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SUBJECT: THE ECONOMIC EFFECTS OF BOLIVIA'S POLITICAL CRISIS - TIN

1. ALTHOUGH BOLIVIA'S PRIVATE MINING SUB-SECTOR IS WORKING, THREE
COMIBOL MINES/MILLS--COLQUIRI, SIGLO XX, CATAVI--ARE FORMALLY ON
STIKE. (TOGETHER THESE THREE ENTITIES REPRESENT SLIGHTLY MORE
THAN A THIRD OF COMIBOL PRODUCTION.) ADDITIONALLY THE REMAINDER OF
COMIBOL'S MINES ARE ON QUASI-STRIKE, I.E., THERE IS LITTLE PRO-
DUCTION.

2. OBVIOUSLY THE FINAL EFFECT OF THE CURRENT POLITICAL CRISIS ON
BOLIVIA'S 1979 TIN OUTPUT DEPENDS ON HOW LONG THE STRIKES/SLOWDOWNS
PERSIST. HOWEVER, EVEN PRIOR TO THE NOVEMBER 1 COUP, 1979 TIN
PRODUCTION WAS LAGGING SLIGHTLY MORE THAN FIVE PERCENT BEHIND
1978'S 30,880 METRIC TONS. THE EFFECT OF PRODUCTION LOST JUST
SINCE NOVEMBER 1 NOW REQUIRES A REVISED ESTIMATE THAT 1979'S
SHORTFALL OVER 1978 WILL BE AT LEAST TEN PERCENT. IF STOPPAGES
CONTINUE (AND SPREAD TO THE PRIVATE MINES) AND THERE IS LITTLE
FURTHER PRODUCTION THROUGH THE END OF THE YEAR, THE 1979 TOTAL
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COULD BE AS LOW AS 24,500 METRIC TONS.
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