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1. It has been ascertained that the rumor of a military coup in Colombia was instigated by Jorge Leica (sic, possibly Leiva), a Conservative senator. The latter advised the Secretary of Police that Manuel Jose Sicart, a retired colonel, was planning a coup for the evening of 17 December 1948 in collaboration with active Army officials. Sicart denied complicity in any such plot, but admitted that he was endeavoring to organize military conservative groups to support the Government.
2. The Colombian Cabinet recommended that President Mariano Ospina Perez refrain from making public appearances until the situation was clarified. The President, who has ignored this suggestion, stated that he has complete faith and confidence in the Army.

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