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SUBJECT: INTELLIGENCE REPORT FOR SEC OF STATE'S VISIT TO LA PAZ,
BOLIVIA

ON OCTOBER 16, 1979, THE US SENATE PASS A BILL WHICH WILL PERMIT
THE U.S. GOV'T TO DISPOSE OF 35,000 TONS OF TIN. THE BOLIVIAN
ECONOMY IS BASED ON TIN, AS BOLIVIA IS THE WORLD'S SECOND LARGEST
PRODUCER OF TIN. THEREFORE, THE SELLING OF STOCKPILES OF TIN
BY THE U.S. IS PERCEIVED BY BOLIVIANS AS BEING ANTI-BOLIVIAN.
THE POTENTIAL EXISTS FOR DEMONSTRATIONS AND RALLYS TO OCCUR
DURING THE STAY OF THE SECRETARY TO EXPRESS THEIR DISPLEASURE
WITH THE CONGRESSIONAL PROCEDURE. INTELLIGENCE INFORMATION FROM
EMBASSY INTELLIGENCE SOURCES ALONG WITH INFORMATION OBTAINED
FROM GOB POLICE OFFICIALS DOES NOT INDICATE ANY PROJECTED
VIOLENCE TO THE SEC. STATE OR OAS MEMBERS. THE TIN ISSUE IS A
VERY VOLATILE SITUATION IN BOLIVIA, HOWEVER THE OAS CONFERENCE
IS WIDELY VIEWED BY BOLIVIANS AS CONTRIBUTING TO THEIR INTER-
NATIONAL PRESTIGE AND ENHANCING THEIR REPUTATION. FOR THESE
REASONS NEITHER THE LEFT OR RIGHT WING PARTYS' DESIRE ANY TYPE
OF ACTION THAT WOULD CAUSE DISGRACE OR HARM TO BOLIVIANS PRIDE
AND NATIONAL GOALS. IN SUMMARY, WHILE THE TIN ISSUE REMAINS
ANTAGONISTIC, THERE APPEARS TO BE NEGATIVE INFORMATION DIRECTLY
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RELATED AGAINST THE SEC. OF STATE AND NO HARD INTELLIGENCE
TO WARRANT ANY ASSASSINATION ATTEMPTS.
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