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1. Revolutionary plotting in Ecuador now appears based upon the possibility of the Conservatives winning the Presidential elections, which are to be held on 6 June 1948. General Luis Larrea Alba, Colonel Carlos Mancheno, General Alberto Enriquez Callo, Dr. Jose Vicente Trujillo, and the Communists would participate in such a revolt against the Conservatives. In any event, latent forces are ready for a coup regardless of the outcome of the elections, but definite plans are not known at the present time. Almost any incident would touch off these forces before the elections.
2. The Minister of National Defense reportedly learned of plans for a revolt to be staged on the night of 3 June by the Enriquez forces, using the Mariscal Sucre Artillery Group, the Quito Tank Corps, and possibly the Vencedores Infantry Regiment.
3. The Government is also aware of the active plotting of Mancheno and Larrea Alba. Both are being carefully watched and will be arrested on any definite sign of trouble.
4. Lt. Colonel Cesar Alfaro, Deputy Chief of Staff, is known to be plotting on behalf of Enriquez.

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