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1. According to a rumor reported on 12 November 1948, Luiz Carlos Prestes had been in Argentina a few days previously. A second source attempted to confirm this rumor but was unable to do so. However, he did learn that Prestes had been in Argentina within the past two or three months before proceeding to Uruguay. During his stay in Argentina, Prestes did not contact local Communist leaders.
2. At the end of October, Prestes was said to be hiding in the State of Santa Catarina at a shipyard which specialized in building small outboard motorboats. Prestes was reportedly maintaining contact with the city of Sao Paulo through the intermediary of two Paulistas. The first of these, Maria Cortasi, Rua Tuiuty 1427, was backed by the Communist Party of Brazil (PCB) in the Sao Paulo elections for alderman in 1947. The second, Ugo Tamberlini, who lives at Parque Sao Jorge, is about 35 years of age. He travels to Santa Catarina frequently and returns to Sao Paulo with material received from Prestes.
3. Source learned that Prestes expected to visit Rio de Janeiro on 26 or 27 December in connection with the founding of a new Brazilian Communist youth movement. He was scheduled to meet with a cousin, Augusto Prestes Menezes, a physician, who is supposedly influential in the formation of the new movement. Apparently Menezes was advised that the police were cognizant of the planned meeting, because he abandoned his office at Rua Mexico 81, and has not been located since.
4. It was learned from several Brazilian officials in Anapolis, State of Goiaz, that Prestes had been in hiding on Harold Levy's farm near Anapolis (cf. 19499). Levy is reported to be one of several brothers controlling a large banking firm in Sao Paulo and is said to be the only one of the family with Communist views. He uses his farm as an asylum for Communists.
5. After his departure from the Levy farm, Prestes went to that of Epifanio Bezerra, ex-Communist Deputy from the State of Goiaz. The latter farm, which is located in Goiaz on the Araguara River, consists of approximately 20,000 alqueires (comment. In Goiaz an alqueire is equal to about 12 acres) and is also used as a Communist hideout.

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