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1. PLANS OF STUDENTS FOR CONTINUED DISORDER ON 24 AND 25 MAY
2. POSSIBLE EXPLOITATION OF DISORDER BY THE COMMUNISTS AND EXTREME LEFTISTS

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1. THE STUDENTS AT NATIONAL UNIVERSITY IN BOGOTA PLAN TO ASSAULT THE POLICE ON 24 AND 25 MAY 1965 FOR THE PURPOSE OF INFLICTING CASUALTIES AND ROUTING THE POLICE. FOR THIS REASON THE STUDENTS ARE PREPARING CATAPULTS, SLINGSHOTS, METAL-TIPPED JAVELINS AND SHARPENED BAMBOO STICKS. THEY HAVE SOME PISTOLS AND REVOLVERS ON THE UNIVERSITY CAMPUS AND ONE OR TWO SUBMACHINE GUNS HIDDEN. COMMENT. THE ESTIMATES OF SMALL ARMS VARY BETWEEN 50 AND 100.) ALSO

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THEY ALLEGEDLY HAVE A SUPPLY OF AMMUNITION, DYNAMITE, AND OTHER EXPLOSIVES.

2. THE STUDENTS PLAN TO ATTACK THE POLICE ON THE MORNING OF 24 MAY. THEY EXPECT TO BE JOINED BY MILITANT MEMBERS OF THE COMMUNIST PARTY OF COLOMBIA (PCC) AND OTHER LEFTISTS AND EXTREMISTS IF THE INITIAL ATTACK IS SUCCESSFUL. THE COMMUNIST CONFEDERATION OF COLOMBIAN WORKERS (CSTC) WILL SUPPORT THE ACTION OF THE STUDENTS WHEN IT APPEARS TO HAVE GAINED SOME HEADWAY. THE MEMBERS OF THE BOGOTA CELLS OF THE PCC HAVE BEEN ALERTED TO JOIN THE STUDENTS UPON COMMAND OF THE PCC LEADERS. THE PCC MEMBERS HAVE BEEN INSTRUCTED TO CAUSE DESTRUCTION, SABOTAGE, AND IN GENERAL TO SUPPORT THE STUDENTS. THEY HAVE BEEN INSTRUCTED NOT TO ENGAGE IN FIRE FIGHTS.

3. PLANS ARE BEING MADE BY LEFTIST GROUPS TO CALL ON THE PEASANTS TO REVOLT IF THE BOGOTA UPRISING APPEARS TO BE SUCCESSFUL IN KEEPING THE GOVERNMENT SECURITY FORCES ENGAGED. ALFONSO ROMERO BUJ, LEFTIST LABOR LEADER AND A LEADER OF THE JURIDICAL COMMITTEE FOR THE DEFENSE OF HUMAN RIGHTS, HOPES TO GET SOME OF HIS FOLLOWERS FROM THE IBAGUE-ARMENIA AREA IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF TOLIMA AND CALDAS TO JOIN THE REVOLT. THE PCC AND THE WORKER-STUDENT-PEASANT MOVEMENT ALSO PLAN TO ASK SUPPORT FROM THEIR RURAL MEMBERS. THE COMMUNIST PARTY OF COLOMBIA- MARXIST/LENINIST (PCC-ML) IS READY FOR ACTION, ESPECIALLY IN THE AREAS NORTH OF BOGOTA, BUT HAS NO CONCRETE PLANS.

4. COMMUNIST AND EXTREME LEFTIST LEADERS ARE MAKING PLANS TO GO INTO HIDING BECAUSE THEY ARE SURE THAT THEY WILL BE ARRESTED

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IMMEDIATELY AFTER THE UPRISING BEGINS. DANIEL DIAZ PAEZ, PEDRO LEON ARBOLEDA, MANUEL MANOTAS MANOTAS, AND HUMBERTO BARBOSE, LEADERS OF THE PCC-ML, HAVE REMOVED ALL INCRIMINATING PAPERS AND PROPAGANDA FROM THEIR HOMES AND OFFICES AND PLAN TO GO INTO HIDING IF NECESSARY. ROMERO, ANTONIO RIASCOS AND OTHER MEMBERS OF THE JURIDICAL COMMITTEE MAY ALSO GO INTO HIDING DEPENDING UPON THEIR ACTUAL INVOLVEMENT IN THE DISORDERS.

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