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1. Carlos Zevallos Menendez, trusted confidant of the Partido Comunista de Ecuador (PCE - Communist Party of Ecuador), told Party leaders that his courier mission to Peru on 7 February 1949 had been unsuccessful, as he had been unable to deliver the clandestine communications to the Peruvian Communist leaders. He complained that at no time was he left alone long enough to make the necessary contacts, and he added that he had the feeling he was being watched by Peruvian agents. Zevallos Menendez had been chosen by PCE leaders to act as courier in view of the fact that he, as head of the Casa de la Cultura in Guayaquil, had been selected by the Ecuadoran government to represent the administration on a courtesy flight given by Braniff Airways to Peru and Bolivia.
2. As a result of Zevallos Menendez's failure, Communist leaders in Guayaquil are now debating the problem of who can carry out the courier mission. It is known that funds are available for a courier trip to Lima and Santiago.

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