

1. AS EXPECTED, COL. NORIEGA WAS PRESENT AT THE LUNCHEON [REDACTED] [REDACTED] AT THE PANAMANIAN EMBASSY. IN ADDITION TO AQUILINO BOYD, THE PANAMANIAN AMBASSADOR WAS ALSO PRESENT. NORIEGA WAS SENT TO WASHINGTON BY GENERAL TORRIJOS SPECIFICALLY TO ATTEND THIS LUNCHEON.

2. THE DIRECTOR WAS GIVEN A COPY OF A LETTER FROM TORRIJOS TO SECRETARY KISSINGER IN WHICH TORRIJOS VERY STRONGLY DENIES THE U.S. CHARGE THAT THE GN WAS RESPONSIBLE FOR THE RECENT BOMBINGS IN THE PANAMA CANAL ZONE. SECRETARY WALDHEIM OF THE UNITED NATIONS WAS ALSO GIVEN A COPY.

3. IN HIS COMMENTS [REDACTED] NORIEGA TRIED TO GIVE FURTHER WEIGHT TO THE WRITTEN DENIAL OF GN INVOLVEMENT IN THE BOMBINGS. HE CLAIMED THAT THE BOMBS WERE MADE IN MIAMI AND THAT CUBAN EXILES WERE INVOLVED. HE ASKED WHY THE U.S. ARMY WAS CONTINUING TO INVESTIGATE THE BOMBINGS IF THE U.S. BELIEVED THAT

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THE GN WAS RESPONSIBLE.4

4. DURING THE COURSE OF THE CONVERSATION BOYD RAISED THE POSSIBILITY OF TAKING THIS ISSUE TO THE UNITED NATIONS. IT SEEMS, HOWEVER, THAT THE PANAMANIANIS WOULD LIKE TO GET THIS ISSUE BEHIND THEM BUT IN THE PROCESS PUT PRESSURE ON THE UNITED ~~NATIONS~~ <sup>STATES</sup> TO RESUME TREATY NEGOTIATIONS WITH THE HOPE OF HAVING A TREATY COMPLETED IN 1977.4

5. [REDACTED]

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6. YOU MAY INFORM AMBASSADOR JORDEN OF THE ABOVE. ASSISTANT SECRETARY SHLAUDEMAN HAS BEEN ADVISED. E2 IMPDET.H

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