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1. The political situation in Western Venezuela continues tense and unsettled although rumors of impending trouble have subsided slightly during the past week. It is generally believed that government security forces have effectively stamped out any possibility of a large-scale armed uprising in the near future.
2. An arms cache consisting of rifles and ammunition was discovered and confiscated by local authorities on or about 20 October. The cache is reported to have included high-powered rifles and hand grenades in substantial quantities.
3. Between the hours of 8:30 and 10:00 PM on 21 October there was heard in the Bolivar coastal area a clandestine radio broadcast which attempted to persuade petroleum workers to go out on strike. The broadcast, however, achieved no success. Labor agitation, which has been completely subordinated to the local political crisis, is still at a reasonable minimum, with no indication that it will increase in the near future.
4. The political and labor situation in the refining area of the Paraguana peninsula is relatively calm.

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