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1. As a result of a shake-up in the Nicaraguan revolutionary command, the date of the invasion of Nicaragua has been fixed for 1 January 1949, and only unforeseen developments can change it now. Rosendo Arguello Jr. has been left as commander-in-chief, but his general staff is now made-up of Carlos Pasos, Carlos Castro Wassmer, Carlos Rivers Delgadillo, Julio Garcia, Adan Velez, Manuel Gomez and Alejandro Cardenas.
2. The Patriotic Nicaraguan Committee is not happy over the preponderance of representatives from the traditional Nicaraguan political parties, but has agreed to contribute most of the armament, and is still supported by Arevalo and Figueres. The Committee considers Somoza's downfall a sure thing, especially if the Guardia Nacional deserts him when convinced the movement is an all-out effort. But the Committee fears a civil war afterward because of the type of individuals composing the general staff. The members of the Committee fear that attempts will be made to assassinate them once they have shared their armament.
3. Juan Jose Maza and Carlos Castillo Ibarra, members of the Committee, are now in El Salvador attempting to arrange for transit permission through Salvadoran territory. If Salvadoran military help is offered, the invasion date may possibly be postponed in order to organize the operation; but this prospect is not considered likely.

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