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1. JOSE MAGDALENO ORTEGA CASTRO AND MANUEL CASTELLANO
 RELEASED NIGHT 21 OCT DUE LACK EVIDENCE. NEW POLICE CHIEF
 SANTIAGO MUNOZ ARDON RESPONSIBLE THEIR RELEASE.

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3. PRENSA LIBRE 22 OCT CONFIRMED RELEASE ORTEGA AND CASTELLANOS SAYING INVESTIGATION WAS 21 OCT ~~0930~~ TO 1300 LOCAL. THEN THEY DETAINED POLICE HQS TILL 1730 WHEN SET FREE DUE LACK EVIDENCE. ARTICLE SAID THEY WERE QUESTIONED MAINLY RE SECURITY MEASURES TAKEN TO GUARD PRES AND IF THEY HAD ISOLATED PRES FROM THOSE HE TRUSTED. O. AND C. REPLIED PRES DISLIKED EXCESSIVE PROTECTION PARTICULARLY IN OWN RESIDENCE. O. SAID PRES GAVE HIM PERMISSION EAT HOME NIGHT ASSASSINATION. C. DENIED REPORT PLOT KNOWN BY HIM PRIOR 26 JULY. O. AND C. SAID PRES CASTILLO HAD RECOMMENDED DISMISSAL ARRAZOLA, HIS WIFE, AS LATTER CONSTANTLY BOTHERING HIM WITH RUMORS AND GOSSIP. ALSO SAID PRES RECOMMENDED CHAUFFEUR MERIDA (FNU) REPLACE FRANCISCO PALACIOS. THIS IN ANSWER TO ARRAZOLA CHARGE THAT MERIDA A COMMUNIST.

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RECENT PRESS ARTICLE RE ENRIQUE ARRAZOLA ROMAN, PERSONAL
AID AND ADVISOR CASTILLO, WHO CHARGED O. AND C. WITH NEGLIGENCE
IN GUARDING FREE AND ISOLATING HIM.

4. FYI PRENSA LIBRE ARTICLE 22 OCT RE NEW POLICE CHIEF
LUCAS AND SECOND AND THIRD CHIEFS POLICE ALSO SHD BE CHANGED.

5. CONCERNS RECENT PRESS ARTICLES RE ASSASSINATION
AND WAS WRITTEN PRIOR RECEIPT BEING TOUCHED 23 OCT.

END OF MESSAGE