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1. There is no additional information which indicates that Alejandro "Toto" REMON, Minister of Government and Justice, and Col. Bolivar VALLARINO, First Commandant of the Guardia Nacional (GN), are closely associated. It would appear that if REMON were planning to attempt a coup he would seek the aid of Saturnino FLORES, Second Commandant of the GN, rather than VALLARINO, because FLORES is believed to control the GN. VALLARINO appears to be loyal to President Ricardo ARIAS. FLORES has said that he is dissatisfied with ARIAS' administration of the Panamanian Government.
2. Harmodio ARIAS, Sr. can always be expected to take advantage of an uncertain political situation to further his political interests. There is no further concrete evidence that Harmodio ARIAS, Sr., REMON, and VALLARINO or FLORES are planning a coup.
3. There is no additional information that Harmodio ARIAS, Sr. is involved in the narcotics trade. There have been reports that Roberto ARIAS, Panamanian Ambassador in Great Britain, is involved in the narcotics traffic.
4. There is no additional information that Harmodio ARIAS, Sr. was involved in the REMON assassination plot or in the GUIZADO ouster.

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