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BOLIVIA: Anti-US Plotting

Coup plans by extreme rightwing plotters may include an assault on the US Embassy and the capture or killing of the Ambassador. [redacted] the group is led by Colonel Arce, a major narcotics trafficker and former Interior Minister in the Garcia Meza regime. [redacted]

[redacted] The plotters resent US pressure on Bolivia for an effective antinarcotics program. They also apparently fear that, under either President Torrelio's government or any future democratically elected regime, they might be prosecuted for drug-related offenses. There is no indication, however, that the group commands the necessary military support to launch a successful coup. Moreover, the government is aware of their plans. [redacted]

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