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GARCIA GODOY HAS INFORMED COMMITTEE THAT FOR TIME BEING HE INTENDS AVOID ANY PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT AS TO WHO WILL FILL POSITION OF MINISTER OF ARMED FORCES IN PG. HIS PLAN IS TO MAKE CABINET LINE-UP PUBLIC THIS EVENING, BUT WITHOUT MENTIONING THREE PORTFOLIOS -- FOREIGN AFFAIRS, ARMED FORCES AND LABOR.

GARCIA GODOY BELIEVES THAT IT WOULD BE DANGEROUS WITH WESSIN STILL IN PLACE TO ANNOUNCE APPOINTMENT OF RIVERA CAMINERO

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AS MINISTER OF ARMED FORCES. IN HIS VIEW, REBELS WOULD IMMEDIATELY JUMP TO CONCLUSION THAT NO REAL CHANGE HAD TAKEN PLACE, THAT PG WAS JUST ANOTHER FRONT FOR THE OLD-LINE MILITARY. UNDER THESE CIRCUMSTANCES HE DOUBTS THAT CAAMANO AND COMPANY WOULD GIVE UP THEIR ARMS OR SURRENDER THEIR ZONE.

GARCIA GODOY IS INFORMING RIVERA CAMINERO OF HIS DECISION AND OF REASONING BEHIND IT. HE HOPES RIVERA AND OTHER CHIEFS WILL DEMONSTRATE COOPERATIVE ATTITUDE BUT REALIZES DANGER OF HOSTILE REACTION OF PART OF OFFICER CORPS AS A WHOLE.

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