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1. [redacted] loaded Guardia trucks frequently 25X1X6 move along the roads at night. [redacted] there are now about two hundred Guardia in Penas Blancas and about sixty in Los Mojones on 25X1X6 the Pacific. In other points on the Costa Rican border along Lake Nicaragua there are small patrol posts. About sixty Guardia are stationed in Rivas. There are entrenchments in Penas Blancas, and the men there are reportedly armed with heavy and light machine guns and trench mortars. 25X1X6
2. [redacted] the newspapers had been exaggerating 25X1X6 or even fabricating the stories of the Costa Rican exiles near Rivas. [redacted] they number thirty, and certainly represent no real danger to Figueres. 25X1X6
3. [redacted] the garrison at Penas Blancas fluctuates from two hundred to four hundred men, although rarely reaching the latter figure. [redacted] Somoza kept the Guardia marching in and out of Penas Blancas during the nights, as part of his war-of-nerves strategy against the Figueres government. 25X1X6 25X1X6
4. The number of Costa Rican exiles in Nicaragua is reported to be diminishing rapidly. The majority of them are quartered in the house of Anibal Chamorro, or sleep in the railroad station. They receive food and meager equipment from the Guardia, and whenever any of the group wishes to leave, no effort is made to stop him.

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