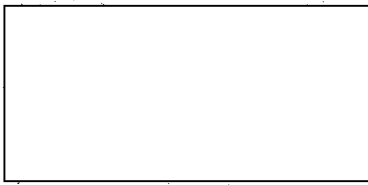


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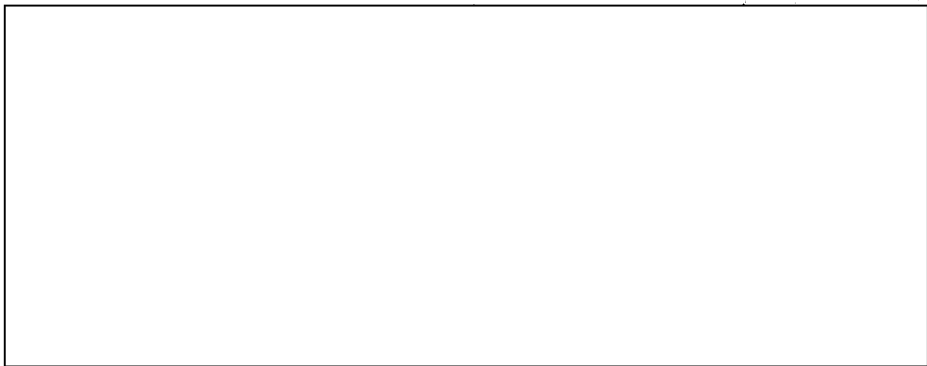
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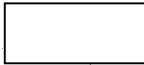
1. REMON's death caused great concern, unrest, and speculation that President FIGUERES of Costa Rica was involved in the assassination. Should Colonel Carlos CASTILLO Armas, Guatemalan President, be assassinated, a joint military/civilian junta would be formed, made up of Colonel Ernesto Niederheitmann, commander at the Base Militar; Colonel Francisco OLIVA, commander of the Guardia de Honor; Mario SANDOVAL, executive secretary to CASTILLO; and possibly Juan CORDOVA Cerna. There are indications that a number of changes are imminent in the Guatemalan cabinet, with the possible removal of Luis CORONADO Lira, Carlos RECINOS, and Carlos SALAZAR Gatica.
2. A three-day mourning period was declared in El Salvador, with usual formal condolences sent to the Panamanian Government. Although no special reaction is noted, Salvadoran officials express the hope that REMON's assassination will not start a chain reaction of similar events. Unless complicity on the part of Diogenes DE LA ROSA, Panamanian Communist employed by the Salvadoran Government, or others close to that government is asserted by an official source, no significant effect is expected in El Salvador as a result of REMON's death.



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3. The matter of REMON's assassination was discussed  because the government is concerned over possible reaction to charges by President SOMOZA of Nicaragua and oppositionists, to the effect that REMON was murdered at the hands of those who were responsible for the April revolt in Nicaragua. The Costa Rican Government fears that REMON's assassins may have been Costa Ricans, thereby giving authenticity to the above-cited claim.<sup>1</sup>
4. All evidence in Nicaragua indicates that President SOMOZA will go ahead with the move against Costa Rica, in spite of his assurances that he will not participate in such a movement.
  1.  Comment. No changes in the general situation in Costa Rica are foreseen, unless it is proved that Costa Rica is directly or indirectly involved in the assassination of REMON.

