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TEXT: 1. OVER NINETY PERCENT OF SALVADORAN AIR FORCE OFFICERS  
HAVE AGREED THAT A CONTINGENT OF THEIR COLLEAGUES SHOULD MEET  
WITH PRESIDENT ALVARO ((MAGANA)) ON 11 APRIL 1983 AND DEMAND  
THAT THE MINISTER OF DEFENSE, GENERAL JOSE GUILLERMO ((GARCIA))  
RESIGN ON THAT DATE AS HE PROMISED TO DO IN AN 11 JANUARY  
COMMANDERS' MEETING. THE OFFICERS PLAN TO UNDERSCORE THEIR

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DEMAND BY CEASING ALL ACTIVITIES AT THE ILOPANGO AIR FORCE BASE  
UNTIL THE MINISTER RESIGNS. [REDACTED]

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2. THE EXTENT TO WHICH AIR FORCE COMMANDER, COLONEL JUAN  
RAFAEL ((BUSTILLO)), FAVORS THIS ACTION IS NOT KNOWN BUT HE IS BEING  
PRESSURED BY HIS OFFICERS TO PARTICIPATE IN THE CONFRONTATION  
WITH MAGANA AND COULD LEAD THE CONTINGENT WHICH PLANS TO MEET WITH

THE PRESIDENT. SOME OF THE MORE ADAMANTLY ANTI-GARCIA AIR FORCE  
OFFICERS HAVE THREATENED OTHER OFFICERS NOT COMMITTED TO THIS  
ACTION IN AN ATTEMPT TO COERCE THEM INTO AGREEING TO  
THE MAJORITY'S PLANS.

3 IT IS UNCERTAIN AT THIS TIME WHETHER OFFICERS OF THE  
FIRST INFANTRY BRIGADE WILL JOIN THE AIR FORCE IN CONFRONTING  
MAGANA. COLONEL ADOLFO O. ((BLANDON)), THE FIRST BRIGADE  
COMMANDER, HAS OPPOSED GARCIA SINCE THE CRISIS BEGAN BUT RECENTLY  
HAS ATTEMPTED TO MEND FENCES WITH THE MINISTER AS HE HAS PERCEIVED  
GARCIA TO BE WINNING HIS BATTLE TO REMAIN IN OFFICE. [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] BLANDON'S RECENT BEHAVIOR SUGGESTS THAT HE WILL BASE HIS  
DECISION ON WHAT HE VIEWS AS HIS PERSONAL ADVANTAGE.) [REDACTED]

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4. [REDACTED] THE SITUATION SHOULD NOT BECOME DANGEROUS  
UNLESS MILITARY UNITS SUCH AS THE FIRST BRIGADE DECIDE TO JOIN  
THE AIR FORCE IN DEMANDING GARCIA'S IMMEDIATE RESIGNATION OR THE  
AIR FORCE OFFICERS ATTEMPT TO CARRY OUT SOME ACTION WHICH WOULD  
DRAMATICALLY DEMONSTRATE THEIR DISSATISFACTION WITH GARCIA  
REMAINING IN OFFICE IF THEY DO NOT RECEIVE A FAVORABLE REPLY TO  
THEIR DEMAND ON 11 APRIL.)

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