Ref: (A) Panama 6265, (B) Panama 6201

1. (CLASS: SECRET)

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2. One thought which crossed my mind when reading remarks attributed to Paredes (Refel A) is that he is seeking to fortify his anti-communist credentials in connection with FMLN proposal he is transmitting to GOES (Refel B). It wouldn't do to appear too sympathetic with the left when serving as an intermediary in transmission of a leftist proposal. Since so much of what the Panamanians say and do consists of unbelievably convoluted posturing, I suggest the GOES as another audience to which Paredes may have been playing in this instance.

3. On the other hand, if he really meant what he said, let's break out some champagne. Negroponte

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