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1. The following statistics concern the political prisoner system of Paraguay during August 1948:

   a. Total number political prisoners arrested - 101*

   b. Total number political prisoners released - 66**

   c. Total number persons ordered to leave country for political reasons - 4

   d. Total number persons ordered confined to interior for political reasons - 60

2. The following statistics are a breakdown of the above figures to illustrate the activity of the government in attempting to secure its position during the days prior to the inauguration of President J. Natalicio Gonzalez on 15 August 1948 and its activity since Gonzalez's inauguration:

   a. Number political prisoners arrested 1-15 August - 66

   b. Number political prisoners arrested 15-31 August - 35

   c. Number political prisoners confined to interior 1-15 August - 51

   d. Number political prisoners confined to interior 15-31 August - 9

* Of these, 18 were placed in jail and were released within 48 hours from the time they were arrested.

** This figure includes the 18 persons mentioned above as being released within 48 hours from the time they were arrested.

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