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1. [REDACTED] TWO MORE BUILDINGS HAD BEEN BURNED IN PANAMA CITY BY A VERY SMALL GROUP OF AGITATORS.

2. [REDACTED] A SMALL PLANE WAS STOLEN FROM

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PAITILLA AIRPORT BY RAUL CHANG AND MANUEL ALLONCA, WHO ARE EMPLOYEES OF PANAM. ON TAKE OFF, HOWEVER, THE PLANE WENT DOWN INTO PANAMA BAY. BOTH MEN WERE RESCUED AND ARRESTED BY THE NATIONAL GUARD (GN). THE MEN CONFESSED TO HAVING HOME MADE BOMBS IN THE PLANE, BUT SAID THAT THEY HAD PLANNED TO DROP THEM IN THE ZONE. GN OFFICIALS FEEL THAT THE MEN ACTUALLY PLANNED TO DROP THEM OVER PANAMA CITY AND THEN BLAME THE ACT ON THE AMERICANS.

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3. [REDACTED] GN COMMANDANT BOLIVAR VALLARINO HAD ISSUED ORDERS TO GN UNITS TO PICK UP FIRST TWO OR THREE LINES OF DEMONSTRATORS IN EVERY AREA. VALLARINO SAID THAT THIS ACTION MIGHT RESULT IN THE TEMPORARY DETENTION OF INNOCENT PEOPLE; HOWEVER, IT WOULD ASSURE THE ARREST OF THE LEADERS AND SHOULD BREAK UP

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THE REMAINING MOBS WHICH ARE ROAMING BACK AND FORTH FROM FOURTH OF JULY AVENUE TO THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY, 5TH OF MAY PLAZA, SANTA ANA PLAZA, AND THE PRESIDENCIA. [REDACTED]

THERE IS AN INCREASING INDICATION THAT THE GN IS MAKING A SERIOUS ATTEMPT TO END THE DISTURBANCES AND ARREST THE AGITATORS.)

4. RADIO MIA, WHICH HAD BEEN BROADCASTING BOTH A LINE OF VIOLENCE AND CALM AT DIFFERENT TIMES ON 11 JAN, WENT OFF THE AIR AT 0030 HOURS; HOWEVER, THEY RETURNED TO THE AIR AT 0100 HOURS ON 12 JAN AND BEGAN FURTHER ATTEMPTS TO INCITE THE PEOPLE TO MORE VIOLENCE. [REDACTED]

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5. [REDACTED] THE GROUPS OF DEMONSTRATORS HAD TAPERED OFF TO NO MORE THAN 50 IN A GIVEN AREA OF PANAMA CITY.

[REDACTED] THE PEOPLE ARE PROBABLY RETIRING NOW IN ORDER TO BE OUT EARLY FOR THE FUNERAL SERVICES WHICH ARE SCHEDULED FOR BETWEEN 1000 AND 1600 HOURS 12 JAN.)

6. [REDACTED] A COUPLE OF GN MEMBERS IN COLON WERE

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REPORTED TO HAVE BEEN SHOT BY U.S. TROOPS. [REDACTED] A FLASH REPORT ON RADIO MIA HAS SAID THAT A GN WAS KILLED; HOWEVER, THE RADIO MIA STORY SEEMS VERY DISTORTED.)

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