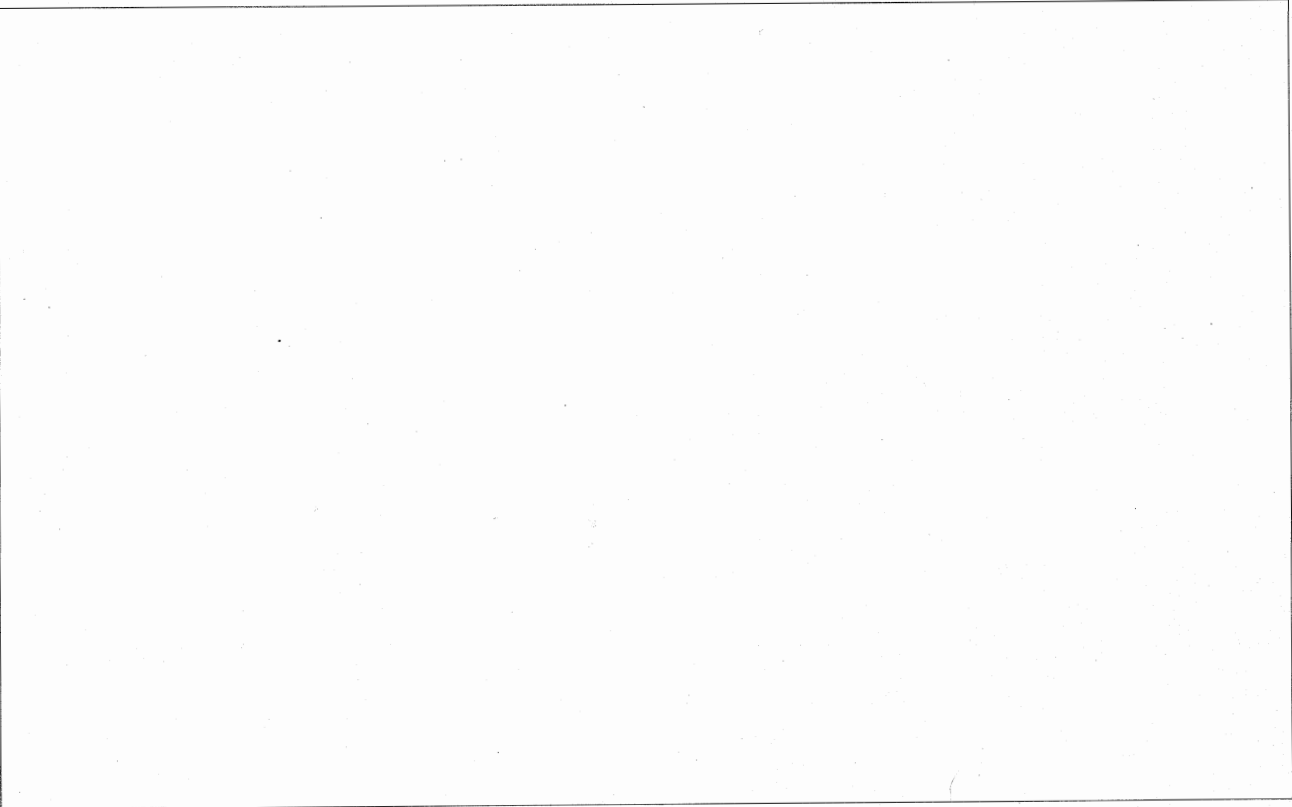


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DEPARTMENT, AGAINST GENERAL JOSE GUILLERMO ((GARCIA)), MINISTER OF DEFENSE, REMAINS ISOLATED TO CABANAS DEPARTMENT AND HAS NOT BEEN SUPPORTED BY OTHER MILITARY UNITS OR COMMANDS.

2. SINCE THE EVENING OF 6 JANUARY WHEN OCHOA PLACED HIS TROOPS ON ALERT AND SEALED OFF CABANAS DEPARTMENT IN DEFIANCE OF GARCIA'S ORDERS TRANSFERRING HIM AS MILITARY ATTACHE TO URUGUAY, GARCIA AND COL. RAFAEL ((FLORES)) LIMA, CHIEF OF STAFF OF THE ARMED FORCES, HAVE MAINTAINED CLOSE CONTACT WITH ALL KEY MILITARY COMMANDERS. ALL OF THE COMMANDERS EXPRESSED THEIR SUPPORT FOR THE HIGH COMMAND, INCLUDING THE FOLLOWING WITH WHOM GARCIA AND FLORES LIMA REVIEWED THE SITUATION ON THE MORNING OF 7 JANUARY: GENERAL CARLOS EUGENIO ((VIDES)) CASANOVA, DIRECTOR GENERAL OF THE NATIONAL GUARD; LTC. OSCAR RODOLFO ((CAMPOS)) ANAYA, COMMANDER OF THE CAVALRY REGIMENT; COL. CARLOS REYNALDO ((LOPEZ)) NUILA, DIRECTOR GENERAL OF THE NATIONAL POLICE; COL. FRANCISCO ANTONIO ((MORAN)), DIRECTOR GENERAL OF THE TREASURY POLICE; COL. ADOLFO O. ((BLANDON)), COMMANDER OF THE 1ST INFANTRY BRIGADE; AND COL. MAXIMILIANO ((LEIVA)), COMMANDER OF THE 4TH INFANTRY BRIGADE.

3. GARCIA PLANS TO TAKE NO DIRECT ACTION AGAINST OCHOA FOR APPROXIMATELY 24 HOURS IN THE HOPE THAT OCHOA WILL SURRENDER HIMSELF. AT THAT POINT, HOWEVER, GARCIA WILL SEND LTC. RENE ((PONCE)), OCHOA'S DESIGNATED REPLACEMENT, TO CABANAS TO ASSUME COMMAND. IF OCHOA CONTINUES TO RESIST, GARCIA IS DISPOSED TO USE MILITARY FORCE AGAINST HIM. GARCIA AND FLORES LIMA ARE AGREED THAT OCHOA WILL BE TRIED BY A MILITARY COURT FOR REBELLION, DESPITE THE FACT THAT TWO KEY COMMANDERS, LTC. DOMINGO ((MONTERROSA)) BARRIOS, COMMANDER OF THE ATLATL BATTALION, AND LTC. MIGUEL ANTONIO ((MENDEZ)), COMMANDER OF THE RAMON BELLOSO BATTALION, REQUESTED THAT GARCIA NOT DISCIPLINE OCHOA.

4. ON 6 JANUARY, ROBERTO ((D'AUBUISSON)), LEADER OF THE NATIONALIST REPUBLICAN ALLIANCE (ARENA) AND PRESIDENT OF THE CONSTITUENT ASSEMBLY, WAS CONTACTED BY GENERAL GARCIA WHO ACCUSED D'AUBUISSON, OF RESPONSIBILITY FOR OCHOA'S REBELLION. GARCIA FIRMLY WARNED D'AUBUISSON NOT TO MAKE AN ISSUE OUT OF THIS INCIDENT OR PROVOKE FURTHER PROBLEMS. ALTHOUGH D'AUBUISSON SEEMED FRIGHTENED, GARCIA AND FLORES LIMA EXPECT THAT HE AND ARENA HARDLINERS WILL OPENLY SUPPORT OCHOA'S OPPOSITION TO GARCIA.

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