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SUBJECT
STATEMENTS [REDACTED] CONCERNING POLITICAL
MANEUVERS OF ARNULFO ARIAS

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SOURCE AND APPRAISAL:

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FIELD REPORT NO.

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1.

[REDACTED] ARNULFO ARIAS, WHO IS PANAMENISTA PARTY PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATE IN THE MAY 64 ELECTIONS, IS GAINING IN STRENGTH AND IS PICKING UP BOTH GOVERNMENT COALITION AND OPPOSITION ALLIANCE PEOPLE IN CHIRIQUI AND DARIEN PROVINCES. [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] JUST BEFORE THE ELECTION ARNULFO PLANS TO CAMPAIGN VIGOROUSLY IN HERRERA PROVINCE, WHERE HE IS NOT TOO STRONG, IN AN EFFORT TO WIN BY A LANDSLIDE THERE. THEN IF HE LOSES THE ELECTION IN OTHER AREAS WHERE HE IS SUPPOSEDLY STRONG, SUCH AS PANAMA CITY, NO ONE WILL BELIEVE HE LOST THE

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ELECTION SINCE HE WILL HAVE CARRIED HERRERA BY A LANDSLIDE. ARNULFO BELIEVES THIS TACTIC WILL ENSURE HIS ELECTION.

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2. [REDACTED] IF ARNULFO WINS THE MAY ELECTION HE WANTS PRESIDENT ROBERTO CHIARI TO APPOINT HIM TO HIS CABINET, SO THE PRESIDENT AND TWO VICE PRESIDENTS CAN RESIGN LEGALLY AND ARNULFO CAN STEP IN RIGHT AWAY WITHOUT HAVING TO AWAIT THE OCTOBER INAUGURATION.

[REDACTED] THIS WOULD HASTEN THE POSSIBILITY OF A REVISED CANAL TREATY, PREVENT A LOT OF SMALL POLITICAL DEALS BEING MADE, AND PROHIBIT INFIGHTING DURING THE MAY TO OCTOBER PERIOD.

3. [REDACTED] ARNULFO SENT WORD TO CHIARI THAT HE PERSONALLY FAVORS RESTORATION OF DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS WITH THE U.S. AND WOULD MAKE STATEMENT TO THAT EFFECT IF CHIARI WISHED, THUS TAKING THE STING OUT OF CHIARI'S MAKING THE STATEMENT ALONE. CHIARI HAD ONLY TO AGREE NOT TO USE THIS AGAINST ARNULFO, BUT HE REFUSED, [REDACTED]

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4. [REDACTED] ARNULFO IS STRONGLY OPPOSED TO THE ELECTION OF THE FOLLOWING THREE CANDIDATES FOR DEPUTY TO THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY: CARLOS IVAN ZUNIGA, SOCIALIST PARTY; RAMON PEREIRA, REFORMIST PARTY; AND AQUILINO BOYD, NATIONALIST PARTY. ARNULFO BELIEVES THAT THESE MEN WOULD BLOCK MUCH OF HIS LEGISLATION IN THE ASSEMBLY AND ALSO HIS ATTEMPT AT A REVISION OF THE CANAL TREATY.

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