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SUBJECT: Conference on Latin America Arranged by Communist Party of the Soviet Union

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The PAO will receive shortly a special paper in Spanish concerning a conference of Latin American communist leaders which was held in Moscow at the 40th Anniversary Celebration of the October Revolution. The paper also gives an assessment of international communism's current objectives and tactics. The PAO is being instructed to coordinate the dissemination of this material with an officer in the Embassy responsible for the exchange of information on communist activities under Resolution 93 of the Caracas Conference.

It is left to the Embassy's discretion as to the manner in which this material can be most effectively distributed. Conceivably there might be some merit in making it available to the designated liaison officer of the host government prior to its publication in the local press.

The Communist Party of the Soviet Union arranged for this meeting of Latin American leaders and delegates from Guatemala, Cuba, Chile, Uruguay, Argentina and Brazil were among those making speeches. The Soviet spokesman criticized the Latin Americans for a lack of solidarity among the communist parties and stated that a series of inter-American Communist Party meetings should be held to strengthen the communist movement in Latin America and to mobilize Latin American opinion against "American imperialism."

The missions may be able to use the information on the conference in connection with reports from several of the countries concerning the letter which Vicente Lombardo Toledano is alleged to have sent to CTAL affiliates throughout the hemisphere. It will be recalled that Lombardo's letter requests certain information on military and other strategic installations in preparation "for a concerted communist campaign throughout Latin America in 1958." The fact that the Latin American delegates to the Moscow celebration were called together and that they were exhorted to "mobilize Latin Americans against American imperialism" seems particularly significant in the light of the Lombardo letter and the recent increased activities in all fields by the Soviet bloc countries and their communist affiliates.

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