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1. [redacted] General Somoza, in association with Arnulfo Arias, Francisco Calderon Guardia, and Rene Picado, will soon take the initiative in an offensive against Jose Figueres of Costa Rica and President Arevalo of Guatemala. (b)(1)
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2. The plan is to start a revolution in Costa Rica before the elections of 8 December, after which Arias will begin his attempt to oust the present Panamanian government with help from the new Costa Rican regime. Somoza is to lend arms and men in both revolts.
3. A letter of credit for three hundred thousand dollars in the name of one Gunzberg has reportedly been opened in New York for the use of the revolutionaries. Julio Lopez Masegoza, an associate of Arias and the Calderon Guardias, is said to be buying arms with a portion of the money, and the Mexican government is said to be selling arms, ammunition, and military equipment to the revolutionaries.

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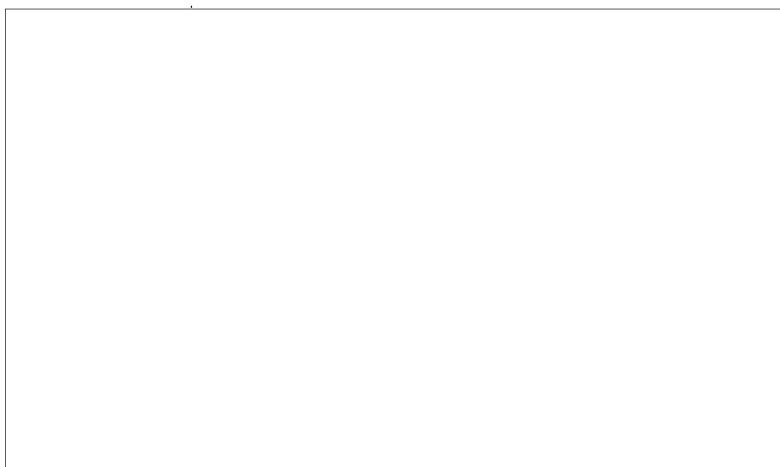
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