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Information as of 0830 16 March 1983

The military situation continues generally quiet, with a few isolated attacks and sabotage incidents.

[REDACTED], there have been 18 sightings of unidentified aircraft in the first nine days of March.

-- Some of the sightings may have been [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] the six-man commission named by President Magana to investigate the armed forces has recommended that he establish a new position of Commander-in-Chief, to fall between the Defense Minister and the Chief of Staff.

-- If Magana accepts the recommendation, he may attempt to keep Garcia on as Minister of Defense while elevating Vides Casanova to Commander-in-Chief and appointing a Garcia critic as Chief-of-Staff.

-- Magana gave no indication, however, about how he would act, and there are no reports that Garcia's critics have asked for his removal in the last few days.

Treasury Police Commander Colonel Francisco Moran [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] can do little to prevent unofficial killings by his personnel.

[REDACTED] he does not dare bring charges against seven

officers he knows are guilty.

-- [REDACTED] he cannot move against right-wing death
squads because of their powerful political support.

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