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COMMENTS [REDACTED] ON CUBAN INQUIRY CONCERNING:  
ANTI-UNITED STATES RIOTS IN PANAMA  
MAY 1964 NATIONAL ELECTIONS IN PANAMA

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1.

[REDACTED] THE PRO-CASTRO GROUP IN PANAMA WAS UNPREPARED  
FOR THE VIOLENCE WHICH OCCURRED IN JANUARY 1964 AS RESULT OF THE CLASHES  
AT THE BORDER OF THE CANAL ZONE. [REDACTED] IT IS OBVIOUS THAT THE GROUP  
DID NOT KNOW WHAT WAS GOING TO HAPPEN BECAUSE IT MADE NO ADVANCE EFFORT  
TO BRING TO PANAMA CITY AND COLON THE WEAPONS WHICH IT HAS SOME DISTANCE AWAY  
FROM THOSE CITIES. BY THE TIME THE ARMS COULD HAVE BEEN MOVED TO THE  
SCENE OF THE ACTION THE SITUATION HAD STABILIZED.

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2.

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THE CURRENT POSITION OF THE CUBAN GOVERNMENT IS THAT PANAMA SHOULD BE ALLOWED TO HOLD ELECTIONS IN MAY 64 AND THAT EVERY EFFORT SHOULD BE MADE TO ENSURE THE VICTORY OF ARNULFO ARIAS MADRID, LEADER OF THE PARTIDO PANAMENISTA. THE CUBANS FEEL THAT ARIAS WILL BE SO FIRM IN HIS DEALING WITH BOTH THE EXTREME RIGHT AND THE EXTREME LEFT THAT HE WILL CREATE CONDITIONS WHICH WILL, IN THE LONG RUN, SERVE THE BEST INTERESTS OF THE COMMUNIST WORLD.

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3.

DESPITE INTEREST IN ARIAS' VICTORY AT THE POLLS, THE CUBANS ARRANGED FINANCIAL SUPPORT FOR THE POLITICAL CAMPAIGNS OF FABIAN ECHEVERS, CARLOS IVAN ZUNIGA, AND VICTOR AVILA, ALL OF WHOM ARE CANDIDATES FOR DEPUTY TO THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY ON THE TICKET OF THE SOCIALIST PARTY.

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