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1. [redacted] Rito Jimenez Prado and Octavio Escobar G., who were reported to have escaped from the Campo de Marte prison in Managua, were really killed on 4 November by officers of the Guardia Nacional.

2. Newspapers in Managua reported the alleged escape on 9 November 1948, and the official confirmation was made on 11 November by Col. Francisco Gaitan, Chief of Staff of the Guardia, who stated that the prisoners had sawed through a steel lock on their cell.

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3. [redacted] the men had been held at La Aviacion prison, not Campo de Marte, and were killed during the course of a drinking party given by Col. Carlos Eddy Monterrey, Chief of FAN, the Nicaraguan Air Force. Officers at the party decided to call the prisoners for "questioning", and during the process, one of the officers shot both prisoners. [redacted] the killings were spontaneous, and had not been ordered.

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4. Neither prisoner was important in the opposition ranks, and it is not known why they were imprisoned.

5. Seven officers who witnessed the killings were transferred from La Aviacion to Campo de Marte shortly after the incident.

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