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1. THE FUNERAL OF THE FIRST STUDENT TOOK PLACE WITHOUT IMMEDIATE INCIDENT; HOWEVER, AFTER THE SERVICE AT AMADOR GUERRERO CEMETARY APPROXIMATELY 1000 STUDENTS BEGAN MARCHING DOWN 4TH OF JULY AVENUE CARRYING PANAMANIAN FLAGS.

2. AS OF 1430 HOURS APPROXIMATELY 1,000 PERSONS WERE GATHERED AT 5 TH OF MAY PLAZA. SOME OF THEM WERE ARMED, OTHERS WERE CARRYING MOLOTOV COCKTAILS. PROMINENT IN THE CROWD WERE PRO-CASTRO

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REVOLUTIONARIES AND COMMUNISTS SUCH AS RAMIRO VASQUEZ, EFRAIN REYES MEDINA, FELIX GONZALEZ SANTIZO, PABLO CORDERO, AND ALVARO MENENDEZ FRANCO. [REDACTED] VASQUEZ HAD BEEN

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WOUNDED IN THE EARLIER RIOTS. RECENT RADIO REPORTS CONCERN A NEW OUTBREAK OF VIOLENCE BETWEEN 5TH OF MAY PLAZA AND THE PANAM BUILDING. RADIO REPORTS FURTHER SAY THAT ANOTHER CAR HAS BEEN OVERTURNED AND SET AFIRE.)

3. COLON IS IN AN UPROAR WITH NOISE AND SHOOTING IN MANY PARTS.

4. THE USIS OFFICE IN THE CHASE MANHATTAN BANK IN DAVID WERE BURNED BY A MOB OF YOUNG KIDS DIRECTED BY THREE OR FOUR ADULTS. THE REPORTS THAT AN AMERICAN HAD BEEN LYNCHED IN DAVID ARE COMPLETELY FALSE. AMERICANS WERE ESCORTED TO THE COSTA RICAN BORDER BY MEMBERS OF THE NATIONAL GUARD. NO ONE WAS HURT. PUBLIC OPINION IN DAVID TOWARD THE U.S. COULD NOT BE WORSE.

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