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1. An Intelligence Advisory Board member agency, referred to the departure of four Russian ambassadors from Latin American posts without relief, to return to Moscow, requested CIG's interpretation to include information as to whether CIG attached any special significance to these moves.
2. Pursuant to reference request, available relevant material has been examined and it is concluded that it is impossible at present to attribute any special significance to the recent recall of Soviet ambassadors and other diplomatic personnel from certain Latin American Republics.
3. There are, however, several possibilities of a purely conjectural nature which should be noted.
 - (a) The Chief of the Latin American Division of the Soviet Foreign Office recently has been replaced. The changes in the Latin American embassies may therefore be merely a part of an administrative reorganization.
 - (b) There are indications of the development of certain cleavages in the Communist Parties of several Latin American countries -- Brazil, Argentina, Chile, Columbia and Venezuela. The recall of the ambassadors from Brazil, Columbia and Venezuela might be for the purpose of obtaining their explanation of these developments, or giving them instructions for the future.
 - (c) A third possible explanation may be connected with the Marshall Plan -- the ambassadors concerned may be needed for other duties, either in Moscow or at other foreign posts, or their counsel may be sought in drafting Soviet plans designed to counter the Marshall proposals.

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