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SUBJECT

Protest against Carlos H. Pareja's Release

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- 1. Carlos H. Pareja, an extreme leftist who was imprisoned by the Colombian Government for his participation in the 9 April 1948 uprising in Borota, was scheduled to be released on 14 January 1949. The Legal Advisor of the Army, Gomes Harino, is protesting this release on instructions received from the Maticnal Directorate of the Conservative Party. The latter believes Pareja should be forced to serve the full sentence, which would last until 14 May 1949.
- 2. Pareja has been extremely active during his prison term in communicating with sympathisers throughout Colombia who may support his candidacy for the presidency in 1950. Great quantities of propaganda are being prepared at the Libreria Gran Colombia sulogising Pareja as the "man of the masses" and calling attention to the fact that he endured imprisonment for the masses. Plans were made for a large manifestation and celebration on the day of Pareja's release. Pareja was to be escorted from prison to his home after a triumphant procession through the streets of Bogota.
- 3. It has been ascertained through the Secretary General of the Partido Commista de Colombia (PCC), Gilberto Vieira White, that the Party is manifesting indifference to Pareja's situation at the latter's request. Pareja felt that any publicity in the Party organ, <u>Vanguardia del Pueblo</u>, might tend to prejudice his case.

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Comment. It is interesting to note that the Liberal Party, which originally introduced the ammesty bill affecting individuals who were sentenced for participation in the Bogota revolt, failed to move on the bill after it had been vetoed by the President. This was mainly because of the political activities carried on by Pareja while in prison.)



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