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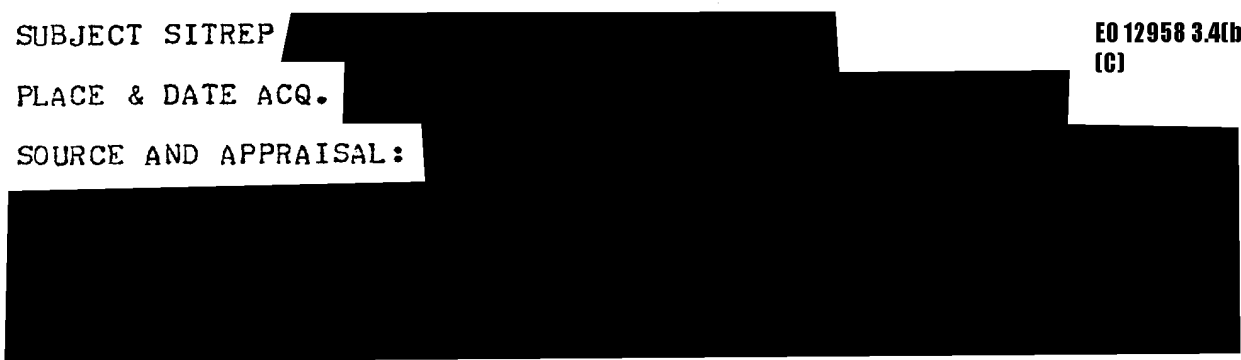
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FIELD REPORT NO. [REDACTED]

1. ALL PANAMANIAN POLITICAL PARTIES ARE VERY PREOCCUPIED OVER FINDING A SOLUTION TO THE GRAVE SITUATION; HOWEVER, NO SUCH SOLUTION NOR IMPROVEMENT HAS BEEN NOTED YET. PANAMANIAN CITIZENS ARE EVIDENCING PANIC BY HUGE PURCHASES OF FOOD FOR HOARDING.

2. MEMBERS OF THE OPPOSITION ALLIANCE OF PARTIES ARE BEGINNING TO PANIC BECAUSE OF THE CURRENT VIOLENCE AND APPARENT GOVERNMENT INABILITY TO CONTROL THE MOBS. ALLIANCE LEADERS FEAR THAT THE COMMUNISTS ARE MAKING A BID FOR A TAKEOVER AND WILL SUCCEED IF THE UNITED STATES DOES NOT INTERVENE

3. ARNULFO ARIAS, PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATE FOR THE MAY 1964 NATIONAL ELECTIONS, HAS EXPRESSED FEAR THAT THE U.S. MILITARY MAY INVADE PANAMA ON A WITCH HUNT, I. E., SEARCHING FOR COMMUNISTS.

4. PRESIDENT ROBERTO F. CHIARI IS CONSIDERING MARTIAL LAW, BUT HE IS EXTREMELY WORRIED ABOUT REPERCUSSIONS AMONG THE CITIZENRY WHICH MIGHT RESULT IN MORE DRASTIC MOVES.

5. [REDACTED] DISSEM: STATE, ARMY, NAVY, AIR, CINCSO, CINCLANT, PANCANAL. CINCMEAFSA. EO 12958 3.4(b)(1)>25Yrs
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