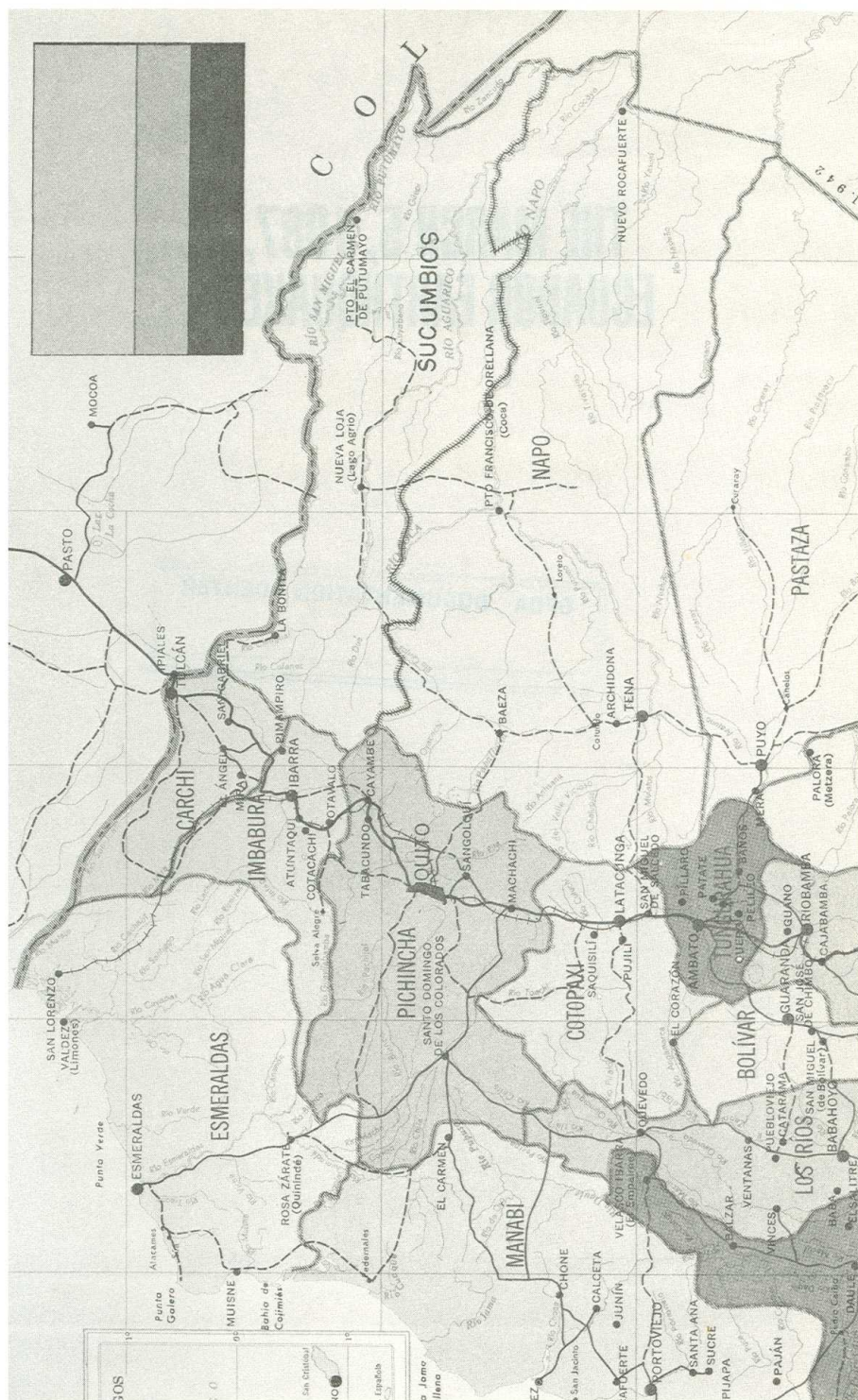


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# Preface

After the March 5, 1987, earthquakes in Ecuador, the National Research Council, in cooperation with several other institutions, organized a postdisaster reconnaissance team to visit the disaster sites. The team was multidisciplinary, reflecting expertise in seismology, geology, geotechnical engineering, life-line engineering, sociology, and the political sciences, in order to study the physical, social, and economic impacts on the nation resulting from the earthquakes. The team's effort in conducting its field work was greatly enhanced by a number of experts from local organizations and institutions. The eight chapters presented in this report are the contributions of the official members of the National Research Council team and their Ecuadorian colleagues working hand in hand to document and analyze these earthquakes. The individual chapters are the independent contributions of one or more of the individuals involved in the study. Efforts have been made by the team leader and the report's editor to eliminate duplications as much as possible. Remaining duplications are retained to allow the presentations to stand alone so that readers will not be burdened with cross referencing.

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