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- [redacted] by no means convinced that Ruben Miro is really guilty of the murder of President Remon, in spite of his confession. Miro is a very smart lawyer and may well have confessed in order to gain time and to protect someone else, at least temporarily. His confession might easily be repudiated at a later date.
- The weapon has never been found and the story that it was thrown into the sea is ridiculous. The only seadust available has a low tide of only a few inches for a number of a mile, and nobody could throw a machine gun that far.
- [redacted] What ~~Dr. Garcia~~ is probably the "brains" behind the whole plan. Crespo is the guiding light of the group backing ~~Samuel~~ Diaz for president. Crespo is probably the most dangerous man in Panama and certainly has Communist leanings, if not a definite tie with the Party. His wife, of Italian extraction, is known to have been a member of the Communist Party in the early 1930's. Between 1942 and 1944 she was openly active in forming committees of Friends of the USSR.
- [redacted] It is impossible to make a revolution in Panama from the bottom up since the people are not in dire need and could not be stirred into action by accepted methods. A successful Panamanian revolution must have infiltration from the top. Crespo is known to have been in Mexico in 1953 to attend meetings of what is considered the Pall-bureau for the Caribbean Area. This was about the time that his wife was the Panamanian ambassador to Mexico. These same members of the Diaz group may be behind the president's assassination.
- Juan N. Jimenez, a close relative of Diaz, is quite capable of instigating murder. If the confession of Miro holds up, in all probability it was handled through Jimenez. However, if the confession does not hold, it would eventually transpire that the actual murder was arranged from the outside and there would be every possibility that Crespo alone is responsible.
- [redacted] there was a plea in one of the US newspapers, before the murder, about \$5000000 being offered by some Panamanian lady for anyone who would kill Remon. This is definitely in the style of Jimenez.

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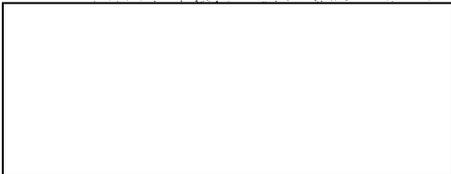
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7. As a matter of interest, the sister of Miro is the closest and most intimate friend of the widow of President Remon. Crespo is the editor of the Diaz family newspaper, "La Nacion". He is also a member of the Assembly, as two close relatives are too. Through his own strength and with the support of these relatives, Crespo has considerable power. He is very close to and wields great influence with the educational groups, the teachers of Panama. He is a clever, dangerous man, and [redacted] it is far more important to keep an eye on him than it is to find the actual murderer of the president. If, through Crespo's efforts Diaz ever becomes president, [redacted] within two years Panama will be another Guatemala. Diaz himself could not possibly have had anything to do with the murder, [redacted] it is not in his character.

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