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COUNTRY BOLIVIA

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SUBJECT

PLOTTING ON THE PART OF ALFREDO OVANDO CANDIA
TO OVERTHROW THE BOLIVIAN MILITARY JUNTA

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1. FOR THE PAST TWO MONTHS PLANS FOR A COUP D'ETAT, HEADED BY
GENERAL ALFREDO OVANDO CANDIA, COMMANDER IN CHIEF OF THE ARMED FORCES,
HAVE BEEN UNDER WAY. OVANDO HAS THE UNCONDITIONAL SUPPORT OF THE
PARTIDO REVOLUCIONARIO DE IZQUIERDA NACIONAL (PRIN-NATIONAL LEFTIST
REVOLUTIONARY PARTY) AND THE FALANGE SOCIALISTA BOLIVIANA (FSB-
BOLIVIAN SOCIALIST FALANGE). THE DATE FOR THE COUP HAS BEEN POST-
PONED TWICE, AND NOW AWAITS ONLY AN ANNOUNCEMENT FROM OVANDO.

2. THE FIRST MEETING TO DISCUSS THE COUP PLANS WAS ORGANIZED BY
JOSE RICO TORO, A MEMBER OF THE LA PAZ REGIONAL COMMITTEE OF THE PRIN
AND A PERSONAL FRIEND AND CONFIDANT OF OVANDO. THIS MEETING WAS

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ATTENDED BY ALBERTO JARA, ORLANDO CAPRILES, REPRESENTING THE MINE WORKERS; AND JOSE MORALES GUILLEN, RAMIRO CARRASCO, HANDAL (FNU), LIDIA GUEILER DE MOLLER, AND COSSIO (FNU). RICO INFORMED THOSE PRESENT THAT OVANDO HAD AGREED TO THE COUP ON THE GROUNDS THAT BARRIENTOS WAS DELIVERING THE REVOLUTIONARY PROCESSES TO REACTIONARIES AND THE OLIGARCHY AND HAD NOT IMPROVED THE CONDITIONS OF THE WORKERS, WHICH, ACCORDING TO OVANDO, IS THE BASIS OF ANY REVOLUTION. DISCUSSIONS CONCERNING THE PLANS FOR THE COUP HAVE TAKEN PLACE BETWEEN OVANDO, JUAN LECHIN OQUENDO, HEAD OF THE PRIN; AND MARIO GUTIEREZ GUTIERREZ, HEAD OF THE MOVIMIENTO NACIONAL REVOLUCIONARIO (MNR-NATIONAL REVOLUTIONARY MOVEMENT), ALL OF WHOM SEEM TO BE IN PERFECT AGREEMENT.

3. ON INSTRUCTIONS FROM OVANDO, RICO TORO HAS TRAVELED TO THE INTERIOR OF THE COUNTRY IN ORDER TO PROPAGANDIZE AND PREPARE THE WAY FOR THE COUP. HIS LAST TRIP WAS MADE TO COCHABAMBA, AND HE WAS EXPECTED TO RETURN ON ABOUT 6 FEBRUARY 1965.

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