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ORIGIN

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1. The Communist Party of Ecuador made plans for public demonstrations to be held in Quito, Guayaquil, and Ambato on the evening of 19 August 1947 with the hope of creating public disorder. [REDACTED] the following factors influenced the decision by the Party:

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- a. An impasse has been reached over control of labor. The Socialist leader of the Ecuadorian Confederation of Labor, Maldonado, desires an affiliation of that organization with the American Federation of Labor and an end of Communist participation.
 - b. The Communists wish to play up the Peruvian border issue because of the popular appeal of this subject and the possibility of embarrassing the Ecuadorian government.
 - c. The Communists wish to play up the rising cost of living, which has become acute.
2. The Communists hoped that the demonstration, combined with the unpopularity of President Velasco, might ignite latent revolutionary forces. The Communists thought they had full support from the followers of General Enriquez and sought support in the Army and the Guardia Civil.
3. Organization for the demonstration was accomplished through Communist cells within labor unions, student groups, police units, and other groups. The ostensible purpose of the demonstration, as far as the public is concerned, was to be ~~the~~ opposition to the Rio Conference. However, indications were that preparations had been poorly made and the Government was fully prepared to control the situation. 25X1X6
4. [REDACTED] the impetus for the plan laid by the Communist Party was the receipt of a telegram by Pedro Saad from the Confederation of Latin American Workers in Mexico, in which the latter group offered its help in obtaining a revision of the Peruvian-Ecuadorian border treaty. The Communists learned that the Government of Ecuador has tried to organize student and public demonstrations to follow a speech by Foreign Minister Trujillo at the Rio Conference on the border issue. Now the Communists seek to obtain the credit for sponsoring this popular cause and embarrass the Government at the same time.

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