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1. There is no information indicating the involvement of Jose Daniel CRESPO and his wife, Elida Campodónico de CRESPO, in the assassination of former President Jose Antonio REMON Cantera. It is noted that since REMON had little liking for the CRESPO family and made efforts to keep them out of positions of influence, the CRESPOs' future has become more promising since REMON's death. Despite these factors, there is no indication that they were involved either directly or indirectly in the assassination.
2. There is no positive evidence that Thelma King participated in the assassination. There is no evidence to indicate the implication of other leftists in the assassination. It is known that Thelma King had visited former President REMON on several occasions at the Presidential Palace and had made definite efforts to establish herself in his good graces in line with her general reputation as a political opportunist. It is known that she was REMON's guest at the Juan Franco Race Track at the time of the assassination, since the testimony of several witnesses indicates that REMON informally invited her to join his group for a drink shortly before the assassination occurred. There is no information which would indicate that her presence in REMON's group at the time of the assassination was other than coincidental and of a strictly social nature.
3. The relationship of the CRESPOs, Temistocles DIAZ, and Juan Euribiades "Baby" JIMENEZ is regarded with considerable apprehension. DIAZ and JIMENEZ are first cousins. CRESPO is regarded as DIAZ' political advisor and the guiding light behind DIAZ' aspirations to the Presidency of the Republic of Panama. These three men are members of the unetrical Slaughterhouse Faction of the Partido Liberal Nacional (PLN). They have a mutual interest in promoting DIAZ' ambitions, since each stands to profit considerably by DIAZ' election.

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4. There is no evidence that Communist or leftist student groups are planning demonstrations against any favorable action by the National Assembly on the new agreements with the United States on the Canal Zone. However, the fact that the new treaty was ratified by the National Assembly and signed by President Ricardo ARIAS Espinosa during the school vacation probably explains the lack of such action. Because the students are scattered throughout Panama during the vacation period organized activity of any consequence is difficult. While there may be minor motions of protest in student groups following the opening of the schools on 5 May 1955, it is believed that the Treaty matter is accepted as an accomplished fact and is generally approved by most Panamanians, and, therefore, it could not be used successfully by Communist or leftist student groups for agitation purposes.

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