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4. Cuba Reportedly Intervening in Ecuadoran Affairs: The Ecuadoran Government, which is already cool toward the Cuban regime of Fidel Castro and opposed to his projected conference of "underdeveloped nations" scheduled for Havana this fall, is likely to become further estranged by reports that Castro is intervening in Ecuador's internal affairs. According to [REDACTED], the Ecuadoran ambassador in Havana advised his government that Castro's secretary had "earmarked" a sizable sum of money for use against Ecuador. He also warned the government to maintain close surveillance over all Cuban visitors to Ecuador.

Cuban Communists and the Cuban Government are rumored to be aiding various leftist groups in Ecuador which are supporting the campaign of the Communist National Democratic Anti-Conservative Union (UDNA) for the June elections. The presidential and vice-presidential candidates of the UDNA-- Antonio Parra and Benjamin Carrion--are leftist, unfriendly toward the United States, and strong Castro sympathizers. Carrion, who heads a well-financed leftist revolutionary organization, visited Havana recently and is suspected of having obtained large sums of money there for the UDNA campaign.

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