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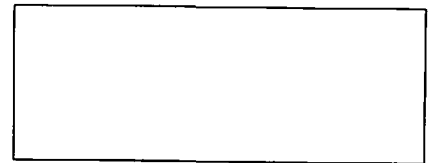


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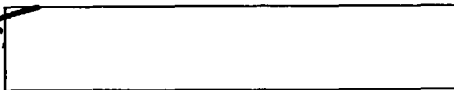
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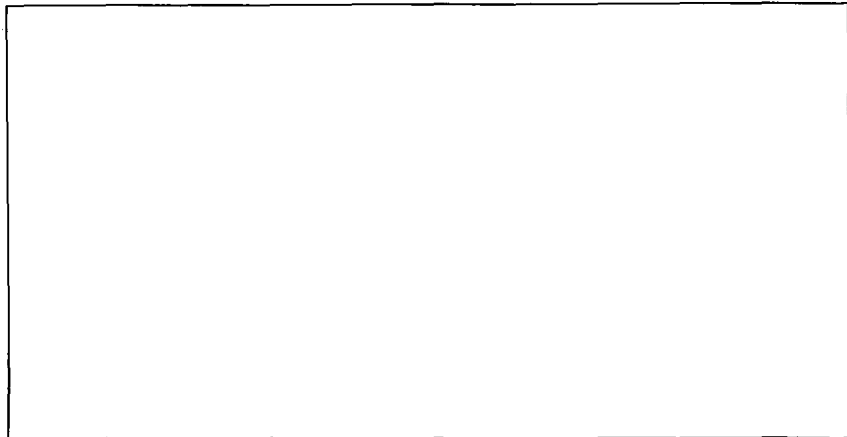
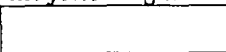
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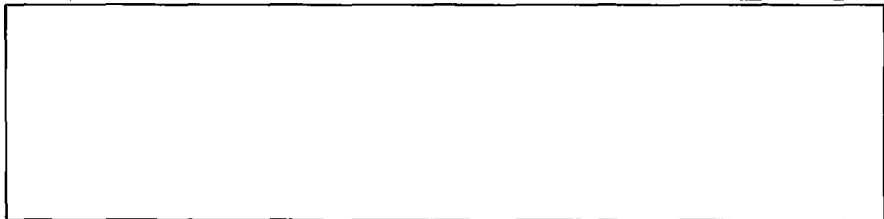


Key Current Warning Issues

The DCI Strategic Warning Committee considers the following the most critical warning issues during the next few weeks.



Venezuela. President Chavez is facing continued strong opposition from the private sector, the media, the Catholic Church, and opposition political parties angered by a host of laws he decreed in December. Reporting suggests that disgruntled officers within the military are still planning a coup, possibly early this month. An attempted coup would risk considerable violence and a severe crackdown by Chavez on any domestic opposition.



The DCI Strategic Warning Committee, chaired by the National Intelligence Officer for Warning, comprises representatives from the Directors of the National Security Agency, the Defense Intelligence Agency, and the National Imagery and Mapping Agency; the Assistant Secretary of State for Intelligence and Research; and the Deputy Director for Intelligence, Central Intelligence Agency.



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