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SUBJECT PROGRESS OF PLANS BY URUGUAYAN POLICE FOR  
SECURITY OF PRESIDENTS' CONFERENCE

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1. COLONEL SANTIAGO ACUNA, POLICE SECURITY COORDINATOR, HELD MEETINGS WITH HIS STAFF AND OTHER RANKING ENFORCEMENT OFFICIALS ON 14 AND 15 MARCH 1967 TO ARRANGE DETAILED PLANS FOR SECURITY MEASURES TO BE EFFECTED FOR THE PRESIDENTS' CONFERENCE TO BE HELD 12-14 APRIL 1967 IN PUNTA DEL ESTE, URUGUAY. ADDITIONAL MEETINGS WILL BE HELD AS REQUIRED TO ACCOMPLISH THE SECURITY PLANNING FOR THE CONFERENCE.

2. THE POLICE FIELD COMMAND HAS BEEN ORGANIZED INTO THE FOLLOWING TACTICAL GROUPS:

A. PRESIDENTIAL ESCORT TEAMS - 20 TEAMS OF FIVE

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MEN EACH WILL WORK DIRECTLY WITH THE PROTECTIVE SECURITY OFFICERS OF EACH VISITING PRESIDENT..

B.. TRAFFIC PATROL-- THE HIGHWAY ROUTE BETWEEN CARRASCO AIRPORT,, MONTEVIDEO,, AND PUNTA DEL ESTE WILL BE SECURED AND PATROLLED BY HIGHWAY PATROL AND URUGUAYAN ARMY UNITS.. CURRENT PLANS INCLUDE A PARKED,, RADIO-EQUIPPED,, HIGHWAY PATROL VEHICLE LOCATED EVERY 17 KILOMETERS BETWEEN CARRASCO AIRPORT AND PUNTA DEL ESTE.. THE URUGUAYAN ARMY WILL PATROL THE HIGHWAY IN JEEPS BETWEEN EACH SET OF PARKED HIGHWAY PATROL VEHICLES.. ARMY PERSONNEL ALSO WILL BE USED TO SECURE BRIDGES,, INTERSECTIONS,, AND OTHER POTENTIALLY DANGEROUS AREAS ALONG THE ROUTE..

C.. FIXED POSTS -- INDIVIDUAL OFFICERS HAVE BEEN SELECTED TO COMMAND THE SECURITY CONTINGENTS AT THE CARRASCO AIRPORT,, THE SAN RAFAEL HOTEL IN PUNTA DEL ESTE,, AND FOUR HIGHWAY CHECK POINTS IN THE PUNTA DEL ESTE AREA..

D.. RESERVE OR EMERGENCY FORCES - ONE SECTION EACH FROM THE METROPOLITAN GUARD AND THE REPUBLICAN GUARD

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WILL BE LOCATED STRATEGICALLY IN PUNTA DEL ESTE FOR  
USE IF NEEDED.

3. POLICE OFFICIALS DECIDED THAT THE FOUR HIGHWAY  
CHECK POINTS WOULD SERVE TO SCREEN AND IDENTIFY TRAVELERS  
INTO PUNTA DEL ESTE. AT THE FIRST CHECK POINT, EACH PERSON  
TRAVELING TO PUNTA DEL ESTE WILL BE REQUIRED TO PRESENT  
DOCUMENTATION FOR HIS VEHICLE AND PERSONAL IDENTIFICATION,  
WHICH WILL BE RECORDED BY OFFICERS AT THE CHECK POINT, IN  
ORDER TO RECEIVE A PASS TO PROCEED TO THE CITY OF PUNTA DEL  
ESTE. THE USE OF SPECIAL AUTHORIZATION FOR DIPLOMATIC  
VEHICLES WAS DISCUSSED BUT NO DECISION WAS REACHED.  
TRAVELERS PROCEEDING TO PUNTA DEL ESTE WILL BE WARNED AT THE  
MONTEVIDEO/PUNTA DEL ESTE TOLL GATES, THROUGH WHICH THEY  
MUST PASS PRIOR TO REACHING THE FIRST CHECK POINT, THAT THEY  
SHOULD NOT PROCEED UNLESS THEY HAVE THE PROPER DOCUMENTATION.  
CURRENT PLANS ALSO CALL FOR THE INSPECTION OF EACH VEHICLE  
AT THE CHECK POINTS.

4. POLICE PLANNING CALLS FOR A COMPLETELY SECURED AREA,  
COVERING ONE TO TWO KILOMETERS, SURROUNDING THE SAN RAFAEL  
HOTEL. ONLY PERSONS WITH AUTHORIZED CONFERENCE IDENTIFICATION

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WILL BE ALLOWED WITHIN THIS RESTRICTED ZONE.

5. COLONEL ACUNA STATED THAT THE COMMUNISTS WERE PLANNING A MARCH TO PUNTA DEL ESTE IN PROTEST OF THE CONFERENCE, AND THAT THIS MARCH WOULD BE STOPPED. THE POLICE WILL USE WATER-THROWING TRUCKS FROM THE METROPOLITAN GUARD AND RIOT CONTROL FORCES AS NEEDED.

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6. [REDACTED] COMMENTS: POLICE PLANNING IS STILL IN THE PRELIMINARY STAGE. THE POLICE ARE MAKING EFFORTS TO PROVIDE MAXIMUM SECURITY FOR THE CONFERENCE, BUT THEY HAVE NOT YET APPROACHED THE PRACTICAL ASPECT OF HOW THEIR PLANS WILL FUNCTION UNDER ACTUAL CONDITIONS. A PRACTICE EXERCISE, WITH ALL THE POLICE UNITS ASSIGNED FOR THE SECURITY OF THE CONFERENCE, HAS BEEN SCHEDULED FOR 0600 HOURS ON 30 MARCH 1967. COLONEL RAMIRO CHAVES, SUB-CHIEF OF POLICE, HAS BEEN A VOCAL PARTICIPANT AT THE MEETINGS CONCERNING THE SECURITY MEASURES FOR THE CONFERENCE. HE HAS PLACED PARTICULAR EMPHASIS ON THE NEED FOR SEARCHING ALL VEHICLES MOVING INTO PUNTA DEL ESTE AND REPEATEDLY HAS POINTED OUT THAT DIPLOMATIC VEHICLES SHOULD NOT BE EXCLUDED. COLONEL CHAVES CURRENTLY IS SCHEDULED TO REMAIN IN MONTEVIDEO IN COMMAND OF THE MONTEVIDEO POLICE

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DURING 12-14 APRIL.)

7. [REDACTED] DISSEM: [REDACTED]

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