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1. FINLAND: Possible secret protocols to Soviet pact--US
Minister Warren reports that the legal adviser to President Paasikivi, in a conversation concerning the existence of secret protocols to the Soviet-Finnish mutual assistance treaty, refused to say "categorically" whether such protocols existed or whether the USSR had sought them.

(CIA Comment: Inclusion of secret protocols to the Finnish-Soviet pact would be difficult because the Finnish delegation which negotiated the pact was not Communist-dominated. Moreover, the Finnish Diet, which must ratify the pact, is expected to inquire into the question of secret protocols.)

Communist agents reportedly infiltrating from USSR--
US Minister Warren has been informed [redacted] that 7,000 trained Communists are in transit to Finland from the USSR. [redacted] the agents are infiltrating from the Soviet base at Porkkala and are being assigned to local action committees in preparation for a coup before the July elections.

(CIA Comment: Although the USSR probably plans a gradual increase in its control over Finland following ratification of the mutual assistance pact, the Soviet Union probably does not consider gaining such control of sufficient urgency to warrant an operation of the magnitude described. It is also unlikely that 7,000 agents could be imported into Finland without producing an immediate reaction from the predominantly anti-Communist Finns.)

2. ITALY: Possible Soviet moves to influence elections--US
Embassy Rome believes that a variety of reports suggest that the USSR may at some time before the Italian elections: (a) agree to the return of Trieste to Italy; (b) announce the placing of Soviet industrial contracts in Italy that would benefit Italian workers; and (c) renounce Italian reparations.

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(CIA Comment: CIA believes that the USSR is unlikely to make any such diplomatic proposals until after the 18 April elections decide whether or not there is to be Communist representation in the Italian Government.)

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3. **EGYPT: New disorders feared--US Ambassador Tuck believes that, unless the Nokrashi Government meets the demands of the recent police strikers (chiefly for higher pay and improved social conditions), new and more violent disturbances may break out in Alexandria and Cairo. Tuck says that army units called in were sympathetic to the strikers and that the disorders were probably aggravated by anti-Government pamphlets which were distributed by members of the Wafd (the largest Egyptian political party). Tuck fears that new disorders may be accompanied by violent anti-foreign demonstrations which may make it necessary for the US to take steps to protect US citizens in Egypt.**

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4. **SIAM: Question of recognition raised--US Ambassador Stanton in Bangkok has expressed his belief that immediate recognition of the new Phibul Government in Siam would be a "serious mistake" and might be regarded as condoning irresponsible and arbitrary use of force by military elements. Stanton urges that a brief statement be made expressing the concern of the US over recent developments. Stanton reports that the French and Chinese diplomatic representatives favor strong indications of disapproval, while the Dutch and UK representatives desire "a non-recognition formula" which would not interfere with commercial transactions.**

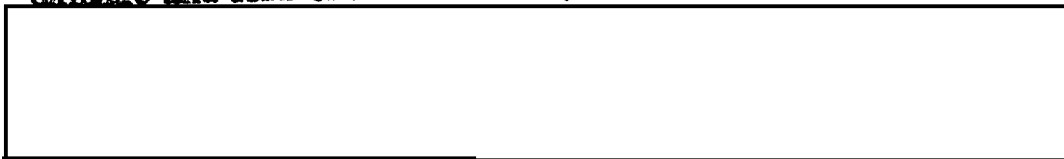
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5. **COLOMBIA: Continuation of Bogota Conference favored--**
US Embassy Bogota reports that delegation leaders are unanimously in favor of continuing the conference at Bogota, "unless the situation so worsens as to make it physically impossible."

Reports from US Consulates in Colombia indicate that the Government is still making progress toward restoring order and that uprisings outside the capital city were relatively small and soon brought under control. The Embassy adds that the mopping up of snipers continues in Bogota where damage and loss of life were very heavy.



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The Embassy transmits a report that the assassin was employed last October as butler in the Soviet Legation. The Colombian Government has announced that it has arrested the persons who took over a Bogota radio station and that two Russian agents and other foreigners were among those arrested.

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(CIA Comment: CIA believes that the Colombian Government will make every attempt to lay the insurrection at the door of the Communists. The reported decision to sever diplomatic relations with the USSR is consistent with such a campaign. The weight of available evidence, however, points to the conclusion that the Communists did not instigate the revolt, which was a spontaneous reaction to Gaitan's assassination, but actively encouraged mob action once rioting had broken out.)

6. **COSTA RICA: Additional aid for rebels--**General Somoza has informed US Embassy Managua that a "seaborne force" of Nicaraguans from Guatemala has captured the Costa Rican Atlantic port of Puerto Limon.

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US Ambassador Davis reports from San Jose, Costa Rica, that he has agreed to meet with rebel leader Figueres in order to ascertain his views relative to a compromise solution of the present civil war.

(CIA Comment: The additional help from anti-Somocera Nicaraguans, together with continuing assistance from Guatemala, has strengthened Costa Rican rebel leader Figueres to the point where he can: (a) gain control of San Jose, at will; or (b) obtain his own terms in any compromise solution.)

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