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1. Eduardo Franco, *guerrilla leader in the llanos and owner of the motorboat, CAMELIA, which travels between Panamanian and Colombian ports, is reportedly in a position to obtain any type or quantity of guns and to bring them into Colombia clandestinely. Carlos Lleras Restrepo, who is a member of the National Directorate of the Liberal Party, learned this in Cartagena recently, and he has indicated a desire to meet Franco.
2. Franco is reported to have informed Lleras through a third person that there is a "foreigner" in Puerto Obaldia, Panama, who offers to obtain and sell any quantity of arms in types ranging from pistols to machine guns. Franco offers to transport these arms to any point on the Colombian coast, but he apparently refuses to negotiate the deal himself. He has reportedly suggested that Lleras designate a third person who can go to Puerto Obaldia with Franco and there contact the person able to obtain the arms.

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