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The following additional information has been received regarding the current political situation in Ecuador.

1. Expected disorder was prevented on 3-4 June by the Minister of National Defense, who had the arms and ammunition of the artillery group and tank detachment locked up.
2. General Luis Larrea Alba, who was apprehended on 3 June in the act of inciting a group of workers to revolt, was warned by the Minister of National Defense that he would be deported to Chile if he continued his subversive political activities.
3. A public demonstration was planned for 5 June in Quito against Gale Plaza Lasso and the United States. It was to be a pro-Soviet demonstration by the Communists, Socialists, and the anti-Plaza groups. The Government was aware that disorder might result and was ready for action.
4. The Guardia Civil is reported to be continuing its support of General Alberto Enriquez Gallo.
5. Information received on 5 June indicated that the revolutionary groups were not planning any action before the elections. The dissident elements were restless, but under control by the Government. Demonstrations throughout the country appeared orderly. The Communists seem to have remained inactive.
6. Gale Plaza appeared to be the strongest candidate, but leaders of his group were worried over the Conservative strength which they were not able to determine. Larrea Alba reportedly is now seeking the favor of Plaza.

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