEIGHT //

//FUTURE BARRIERS TO STABILITY WILL ARISE IF THE PERIOD BETWEEN THE ELECTIONS AND THE INSTALLATION IN MARCH. THE PALE WILL CONTINUE AND HEIGHTEN INTENSIFY ITS EFFORTS TO PREVENT THE CONSTITUTIONAL RECONSTRUCTION, WHICH WOULD BE THE FIRST IN VENEZUELA'S HISTORY. MILITARY LEADERS, HOWEVER, MAY FIND MEXICANCOAT'S SUCCESSION UNACCEPTABLE AND INTERVENE //

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

9. HONDURAS: LEADERS OF OUSTED PRESIDENT RAMON VILLOSA MORALES' 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 FUERTO, A LIBERAL PARTY LEADER WHO UNSUCCESSFULLY SOUGHT THE PARTY'S PRESIDENTIAL NOMINATION IN THE SPRING OF 1963, MET PRIVATELY ON 23 NOV WITH COLONEL DR OSCARDO LOPEZ ARELLANO, THE MILITARY CHIEF OF STATE. AS A RESULT OF THIS CONVERSATION, ALVARADO FUERTO 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 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 VILLAM.

//ANOTHER INDICATOR THAT POLITICAL TENSION MAY EASE IS THE ALLEGED ATTITUDE OF DR AGUSTO ROMAS ALVARADO, FORMER LIBERAL PARTY PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATE. ROMAS SAID HE WANTS TO AVOID VIOLENCE AND HAS GIVEN ORDERS TO HIS FOLLOWERS IN THE LIBERAL PARTY TO TAKE PASSIVE PART IN THE SURRENDER TO THE MILITARY REGIME. (CONF)

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TO. 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-
ONLY HAS ASKED THE FOREIGN MINISTER TO AID IN OBTAINING VISA FOR TWO
SOVIET DELEGATES.// MEMBER OF URUGUAY'S PRE-CHINESE LEFTIST
REVOLUTIONARY FRONT (FR) REPORT THE CHINESE TO BE REPRESENTED,
BUT THERE IS NO EVIDENCE AS YET THAT PEKING HAS SENT SUCH A GROUP.

THE CONGRESS MAY BE THE OCCASION FOR A MEETING OF COMMUNIST
YOUTH LEADERS FROM OTHER LATIN AMERICAN COUNTRIES TO DISCUSS THE
SIN-AMITY FRONT. PRELIMINARY WORK 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 YEAR IN EITHER CHILE OR BRAZIL.