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~~SECRET~~ Comment. The Army elements involved in this reported scheme are sympathetic to the MNR and, through a union with certain MNR leaders, this coup might be successfully staged. Ex-Major Irasmo Terrazas is reported as heading the forces in Cochabamba, and it is this group of young officers that would be expected to force the hand of the older officers, faithful to President Hertzog. In the event of a successful coup, the intention at this time is to place Major Elias Belmonte at the head of the Junta Military Government. What reward the MNR civilian supporters would realize is not yet known, but it is believed that they would be content with the opportunity to regain some of their power and position in the Government for this collaboration.)

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