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CIA REPORT ON LATIN AMERICA

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A MONTEVIDEO CORRESPONDENT'S DISPATCH IN SPANISH TO PRENSA LATINA, HAVANA, AT 1440 GMT ON 9 NOV 1964 REPORTS THAT THE MONTEVIDEO NEWSPAPER EPOCA HAS PUBLISHED A DISPATCH FROM WASHINGTON BY LEOPOLDO ARAGON REPORTING ON A CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY REPORT WHICH ALLEGEDLY EXPRESSES AN OPINION ABOUT "ANTI IMPERIALIST FORCES IN THE LATIN AMERICAN COUNTRIES." THE ARTICLE DESCRIBES THE REPORT AS A 45-PAGE DOCUMENT WRITTEN BY AGENT WILLARD MATTHIAS OF CIA'S NATIONAL ESTIMATES BOARD. IT IS ALLEGEDLY ENDORSED BY BOARD PRESIDENT SHERMAN KENT AND MARKED "FOR OFFICIAL USE ONLY."

THE DISPATCH SAYS THAT THIS IS POSSIBLY THE FIRST TIME THAT A FOREIGN JOURNALIST HAS HAD ACCESS TO SUCH A DOCUMENT. ACCORDING TO THE DISPATCH, THE CIA REPORT ATTRIBUTES INSTABILITY IN LATIN AMERICA NOT TO COMMUNIST INFILTRATION, BUT TO ALMOST "EXCLUSIVELY NATIVE CAUSES AND POLITICAL FORCES." IT MAKES A DISTINCTION BETWEEN CASTROITE AND COMMUNIST MOVEMENTS, AND SAYS THAT THE CASTROITE MOVEMENTS HAVE GREATER APPEAL TO EPOCA'S CORRESPONDENT, WITH THE PREDICTION THAT THE LATIN AMERICAN SCENE WILL CONTINUE TO BE CHARACTERIZED BY PLOTS AND COUNTER-PLOTS, POLITICAL WAR, AND TERRORISM, AND THAT THE PRESENCE OF A COMMUNIST STATE IN THE WESTERN HEMISPHERE BACKED BY THE SOVIET UNION CONTINUES TO ENDANGER U.S. INTERESTS THROUGHOUT THE CONTINENT, THEREBY COMPLICATING THE PROBLEMS OF U.S. DIPLOMACY.

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