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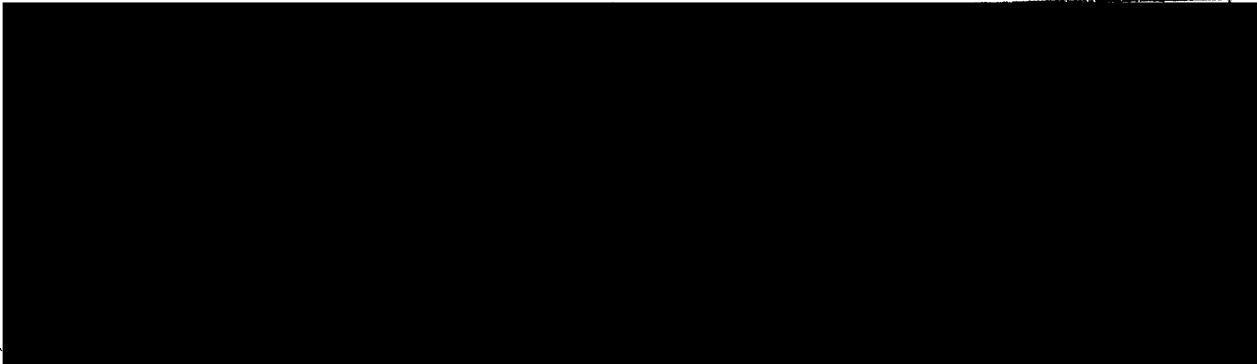
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1. The revolutionary Junta in Venezuela may be increased by two members. One of the two members is reported to be Major Tomas Mendoza.
2. The second is as yet unidentified, but an untested source has stated that it will be the present Governor of the Federal District, retired General Juan de Dios Celis Paredes. The present head of the Junta, Carlos Delgado Chalbaud, will be removed and sent to Paris as Venezuelan Ambassador.
3. Lt. Col. Casanova, commanding officer at Maracaibo, has sent a demand to the Junta that Delgado Chalbaud retire and that the Junta be headed by someone other than Marcos Perez Jimenez or Carlos Llovera Paez.  
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4. Junior officers assigned to the Military School in Caracas have been discussing the probability of changes in assignments of top ranking military personnel both within and without the school. ~~[REDACTED]~~ Comment. The present Government appears unstable to the point where changes in military assignments can be expected and where the retirement of Carlos Delgado Chalbaud from the Junta is possible.)

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