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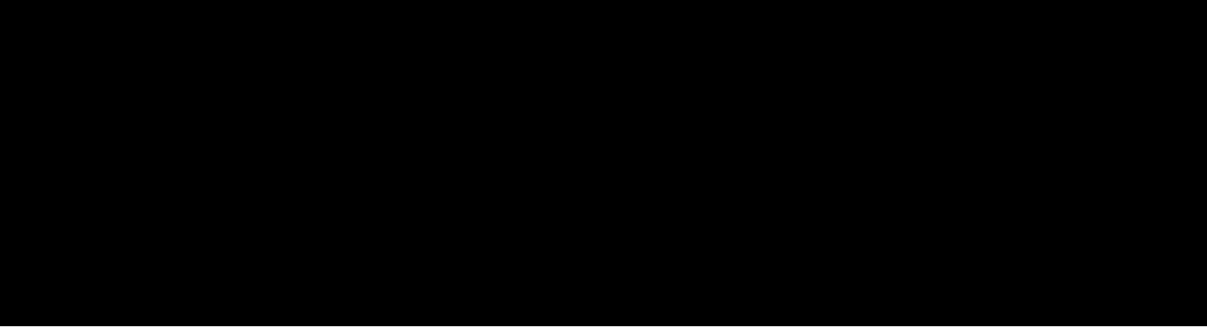
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1. During the week of 14 February, Guillermo Cuadra, an ex-Lieutenant of the Guardia Nacional, entered Nicaragua from Costa Rica, along with about 360 Nicaraguan repatriates who had been working in Costa Rica, and who had aided the Calderon invasion of Costa Rica. Cuadra conferred with Somoza at the latter's residence, La Curva. Cuadra's name is mentioned as possible commander of the Guardia Nacional Civil reserves for a future invasion of Costa Rica, in which the repatriates would reportedly be used.
2. Calderon Guardia is still in need of constant medical attention, according to source, who learned from ex-President Teodoro Picado that the latter is searching for adequate facilities in Managua to care for Calderon. To date he has been in a house in the Barrio Lerreinaga, which is no longer satisfactory because the neighbors have become curious about the many visits by the doctor.

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3. Captain Federico Starke, now in Managua, is reportedly the head of all Calderonista forces, and is aided by two sons of the ex-Calderonista deputy Abel Mora. Calderonista leaders who were released from Campo de Marte during the week of 14 February, but who were recaptured on 17 February, include Juan Vega, Juan Tavio, Claudio Fonseca, and Col. Pencho Alverado. The Costa Rican exiles in Managua are counting on about 200 of the recently repatriated Nicaraguans to join them in a second invasion.

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