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1. Juan Jose Meza, of the Union Democratica Centro-Americana (UDCA) and the Nicaraguan Patriotic Committee (Castillo Ibarra group), was in communication from Mexico City on 29 March 1949 with Adolfo Ortega Diaz, who is in San Jose attempting to organize remnants of the Caribbean Legion and other Nicaraguan revolutionary groups which have been operating in Costa Rica during the past year.
2. Meza notified Ortega that General Carlos Pasos, Nicaraguan Conservative leader and revolutionary, was handling large sums of dollars belonging to Cuban President Prio, who now has great confidence in Pasos, according to Meza. President Arevalo of Guatemala was also mentioned as being involved in revolutionary activities, and Meza stated that a conference scheduled for 29 March in Habana, Cuba, would greatly clarify and strengthen Arevalo's revolutionary negotiations. Meza added that something was being prepared on the Belize issue, but he did not enlarge on this theme.
3. Meza also discussed the accusation of peculation of revolutionary funds, which he believed was launched against him by Rosendo Arguello, Jr. He likewise mentioned the fact that he was contacting Carlos Castillo Ibarra, prominent Nicaraguan revolutionary leader, to acquaint him with the latest developments.
4. On 30 March 1949 Castillo Ibarra wrote Ortega Diaz and referred to a previous communication from Ortega in which the former had been requested to recover some documents from an unidentified "V. C." Castillo Ibarra deplored the fact that "V. C." was not available, and said that "V. C." was last heard from in Escuintla, Guatemala. Castillo expressed a desire that he and Ortega Diaz, together with Meza, meet for a discussion at a time and place not mentioned.

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Comment. It is interesting to note that Castillo Ibarra did not express himself as freely as is customary with him, nor did he relate other pertinent revolutionary information which is known to be in his possession. (Cf. [redacted]) This fact, coupled with the respectful tenor of his letter, would indicate that Ortega is more to be identified with the Conservative-Liberal Independent (Chamorro-Pasos) group than with the Patriotic Nicaraguan Committee, although Castillo Ibarra considers his friendship worth retaining.

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