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1. The Guatemalan Army Chief of Staff, Col. Jose Magdaleno Ortega, stated on 15 November 1948 that at that date Guatemala had no secret sources of information within Nicaragua. He added that while Guatemala itself has no bellicose intentions whatsoever with respect to Nicaragua, it suspects that Nicaragua may be planning an offensive action against Guatemala.

2. Col. Ortega is therefore endeavoring to obtain information from Nicaragua on the following points:

   a. Present attitude of Somoza toward Guatemala. Specifically, is he planning offensive military operations against this country?

   b. What, if any, aid is he receiving from other countries, financially or in armament?

   c. Description of new military weapons, if these are being received.

   d. Designs of new military planes.

   e. Are reserve troops being trained? By whom? Is such training going on in the vicinity of Puerto Cabezas?

   f. Is Julio Lopez Masegoza in Nicaragua? He is reported recently bought arms in Mexico which will be sent to Nicaragua to be used against the present Costa Rican government and later against Panama.

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3. The Chief of Staff reportedly is especially interested in activities in the Puerto Cabezas area. [redacted] Comment. It is generally believed that if the Somoza regime in Nicaragua is overthrown by Nicaraguan revolutionists with the aid of Dominican exiles that the port of Puerto Cabezas will be turned over to the Caribbean Legion as a base of operations for launching an invasion of the Dominican Republic. This possibly may account for the interest of the Guatemalan Chief of Staff in the present situation at that port.)

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