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SOURCE:

- On the afternoon of [REDACTED] May a group of leaders of the Union Nacional de Oposicion (UNO) met at the office of Temistocles DIAZ Quelquejau, leader of the Movimiento de Liberacion Nacional (MLN) faction, to draw up UNO government plans. [REDACTED]
- When [REDACTED] proposed removal of all incumbent officers of the Guardia Nacional (GN) to the rank of captain, [REDACTED] said that, if that were done, not Chiari but the ARIAS Madrid family would run the government; that [REDACTED] proposition would provoke slaughter among the people and the political parties. He said he had come to the meeting to discuss a UNO political platform only and would leave if the political platform was not going to be discussed. [REDACTED] said also that he had proof that Maj. Timoteo MELENDEZ De Leon, Third Commander of the GN, was directly involved in the death of Danilo SOUZA,² and that MELENDEZ should be brought to trial on criminal charges.
- The GN has neither immediate nor future plans to interfere in any way with Chiari's victory. The GN will maintain public order and will take no other action, despite rumors to the contrary. The GN's proper conduct before and after the 8 May elections is proof that it has no intentions of staging a coup d'etat or of taking any similar action.
- In accordance with the UNO's present political line toward the GN, Capt. Manuel J. HURTADO, officer in charge of the Company of Public Order and of the Panama Viejo detachment of the GN, was informed on 18 May that Chiari plans no changes in the GN.³

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2. Comment. SOUZA, a Panamanian, was reportedly shot and wounded at the time of the assassination of President Jose A. REMON Cantera at the Juan Franco Racetrack in January 1955. MELENDEZ' name was linked to SOUZA's death in a GN vehicle on the way to the hospital.

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