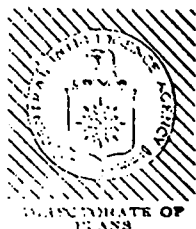


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COUNTRY ECUADOR/CHINA

DO: 21 AUGUST 1972

SUBJECT DENIAL BY JOSE ANTONIO LUCIO PAREDES, ECUADOREAN FOREIGN MINISTER, THAT ECUADOR IS PREPARING FOR DIPLOMATIC RECOGNITION OF COMMUNIST CHINA.

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1. ON 21 AUGUST 1972 JOSE ANTONIO LUCIO PAREDES, ECUADOREAN FOREIGN MINISTER, EMPHATICALLY DENIED TO PRESIDENT GUILLERMO RODRIGUEZ LARA THAT PRESS REPORTS THAT ECUADOR WAS PREPARING FOR DIPLOMATIC RECOGNITION OF THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA (PRC) WERE TRUE. [Redacted] COMMENT: ON 21 AUGUST "EL UNIVERSO," A GUAYAQUIL DAILY NEWSPAPER QUOTED PORTIONS OF AN ALLEGED STUDY ON COMMUNIST CHINESE ADVANCES IN LATIN AMERICA WHICH CITED ECUADOR AS ONE OF

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SEVERAL LATIN AMERICAN COUNTRIES WHICH WOULD SOON ESTABLISH DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS WITH THE PRC.) SUMMONED BY THE PRESIDENT AS A CONSEQUENCE OF THE PRESS REPORTS, LUCIO PAREDES ADMITTED THAT AMBASSADORIAL TALKS HAVE BEEN IN PROGRESS BETWEEN THE TWO COUNTRIES SINCE ECUADOR BROKE RELATIONS WITH THE NATIONALIST CHINESE GOVERNMENT IN NOVEMBER 1971, BUT HE INSISTED THAT NOTHING POSITIVE HAD COME FROM THE TALKS AND THAT, IN FACT, THE PROSPECTS FOR ESTABLISHING RELATIONS WERE PROBABLY DIMMER AT PRESENT THAN AT ANY PREVIOUS TIME.

2. LUCIO PAREDES ASSURED THE PRESIDENT THAT ESTABLISHING RELATIONS WITH ANY COUNTRY WAS CONTINGENT ON A CLEAR ADVANTAGE ACCRUING TO ECUADOR AND ADDED THAT HE PERCEIVED NO SUCH ADVANTAGE IN EITHER THE CASE OF CUBA OR THAT OF THE PRC.

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