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REPORTS CONFLICT ON DETAILS OF FALLEN OBJECT

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Argentine sources indicated that the border with Bolivia had been closed but that it might soon be reopened. They also reported that an unidentified object had fallen on Bolivian soil near the Argentine border and that local Bolivian authorities had requested aid from the central government which, in turn, had sought assistance from the U.S. National Aeronautics and Space Administration to investigate the case.

A La Paz newspaper said today that there is great interest in learning about the nature of the fallen object, adding that local authorities for security reasons had cordoned off 200 km around the spot where the object fell. The object is said to be a mechanical device with a diameter of almost (14 meters) which has already been brought to Tarija. There is interest in determining the accuracy of these reports which have spread quickly throughout the continent, particularly in Bolivia and its neighboring countries. Is it a satellite, a meteorite or a false alarm?

ELECTORAL COURT WILL NOT SUBMIT TO ISB PRESSURES

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[Text] Responding to a declaration issued by the national assembly of the Bolivian Socialist Falange (FSB) recently held in Cochabamba, members of the National Electoral Court have stated that "they have always been willing to resign their posts."

They warned, however, that they will definitely not submit to "pressure from political parties" and they added that "they know the path of dignity and will assume their duties as the proper citizens and not they are short human insufficiency."

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