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It has been reported that an Italian lawyer and university professor, Dr. Fernando della Rocca, has informally approached the Ecuadoran Minister of National Defense, Manuel Maz Granados, stating that he represented an association of Italian manufacturers of war material and that he was interested in selling arms and ammunition to the Ecuadoran government. Without discussing the matter, Diaz Granados replied that Bonador was not in a position to purchase such materiel at this time.

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