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Prensa Libre of August 3, 1949 reported that a "poor situation" existed in the Police Department due to the fact that the President of the Republic had offered the post of Chief of the National Police to Eufemio FERNANDEZ Ortega. However, both Prensa Libre and Alerta of August 4 stated that in a press interview at the National Palace following a conference with the President of the Republic, Sr. Eufemio Fernandez had denied that he aspired to be Chief of the National Police and said that the post had not been offered to him. He also stated that he planned to go "abroad" possibly in two or three days.

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