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[redacted] 1. Elements of the Caribbean Legion quartered in the Bella Vista Cuartel are hoping the Costa Rican government will authorize them to take action against the Calderon Guardia invasion.

2. Meanwhile, the attempts of the Costa Rican government to weaken the war potential of the Legion were opposed by Guatemalan Major Sanabria, head of a delegation of seven Guatemalan officers who arrived in San Jose on 12 December. Sanabria and his men stopped the transfer of six hundred arms to the Costa Rican government, after two hundred had already been turned over.

3. Juan Rodriguez Garcia, the Dominican financier of the Legion, is pressing without success for the liquidation of Figueres' obligation to the Legion.

4. The Rosendo Arguello Jr. faction and the Caribbean Legion continue to work at cross purposes.

5. Three of five TACA DC-3 aircraft now operating in the service of the Costa Rican government departed for Cuba on 13 December and returned early the morning of 14 December. They secretly unloaded cases which are believed to have contained arms.

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[redacted] 6. Reinaldo Arguello, brother of Rosendo Arguello Jr., travelled as a passenger and remained in Cuba to consult Juan Bosch, aide to Cuban President Prio.

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[redacted] Comment. Numerous cables and phone conversations between Bosch, Arguello Jr., and President Figueres of Costa Rica indicate an active attempt to obtain Cuban aid to repel the Calderon Guardia invasion.)

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