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THE CHIEF OF THE BOLSHEVIST POLICE
IN THE U.S.S.R.

December 10, 1943

To the
Foreign Ministry

To the hand of VLR Wagner

Subject: Preparations for revolution in Bolivia.
Reference: Current reports
Enclosures: ./.

From Buenos Aires the following radio report has come in:

"FOIANINI, the representative of ALL COME in Buenos Aires, had a talk in Santiago de Chile with the Bolivian Ambassador, General RODRIGUEZ, on November 20, 1943: the purpose of the talk was to agree upon a plan of action for the intended revolution in Bolivia, before the General left for La Paz.

General Rodriguez has arrived in La Paz since that time, and has given a statement to the press saying that the reason for his trip was merely to attend to personal affairs.

Senator PAZ ESPINOSA, the well-known partisan of Belmonte, introduced a proposal in Parliament to invite Belmonte back; the proposal, however, was defeated by a vote of 49 to 39.

With respect to the rumors that President Belmonte was arrested, the only known fact is that six young nationalistic officers were detained.

Apparently at the bottom of this rumor was either a premature and independent move on the part of these officers, or a maneuver of Belmonte himself to justify taking action against the Belmonte-officers who were becoming a danger to him.

The brother of Paz Espinosa, who arrived in Buenos Aires on December 3, 1943, has reported that the Bolivian Government has postponed until July 1944 the central elections scheduled for December 12, 1943; the reason cited that an honest election would ensure the victory of Paz Espinosa in several important cities, including La Paz. The preparations for the revolution are in full swing; it appears that the coup will be completed within at most a few days, with the slogan "Against corruption for better democracy."

FOIANINI will remain with his family in Buenos Aires (added) on December 9, 1943. FOIANINI says that when news of the revolution is received, the German Radio will announce the appointment

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be so worried as to deem the Nazis being behind the movement, denouncing the revolutionary leaders as agents in the pay of North American imperialism, who are attempting to turn Bolivia into a colony of the United States. These tactics were inspired upon by Solizini with the aim of securing the national rights.

As will be seen from the above report, it appears that the projected revolution in Bolivia is coming to a head more quickly than was expected.

Major Belmonte, who has been informed of the new developments, considers it absolutely imperative that he get to Argentina before the revolution breaks out. The office of the EDU (*) should therefore be approached and its support elicited for the steps already taken in conjunction with Alshbrunn, which is likewise desirous of undertaking the project.

In representation, (**)

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(*) EDU is believed almost certainly to mean Edo. Lshaber ger U-Booten (Commander of U-boats). At the time this office was held by Admiral ECH I L.

(**) Schenleberg signs "In representation" of Ernst EDU, who was the "Chief of the Security Police and the SD." (Schenleberg was only head of Amt VI under Haltenbrunner.)

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