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1. The underground Aprista party in Peru is preparing to print and circulate a leaflet reiterating its stand on the assassinations of Francisco Grana Garland in Peru and Jorge Eliacer Gaitan in Colombia.
2. The leaflet will make the following points:
 - a. The USSR plotted the destruction of democracy in Peru and Colombia by planning the assassinations of Grana in Lima and Gaitan in Bogota.
 - b. Eudocio Ravines received the orders and the necessary money to carry out the Peruvian crime, and was controlled by the Czechoslovak Legation in Lima. The victim was chosen to be someone whose death would bring about the fall of "Aprismo" in the government, and the dissolution of the Bustamante regime. There were three objectives: to destroy democracy in Peru; to prevent the approval of the Sechura desert oil contract because that agreement would have aided the United States instead of the USSR; and to bring about a military dictatorship in the shadow of which Communism would prosper.
 - c. Ravines, with much money at his disposal, carried out his orders and chose his victim: Grana. Some Aprista traitors were hired, as well as some paid assassins who possibly came from Cuba, among them one "Ortega". They escaped to Ecuador and Chile.
 - d. The murder was timed to interfere with the Sechura desert oil concession discussions taking place in the Senate, when it seemed that the Senate might approve the plan.
 - e. In Colombia, it was a question of breaking up the Inter-American Conference. Dr. Laureano Gomez had Gaitan assassinated to eliminate that powerful democratic leader and stop his anti-Communist campaign. Former Minister Cheko Rajt, condemned to death by his own former Communist comrades of Prague shouted to two French correspondents, just before being executed a year ago, "I declare that I directed and planned from here the events in Bogota!"

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- f. Moises Mier y Teran (then Director General of the police) was in the pay of Ravines.
- g. Ravines, Communist agent, was the sinister executor of the orders of Moscow in the Grana case. This is already proved. All that is lacking in the case are the details of the investigation which is going on in the United States, and then the picture will be complete. One of the foreigners who came to assist in the assassination has already signed a confession which exposes the entire case.

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