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DCI WORLDWIDE BRIEFFING -- PANAMA

Government Forces: A National Guard of 10,000 personnel.

Extreme Left: Armed militants probably number 100 to 200.

Government:

- Pro-US, anti-Communist; conservative, pro-democratic and pro-business administration.
- National Guard remains true seat of power, acting as senior partner with heretofore appointed civilian leadership.
- Elections scheduled for August (tentative) 1984.
- Near-zero economic growth and high unemployment have resulted in the institution of economic austerity measures--creating potential opposition, particularly from the left.

Extreme Right:

- Negligible influence, membership.

Extreme Left:

- Perhaps totalling 3,000; majority largely passive, pro-government.

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PANAMA: Principal Political Forces

	RADICAL LEFT	LEFT	CENTER-LEFT	CENTER	CENTER-RIGHT	CONSERVATIVE	FAR RIGHT
Political Parties		PDP	PRD FRAMPO	PL PDC PAPD	MOLIRENA		
Unregistered Political Parties	PST				PANAPO	PP PPA PR	
Militant Groups	Marxist-Leninist Circle (Fraccion/Tendencia) FAU FER FSR Guaykucho	FEP					MDP
Labor Groups			CNTP	CTRP CIT			
Business Groups					CONEP APEDE		