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BY CHANCE RIVERA CAMINERO AND ARMED FORCES LEADERS CAME TO SEE
PRESIDENT AT TIME OF MY APPOINTMENT WITH HIM THIS MORNING AND
WE MET TOGETHER AT THEIR REQUEST.

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PURPOSE THEIR VISIT WAS TO REASSURE PRESIDENT, IN FACE OF
CURRENT SPATE OF RUMORS TO CONTRARY, THAT THEY COMPLETELY LOYAL
TO HIM AND DETERMINED TO GIVE GOVT. THEIR UNEQUIVOCAL SUPPORT.
THEY CATEGORICALLY DENIED ALL REPORTS AND RUMORS THAT THEY
ENGAGED IN ANY PLOT AGAINST HIM. RIVERA SAID THEY WANT TO SHARE
WITH PRESIDENT THE GLORY OF CARRYING THE COUNTRY THROUGH TO
FREE ELECTIONS.

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PRESIDENT EXPRESSED GRATITUDE THIS RATIFICATION OF THEIR LOYALTY,
BUT ASSURED THEM HE DOES NOT TAKE SERIOUSLY THE MANY HUNDREDS
OF RUMORS THAT REACH HIS EARS DAILY. HE AGREED THERE ARE ELEMENTS
OF BOTH EXTREMES WHO ARE PLOTTING AND SPREADING RUMORS AND
WHO WOULD LIKE TO DISCREDIT ARMED FORCES BY CIRCULATING SUCH
CHARGES AGAINST THEM.

MEETING TURNED TO OTHER MATTERS AND I TOOK OCCASION ANNOUNCE
INFORMATION JUST RECEIVED BY PHONE FROM SEC MCNAMARA OF
PROMPT SHIPMENT BY AIR OF ARMY SHOES AND UNIFORMS. MILITARY
ALSO BROUGHT UP NEED FOR COASTAL PATROL EQUIPMENT TT CONTROL
CONTRAZAND IN ARMS AND GOODS.

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MEETING WAS MOST CORDIAL AND FRIENDLY AND IS, I THINK,
A HOPEFUL SIGN.

GP-3. BENNETT

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