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1. Although recent press reports have revealed that Major General Basilio Jose Valdes* would replace Brigadier General Alberto Ramos** as Chief of the National Bureau of Investigation (NBI), President Quirino in fact plans to place Valdes in Malacanan as his senior intelligence advisor with vague and undefined authority over all intelligence agencies. Valdes thus will be concurrently the Acting Chief of the NBI until a satisfactory permanent Chief is found.***
2. Valdes' NBI assignment is planned as a move to bolster the present low prestige of the agency. However, the NBI will not be concerned as an organization in the broad high level intelligence functions assigned to Valdes.

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* [REDACTED] Comment. Major General Basilio Jose Valdes, former Army Chief of Staff, has been in retirement.

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** [REDACTED] Comment. Alberto Ramos, former Chief of the Philippine Constabulary (PC), assumed the duties of NBI Chief in January 1951 following the death of Joaquin de Tavera. [REDACTED] reported that the majority of the employees of the NBI were considering a mass resignation because Ramos had appropriated files on several key cases and would not permit his subordinates to have access to them. Ramos' retirement plans were announced recently.

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*** [REDACTED] Comment. Quirino's intentions are subject to change. However, the foregoing plan appears to be credible since it is characteristic of Quirino. These arrangements may reflect a desire on the part of Quirino to frustrate further extension by Defense Secretary Ramon Magsaysay of his power, although the relationship between Magsaysay and Valdes is not known.

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