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2. AT APPROXIMATELY 2100 HOURS THE COUNCILMEN AND A SMALL
GROUP BEGAN TO MARCH TOWARD THE CANAL ZONE POST OFFICE WHERE
THEY PLANNED TO RAISE THE PANAMANIAN FLAG; HOWEVER, WHEN THEY REA-
CHED TENTH STREET, THEY WERE JOINED BY ANOTHER GROUP LEADED BY ANDRES

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GALVAN, MEMBER OF THE VANGUARD OF NATIONAL ACTION (VAN, RADICAL PRO CUBAN REVOLUTIONARY GROUP). WHEN THE COMBINED GROUPS REACHED THE POST OFFICE, GALVAN BEGAN TO AGITATE FOR VIOLENCE IN AN INFLAMMATORY SPEECH. THE MAYOR AND THE PRESIDENT OF THE MUNICIPAL COUNCIL ATTEMPTED UNSUCCESSFULLY TO CALM THE CROWD, BUT THESE EFFORTS WERE TOO LATE TO BE EFFECTIVE. GALVAN AND HIS FOLLOWERS TOOK CONTROL OF THE DEMONSTRATION, BEGAN BURNING CARS, AND SACKED AND BURNED THE YMCA BUILDING.

3. PRIOR TO JOINING THE MARCH TO THE ZONE, GALVAN, ULISES MARTINEZ, INOCENCIO GARIBALDI, JACK WHITE, AND OTHER MEMBERS OF THE UNION OF MIXED WORKERS (USTOM) PARADED THROUGH THE STREETS CARRYING THE PANAMANIAN FLAG. THEY STOPPED AT THE POWER AND LIGHT COMPANY AND BRANIFF AIRLINES WHERE THEY BROKE THE WINDOWS OF BOTH OFFICES.

4. AT THE SAME TIME, A THIRD GROUP, WHICH INCLUDED VIRGILIO SCHUVERER, EDUARDO BORDON, ROLANDO STERLING, AND ROBINSON (FNU) WERE PREPARING MOLOTOV COCKTAILS TO USE AGAINST THE U.S. FORCES. ANOTHER GROUP, WHICH INCLUDED VICTOR PEREZ, EDUARDO PEREZ, DIONISIO GONDOLA, LOPE NIETO, GARCILASO DE LA ROSA, JOSE MARIA CORDOBA, AND HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS, MARCHED INTO THE CANAL ZONE CARRYING A PANAMANIAN FLAG. LATER THEY WERE JOINED BY DR. GUILLERMO ROLLA AND GARIBALDI (FNU) , A LAWYER. [REDACTED]

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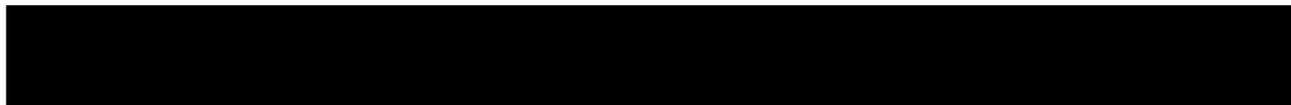
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5. AMONG THE PERSONS OBSERVED SNIPING AGAINST U.S. TROOPS DURING THE DISTURBANCES WERE MARCO LEE, VICTOR PEREZ, EDUARDO PEREZ, GARCILASO DE LA ROSA, NIETO, EARL MACLEOD (PHONETIC), THE NUNEZ BROTHERS, AND FOUR UNIDENTIFIED PERSONS, USING 22 CAL RIFLES AND 32 AND 38 CALIBER PISTOLS. PEREZ (FNU), THE MUNICIPAL COUNCILMAN, SUBSEQUENTLY BRAGGED THAT HE HAD BROUGHT DOWN A U.S. SOLDIER WITH HIS REVOLVER. MARCO LEE WAS ALSO CREDITED WITH HAVING DONE THE SAME THING.

6. IT WAS READILY APPARENT THAT ALL GROUPS INVOLVED ACTED INDEPENDENTLY. EVERYONE INVOLVED BEHAVED AS HE PERSONALLY SAW FIT. EVEN WHEN THE VIOLENCE SUBSIDED, THERE WAS NO APPARENT ORGANIZATIONAL EFFORT FOR FUTURE ACTION.

7. [REDACTED] DISSEM: STATE, ARMY, NAVY, AIR, PANCANAL, CINCLANT, [REDACTED] CINCISO., CINCMEAFSA.

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