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1. During the current trip of Chilean Minister of National Defense Barrios Tirado to the north of the country, he reportedly will visit Iquique to investigate charges of the Intendente of the Province of Tarapaca that Mario Montero Schmidt openly encouraged the officers of the Iquique Garrison to revolt against the government in September 1949. Montero Schmidt allegedly was in close and suspicious contact with Lieutenant Colonel Jorge Garcia Giroz, Commandant of the First Armored Detachment, as well as with other officers of the Iquique Garrison. It is also claimed that Montero Schmidt made frequent trips with them to Memina and other places.

2. Montero Schmidt, a member of the Agrarian Labor Party and formerly well known as a member of the old Chilean Nacista Party, was the defense lawyer for Ramon Vergara Montero, Fernando Pardo and Estanislao Leon Aguirre, during their trial for implication in the abortive revolutionary plot of November 1948.

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[redacted] Comment. Barrios Tirado also intended to visit Arica, ostensibly to witness maneuvers being held by the military school, but reportedly to investigate recent incidents occurring in Tacna, Peru and Arica, Chile. (Cf. [redacted].

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