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1. VICTOR AVILA, COMMUNIST UNIVERSITY STUDENT LEADER, HAS CALLED FOR A GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF ALL PANAMANIAN STUDENTS IN WAKE OF THE STUDENT RIOT PROTESTING THE REFUSAL OF CANAL ZONE STUDENTS TO TAKE DOWN THE AMERICAN FLAG AT BALBOA HIGH SCHOOL OR TO AGREE TO FLY THE PANAMANIAN FLAG WITH IT. THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY WILL TAKE PLACE AT THE UNIVERSITY OF PANAMA [REDACTED] 10 JANUARY 64. FLOYD BRITTON, ANOTHER COMMUNIST STUDENT LEADER, IS CONCENTRATING HIS EFFORTS ON KEEPING THE STUDENT DEMONSTRATIONS IN PROGRESS ALONG THE BORDER BETWEEN THE ZONE AND PANAMA CITY. [REDACTED]

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2. SEVENTY TO EIGHTY PANAMANIANs HAVE ALREADY BEEN WOUNDED AND SEVEN ARE KNOWN TO BE DEAD. THE RIOTS HAVE SPREAD TO THE CITY OF COLON, WHERE OVER 2,000 ARE LINED UP AGAINST THE BORDER LINE. [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] PANAMA RADIO REPORTS THAT SOME 4 TO 5 THOUSAND PERSONS HAVE BROKEN INTO THE ZONE AND ATTACKED THE CRISTOBAL AREA.) [REDACTED]

3. LOOTING IN PANAMA CITY IS PREVALENT ALONG FOURTH OF JULY AVENUE, WHERE THE STUDENTS HAVE BROKEN SHOP WINDOWS AND SET FIRE TO THE PANAM BUILDING. PANAMANIAN NATIONAL GUARD TROOPS STATIONED AT OLD PANAMA ARE NOW MOVING TO THE BORDER AREA. [REDACTED]

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