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Carlos Delgado Chalbaud, Minister of National Defense, has been urged to take over the government by a dissatisfied Army group headed by Colonel Marcos Perez Jimenez, Chief of Staff of the Venezuelan Army. The Minister has refused to take such action. Source believes that Delgado Chalbaud is arranging his affairs so that he would be able to leave the country in an emergency. He has notified his wife, who is visiting in New York, not to return to Caracas as planned on 20 November. [REDACTED] Comment. Should Delgado Chalbaud leave Venezuela, Perez Jimenez would be the top ranking military officer. It is believed that he might attempt to overthrow the government or at least obtain concessions of cabinet changes to include certain Army officers.)

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