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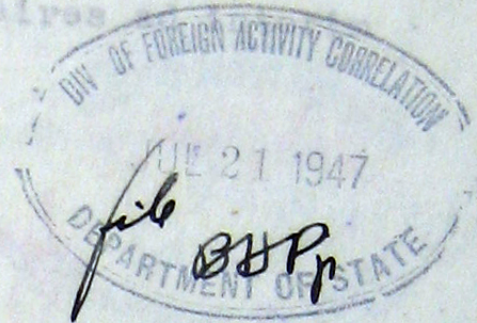
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Quito, July 9, 1947.

Subject: Interview with Dr. Ricardo Paredes,
Communist Party Leader.

Geo. P. Shaw
Chargé d'Affaires



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THE HONORABLE

THE SECRETARY OF STATE,
WASHINGTON.

SIR:

I have the honor to submit herein information dated July 7, 1947 furnished to this Embassy on July 8, by a reliable informant, which is graded C-3.

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"The following pertinent comments were made to a fairly reliable source on July 3, 1947, by Dr. Ricardo Paredes, local communist leader:

"Concerning CP propaganda: "We must not attack the Americans too much through the press; they should even be praised on occasion in order that we not attract too much attention upon ourselves and in order to keep them from knowing our real strength."

"Concerning CP members: "We must be extremely careful not to allow our new party members to become known. The older members are already well-known and therefore easily watched."

"In the above discussion Paredes also mentioned that the CP was contemplating the establishment of new 'cells' in Guayaquil and that one in particular was to be started on or about August 12, 1947.

"The above comment by Paredes regarding propaganda attacks against the United States may be in line with the party's efforts in the past six months to work underground as much as possible to avoid attention in anticipation of possible repressive measures by the government."

No comment.

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No comment.

Respectfully yours,

Geo. P. Shaw
Chargé d'Affaires ad interim

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"Source A, reported Adalberto [redacted] was
of the Communist party in [redacted], aged
25 years of age and a student of psychology. He
had obtained a scholarship (beca) from the 'Univer-
sidad Tecnica Frederico Santa Maria' of
Valparaiso, Chile and was to leave for the
university during the first week in [redacted].
Subject would proceed from Chile, to [redacted],
Uruguay and finally to Brazil. He would be in
contact with local CP members in each country
and would be authorized to act as a courier
between the various branches. From Chile he
would carry a letter from local CP leaders to
Carlos Luis Prestes in Brazil.

"Source B, checked the above report and
found a professor of biology, Escuela Central
Tecnica by the name of Jorge Adalberto Settipani
Tello, who lives at 2300 Olmedo Street, Quito,
and is married. This person has received an
invitation to visit the 'Universidad de Chile',
but all details concerning his trip have not
been arranged to date. If he is able to go to
Chile, the professor indicated he would also
visit Argentina, Uruguay and Brazil.

"Source C, checked all possible routes of
departure by sea or air and found no indication
that Subject had made any reservations to date."

My informant
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