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1. Dr. Pedro Atilio Bonilla, who is reportedly a supporter of Osmin Aguirre and his plotters against the Salvadoran government, stated that he received a message on 21 April 1949 from Francisco Jovel Mendez, Chief Clerk of the Presidential House, concerning a reorganization of the Cabinet and the dissolution of the junta. Jovel Mendez claimed to have seen the Cabinet changes written in the handwriting of Major Oscar Osorio of the governing junta.

2. The proposed list of new Cabinet Ministers follows:

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| Dr. Humberto Costa | Foreign Affairs |
| Antonio Rodriguez Porth | Sub-Secretary of Foreign Affairs |
| Dr. Reynaldo Galindo Pohl | Education and Culture |
| Feliz J. Osegueda | Public Works |
| Santiago Vilanova Kreitz | Agriculture |
| Col. Jose Arturo Castellanca | Interior |
| Dr. Trinidad Romero | Labor |

3. Source interpreted the above information as indicating that the junta is considering yielding to army pressure for a single head of government and the elimination of the Vaca.

Field Comment. The dissolution of the junta is implied by the above Cabinet reorganization since Costa and Galindo Pohl are both members of the junta. The Ministry of Defense has not been mentioned, but it will presumably go to either Major Osorio or Major Bolanos while the other becomes provisional president. There is also a strong possibility that the above information is an attempt by Jovel Mendez to plant a false story among the Osministas.

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