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LAPAZ SITUATION REPORT AS OF 1620 HOURS LOCAL 4 NOVEMBER

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1. LARGE GROUPS OF FACTORY WORKERS ARE GATHERING AT THE PLAZA MURILLA DEMANDING JUAN LECHIN OQUENDO, HEAD OF THE NATIONAL LEFTIST REVOLUTIONARY PARTY (PRIN), TAKE OVER THE PRESIDENCY. THE MILITARY JUNTA HAS REFUSED TO ACKNOWLEDGE THIS APPEAL. AT APPROXIMATELY 1545 FIGHTING BROKE OUT AMONG SPLINTER FACTIONS RESULTING IN 4 DEATHS AND THE RUMOR THAT LECHIN HAS BEEN WOUNDED. THERE IS A POSSIBILITY OF AN ARMED CLASH BETWEEN THE MILITARY AND THE PRO-LECHIN CENTRAL OBRERA BOLIVIANA (COB-BOLIVIAN WORKERS CENTRAL), GENERAL

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ALFREDO OVANDO, PRESIDENT OF THE MILITARY JUNTA, CLAIMS THAT HE

IS TRYING TO ARRANGE A TRUCE WITH LECHIN. LECHIN REPORTEDLY

HAS TAKEN REFUGE IN THE BASE STATION OF RADIO CONTINENTAL.

2. MORE TROUBLE IS EXPECTED AS MINERS ARE ON THEIR WAY TO LA PAZ

FROM ORURO.

3. THERE IS HEAVY FIGHTING AT VILLA FATIMA, AT THE EXTREME NORTH

END OF LA PAZ, BETWEEN THE PRO-PAZ MILITIA AND THE ARMY.

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