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TO: DIRECTOR, CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY
FROM: AMEMB, CARACAS (104-10290-10026)
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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 DR CESARDO 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 VILLERA.

//ANOTHER INDICATOR THAT POLITICAL TENSION MAY EASE IS THE ALLEGED ATTITUDE OF DR ANDRES FUERTO ALVARADO, FORMER LIBERAL PARTY PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATE. FUERTO SAID HE WANTS TO AVOID VIOLENCE AND HAS GIVEN ORDERS TO HIS FOLLOWERS IN THE LIBERAL PARTY TO TAKE PASTIVE YEARS IN THE SUBORDINATION 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 GETTING VISAS FOR TWO
 SOVIET DELEGATES.// MEMBERS OF URUGUAY'S PRO-CHINESE LEFTIST
 REVOLUTIONARY MOVEMENT (RMR) REQUEST THE CHINESE TO BE INFORMED,
 BUT THERE IS NO EVIDENCE AS YET THAT BEIJING HAS SENT SUCH A GROUP.

THE CHINESE MAY BE THE OCCASION FOR A MEETING OF COMMUNIST
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// FUTURE BARRIERS TO STABILITY WILL ARISE IF THE PERIOD BETWEEN THE ELECTIONS AND THE INSTALLATION IN MARCH. THE PALE WILL CONTINUE AND REGARDLESS INTENSIFY ITS EFFORTS TO PREVENT THE CONSTITUTIONAL SUCCESSION, WHICH WOULD BE THE FIRST IN VENEZUELA'S HISTORY. MILITARY LEADERS, HOWEVER, MAY FIND BERNARDO'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 DECISIVENESS AND POWER TO ACT. //

9. HONDURAS: LEADERS OF OUSTED PRESIDENT RAMON VILLAGRA 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 FORTO, A LIBERAL PARTY LEADER WHO UNSUCCESSFULLY SOUGHT THE PARTY'S PRESIDENTIAL NOMINATION IN THE SPRING OF 1963, MET PRIVATELY ON 23 NOV WITH COLONEL DE CESARDO LONGO ARELLANO, THE MILITARY CHIEF OF STATE. AS A RESULT OF THIS CONVERSATION, 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 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 ANASTASIO 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 PASTIVE YEARS IN THE SUBORDINATION TO THE MILITARY REGIME (CONF)

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

//A HIGH-RANKING MEMBER OF THE URUGUAYAN COMMUNIST PARTY REPORT-
 HLY HAS ASKED THE FOREIGN MINISTER TO AID IN OBTAINING VISAS FOR TWO
 SOVIET DELEGATES.// MEMBERS OF URUGUAY'S PRO-COMMUNIST LEFTIST
 REVOLUTIONARY FRONT (FR) BELIEVE THE CHINESE TO BE DISAPPOINTED,
 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 OTHER LATIN AMERICAN COUNTRIES TO DISCUSS THE
 PRO-SOVIET DIRECTION. PROBABLY 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 YEAR IN EITHER CHILE OR BRAZIL.