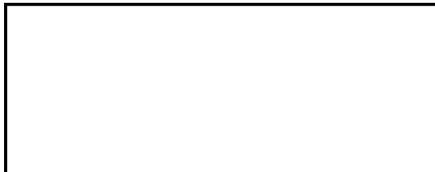


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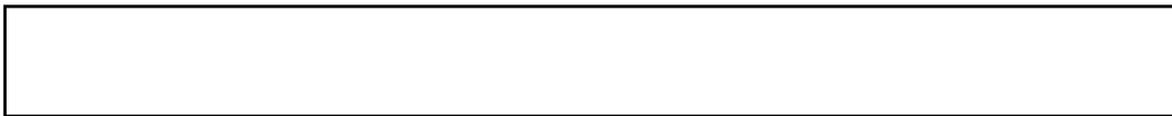
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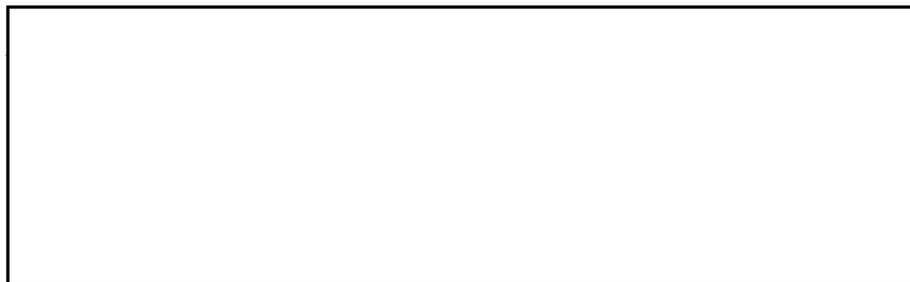


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Venezuela: (Communists reportedly plan further terrorist activities in Caracas--including sabotage of oil installations and US business firms--just before President Betancourt returns to Venezuela on 28 February.)

(The Communists also plan to cut off electric power in the capital and nearby Maiquetia Airport on Betancourt's arrival there, [redacted])

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[redacted] (After Betancourt leaves the US on 23 February, he is scheduled to visit Mexico and then attend the inauguration of President-elect Juan Bosch in the Dominican Republic.)

(The US Embassy in Caracas reports that while political stability is not immediately threatened, the government will have difficulty fostering a favorable climate for the elections late this year unless extremist activities are reduced considerably during the next several months.) [redacted]

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Dominican Republic: (Immediately upon his return from two months abroad, President-elect Bosch publicly attacked "vested interests" and may be preparing action which would lead to a major political crisis.)

(In a press interview on 17 February, described by the US ambassador as "disappointingly demagogic," Bosch claimed that he had obtained "three times as much aid" in Europe as he had in the US. Bosch's remarks on the proposed constitution, which he said should be "revolutionary," suggest that he backs its features considered by some to be hostile to private property, business, and foreign investment. Although some of the controversial points in the constitution had been watered down before Bosch's statement, nevertheless the embassy comments that his remarks "can only have succeeded in frightening the business and propertied classes.")

(In an extraordinary [redacted] interview with the US ambassador on the night of 17 February, Bosch made an impassioned verbal attack on Antonio Imbert, survivor of the group that assassinated the late dictator, and commander of the police detachments guarding Bosch. Bosch told the ambassador, "I am his captive. It is he or I. There are only three solutions--he must be killed, put in jail, or deported." The embassy suggests that fear of Imbert has become obsessive with Bosch, and warns that assassination of Imbert would have grave consequences.)

(Imbert and many military officers have already expressed the view that the draft constitution is a "Communist document," and will be watching for any moves by Bosch they consider will lead to the left.)

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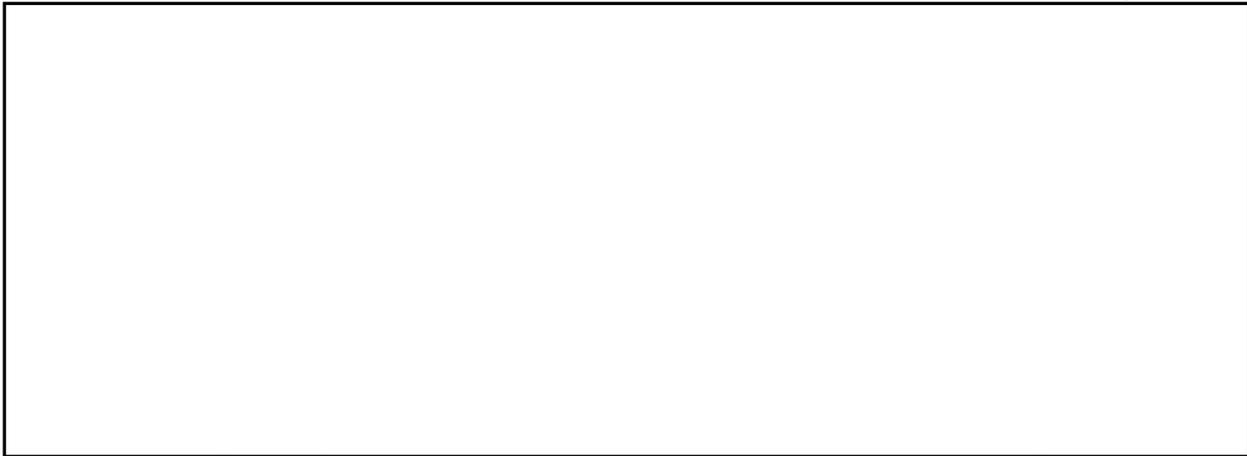
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Central America: Guatemalan President
Ydigoras has threatened not to attend the meeting of the Panamanian and Central American presidents with President Kennedy on 18-20 March. Ydigoras, who claims to have generated the meeting, objects to Costa Rican invitations to observers from other Latin American countries, and specifically to the naming of a Mexican government observer to the meeting. Costa Rican Foreign Minister Oduber says Mexico requested observer status but that if Guatemala persists in objecting, he will attempt to withdraw the invitation.



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