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COUNTRY BOLIVIA

DISTR. 31 OCTOBER 1964

SUBJECT

MEETING BETWEEN VICE PRESIDENT BARRIENTOS AND  
HIGH MILITARY LEADERS

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1. RENE BARRIENTOS ORTUNO, VICE PRESIDENT OF BOLIVIA, MET WITH THE FOLLOWING BOLIVIAN MILITARY LEADERS ON 30 OCTOBER: GENERAL HUGO SUAREZ, CHIEF OF THE ARMY; GENERAL ALFREDO OVANDO, COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF OF THE ARMED FORCES; AND VICE-ADMIRAL ALCIDES SARPENCE ZELAYA CHIEF OF STAFF OF THE RIVER AND LAKE FORCE, ALL AGREED THAT ACTION MUST BE TAKEN TO SAVE THE COUNTRY FROM VICTOR PAZ ESTENSSORO, PRESIDENT OF BOLIVIA, HOWEVER, THEY ARE ALL UNWILLING TO JOIN FORCES WITH THE COMMUNIST PARTY OF BOLIVIA (PCB), THE PARTIDO REVOLUCIONARIO DE IZQUIERDA NACIONAL (PRIN-NATIONAL LEFTIST REVOLUTIONARY PARTY) OR THE FALANGE SOCIALIST BOLIVIANA (FSB-BOLIVUZN SOCIALISTS FLANGE), WHICH

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ARE NOW CREATING DISTURBANCES THROUGHOUT BOLIVIA. IF THEY DO FORM A REVOLUTION THEY WANT IT TO BE FREE OF THESE ELEMENTS IN ORDER THAT THEY MAY FORM A GOVERNMENT MORE TO THEIR LIKEING.

2. DURING THE MEETING ONE OF THE GENERALS COMPLAINED THAT PAZ HAD ORDERED HIM TO SEND TROOPS INTO THE HUANUNI MINOG AREA TO PACIFY THE MINERS. THE GENERAL SAID HE HAD NOT REFUSED, BUT WAS STALLING FOR TIME BECAUSE HE DOES NOT WANT TO ALIENATE THE PEOPLE TOWARDS THE ARMY. ARMY ACTION AGAINST THEM WOULD BE UNPATRIOTIC.

3. GENERAL RODRIGUEZ DELIVERED A MESSAGE TO BARRIENTOS FROM PAZ WHICH SAID THAT IF BARRIENTOS WOULD RETURN TO HIS OFFICE AND COOPERATE WITH THE PRESIDENT, HE WOULD GARANTEE THAT BARRIENTOS WILL BE PRESIDENT IN 1968. HOWEVER, BARRIENTOS IS UNWILLING TO ACCEPT THIS OFFER.

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