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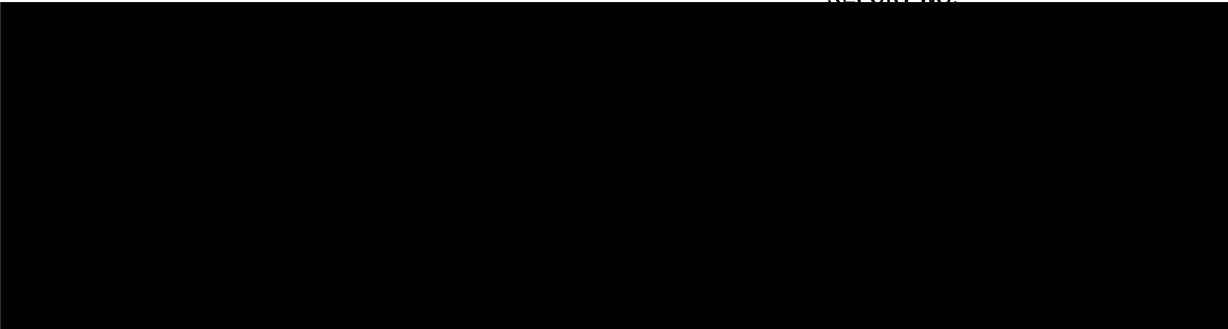
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1. Diogenes de la Rosa, prominent Panamanian Communist, returned to Panama from El Salvador by air on the morning of 19 September 1950. He had intended going to Guatemala after completing his mission in El Salvador, but the "press of business" in Panama, according to de la Rosa, necessitated his immediate return to that country.
2. During de la Rosa's one week stay in San Salvador, his main efforts were turned toward the establishment of a newspaper union embracing workers in that field in all of Central America. With Guatemalan newspaperman Eliseo Martinez Zelada, de la Rosa made tentative plans for a gathering to be held in Guatemala under the banner of an organization to be known as the Confederacion Centroamericana de Trabajadores de Prensa (CCTP). In the ranks of Salvadoran newspapermen, de la Rosa was given substantial support for an affiliate in El Salvador, and plans were drawn up under his guidance for a Sindicato de Trabajadores de Prensa de El Salvador.
3. De la Rosa conferred with Humberto Romero Alberque, a suspected Salvadoran Communist who held the position of Sub-Secretary of Labor in the Council of Revolutionary Government. According to source, de la Rosa and Romero have been friends since the former acted as an advisor on labor legislation to the Salvadoran government in the summer of 1949.
4. With regard to the political situation in Panama, de la Rosa predicted that a leftist inspired move against President Arnulfo Arias was a possibility in the near future. He stated that preparations were being made for such an attempt, and that planning up to this moment had been confined to the inland sections of Panama with little apparent activity in the more populous Canal Zone area.

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