

INFORMATION REPORT

CONFIDENTIAL

COUNTRY Peru

SUBJECT Revolutionary Plotting in Peru

PLACE
ACQUIRED  25X1A

DATE OF INFO. 25X1X

CD NO.

DATE DISTR. 20 JUN 50

NO. OF PAGES 1 2

NO. OF ENCLS.
(LISTED BELOW)

SUPPLEMENT TO
REPORT NO. 25X1A

1. The plotters plan to place Marshal Eloy Ureta, Ambassador to Spain, in power in Peru, although he would act primarily as a figure-head. [REDACTED] 25X1X was unable to state what individuals were directing and financing the movement, but reports that Ureta's representative in Lima and the organizer of the movement in the Lima area is Colonel Miguel Monteza Tafur, Deputy Chief of Staff, who has been mentioned before as the possible leader of an anti-Odría coup. It is noted that Monteza was formerly known as a staunch Ureta supporter. Ureta was given the ambassadorial post several months ago at a time when Odría was removing his potential political opponents from the Peruvian political scene.

25X1X 2. [REDACTED] the following details on other military elements involved in the plotting:

a. General Jose del Carmen Marin, member of an advisory board to the Ministry of War and long dissatisfied with the junta government. He would organize the pro-Ureta movement among the retired officers with whom he has considerable influence and prestige.

b. Colonel Santamaria, an Air Force officer commanding the air unit at El Pato airport in Talara.**

c. Lt. Col. Rodriguez Frias, an officer from one of the garrisons in northern Peru. He is reported to be the officer who attempted to contact the Aprista underground leadership in mid-April.**

d. Some other officers from the Piura area not known

[illegible]

CONFIDENTIAL

CONFIDENTIAL

Approved For Release 10-01-2001 : CIA-RDP82-00457R00500055000239

Document No. 7
No Change In Class. ☐
☐ Declassified
Class. Changed To: TS S C
Auth.: HR 70-2
Date: 070638

~~SECRET~~~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

25X1A

CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY

- 2 -

3. The Apristas are reported to have made no commitments to Rodriguez when he sent word to the APRA underground, although he did not ask for support until after the coup was successful in setting up a new government. APRA leaders, however, left the door open for further overtures.
4. While the government may be aware of some unrest in northern garrisons and in the army in general, according to source, the government does not know the exact nature of the plot. This is partially confirmed by [REDACTED] 25X1X whose high-level government contacts appear to be unaware of any serious disaffection in the northern garrisons.
5. Coincident with the reports of revolutionary plotting, there has been circulating clandestinely a well-printed pamphlet signed by "Comite Democratico Militar," which bitterly attacks the Odria government and deplores the army's participation in politics. [REDACTED] this Comite is in fact an Aprista creation, or propaganda instrument, designed to harass the junta; but, although APRA has many sympathizers in the armed forces, the Comite is more nominal than real. 25X1X

25X1A [REDACTED]

It has not been possible to identify further Colonel Santamaria and Lt. Col. Rodriguez Frias. The former may be identical with an Air Force officer, Angel Santamaria Paygada who is either a Colonel or Lt. Colonel. Military files available contain no record of Rodriguez Frias, although several officers named Rodriguez are on active duty.

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~