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Honorable Adolf A. Berle, Jr.
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From: J. Edgar Hoover - Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation

Subject: Communistic propaganda in Ecuador.

As of possible interest to you, there is being transmitted here-
with a memorandum containing a sample of the type of propaganda being cir-
culated in Ecuador by the Fourth International. The memorandum is a verbatim
translation of a mimeographed circular which has been introduced into Ecuador
allegedly by either the German Legation or the Spanish Legation.

This information is also being furnished the Coordinator of Inter-
American Affairs and the Coordinator of Information.

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COMMUNISTIC PROPAGANDA IN ECUADOR

"The actual position of the Fourth International on the question of policy with the belligerent countries is as follows:

1. War between two imperialistic countries: Defeat by revolution.
2. War by an imperialistic country against a colonial or semi-colonial country: Defeat in the imperialistic country and defense of the colonial or semi-colonial country.
3. War between two colonial or semi-colonial countries. Revolutionary defeat by the Soviet Union.
4. War against any country: Defense in the Soviet Union by active defects in the enemy country.
5. War by the USSR and an imperialistic country on one side against imperialistic countries or semi-colonials on the other side. Defeat of all except the USSR. Soviet troops to occupy all the territories of the defeated nations.
6. In the case where a semi-colonial nation has fallen under the influence of a imperial nation which results in the former being merely a tool of the latter we will defeat and occupy them both.

"Since the outbreak of the Second World War sudden military and political change has been the order of the day. This has occurred principally in the weak and backward nations. As a consequence of the war successes the situation in those countries and their relations with the belligerent countries is able to change in a relatively short time, and from one day to the other. The political situation in the backward countries will lead them in the direction of loss of their independence, or military occupation, or extension or intensification of the existing imperialistic domination. There is another possibility: The master imperialist (Uncle Sam) may by necessity, under pressure of events, have to concede greater independence to a country. But naturally such concessions will be very incomplete.

"The sections of the Fourth International must:

1. Study intensively the economic, social, and political situations in all those countries not only from the static point of view, but also considering the relation of the actual forces and their possible evolution from the dynamic point of view.
2. Closely follow and specially analyze all military or political change which occur as consequence of the war events in those countries.

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3. Adapt your politics to the new situation.

"The Spanish American Republics being backward nations are under the domination and control of the United States of North America and are semi-colonial subjects of the imperialistic Yankee. Therefore the USSR is not going to defend them in case of an attack which is imminent by Germany or Japan. We must therefore fight against the influence and control of the United States of the weak governments in these countries. The United States will transform these Spanish American countries into colonial possessions. Only a communistic revolution will save their true independence and liberation from the imperialistic Yankee. The same in Ethiopia and China."

In regard to the above propaganda, although there is no indication that the Communist Party is allied with the Axis, nevertheless, all their efforts in this respect are being directed against the United States. They have likewise taken advantage of the recent arrivals of the United States armed forces in Ecuador and the Gallapagos Islands by spreading propaganda to the effect that once they are located they will never leave, and Ecuador will become a puppet of the United States."