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1. WE HAVE LEARNED THAT SUSPECTED HIJACKER ARAGON IS A  
PANAMANIAN JOURNALIST CONVICTED OF SUBVERSIVE ACTIVITIES  
AGAINST THE GOP. HE WAS REPORTEDLY SENTANCED TO HARD LABOR AT



COIBA ISLAND PENAL COLONY ALTHOUGH IT NOT KNOWN WHETHER HE SERVED ANY OR ALL OF HIS TERM PRIOR TO TODAY'S DEPORTATION TO SWEDEN.

2. U S INTELLIGENCE SOURCES REPORT THAT ARAGON HAS REPUTATION FOR UNSTABLE PERSONALITY AND IRRESPONSIBLE ACTIVITIES.

3. LT. COL. NORIEGA, NATIONAL GUARD G-2, HAS INFORMED MILGP THAT GOP DOES NOT WANT ARAGON RETURNED TO PANAMA. GOP HAS NO OBJECTION TO HIS BEING TRIED IN U S ON ANY CHARGES ARISING OUT OF POSSIBLE HIJACKING ATTEMPT. IF U S GOVT DOES NOT PRESS CHARGES, NORIEGA REQUESTS THAT HE BE SENT ON TO SWEDEN.  
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