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SUBJECT GOVERNMENT PREPARATIONS FOR POSSIBLE INTERVENTION IN THE NATIONAL UNIVERSITY OF EL SALVADOR

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SUMMARY: GOVERNMENT OF EL SALVADOR (GOES) REPRESENTATIVES HAVE DISCUSSED WITH REPRESENTATIVES OF THE FEDERATION OF PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS OF EL SALVADOR (FAPES) POSSIBLE COURSES OF ACTION TO ELIMINATE THE SUBVERSIVE ACTIVITIES WHICH PREVAIL AT THE NATIONAL UNIVERSITY OF EL SALVADOR (UES). LIEUTENANT COLONEL FERNANDO BERRIOS, A MEDICAL DOCTOR IN THE ARMED FORCES WHO IS REPRESENTING THE GOES IN THE DISCUSSIONS, TOLD FAPES REPRESENTATIVES THAT PRESIDENT FIDEL SANCHEZ HAD PROMISED PRESIDENT-ELECT COLONEL ARTURO ARMANDO MOLINA TO CLEAN UP THE SITUATION AT THE UES BEFORE MOLINA ASSUMES OFFICE ON 1 JULY 1972. BERRIOS SAID THE GOES WANTED FAPES TO SUPPORT EFFORTS TO NULLIFY

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THE UES ELECTIONS OF FEBRUARY 1971. FAPES REPRESENTATIVES AGREED TO SUPPORT THIS MOVE BUT CAUTIONED THE GOES NOT TO SEIZE CONTROL OF THE UES UNTIL IT HAD SHAPED A PROGRAM TO ALLOW THE UES TO CONTINUE TO FUNCTION WITHOUT INTERRUPTION. ONCE THIS IS ACHIEVED THE GOES SHOULD REVISE THE LAW WHICH GOVERNS THE UNIVERSITY TO PROVIDE FOR A BROAD REPRESENTATION OF SALVADORAN SOCIETY ON THE UES BOARD OF DIRECTORS AND FOR RETENTION OF THE UES AUTONOMY. THE LAW WOULD ALSO PROVIDE, HOWEVER, FOR THE EXPULSION OF STUDENTS ENGAGING IN POLITICAL ACTIVITIES. JORGE SHAFICK H A N D A L SECRETARY GENERAL OF THE COMMUNIST PARTY OF EL SALVADOR (PCES), DOES NOT BELIEVE THE GOES WILL SEIZE CONTROL OF THE UES.

END SUMMARY.

1. THE GOVERNMENT OF EL SALVADOR (GOES) HAS APPROACHED THE FEDERATION OF PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS OF EL SALVADOR (FAPES) APPROXIMATELY FOUR TIMES SINCE LATE DECEMBER 1971 TO DISCUSS COURSES OF ACTION AIMED AT ELIMINATING THE SUBVERSIVE CONDITIONS AND ACTIVITIES WHICH CURRENTLY PREVAIL AT THE NATIONAL UNIVERSITY OF EL SALVADOR (UES). AT THE FIRST TWO MEETINGS, PRESIDENT FIDEL S A N C H E Z MET WITH A GROUP OF FAPES REPRESENTATIVES. MORE RECENTLY, LIEUTENANT COLONEL FERNANDO B E R R I O S ESCOBAR, A DOCTOR IN THE MEDICAL CORPS OF THE SALVADORAN ARMED FORCES, HAS REPRESENTED THE GOES IN TALKS WITH FAPES. LIEUTENANT COLONEL BERRIOS HAS MADE IT CLEAR TO FAPES THAT THE GOES IS MUCH DISTURBED OVER DEVELOPMENTS WITHIN THE UES WHICH HAS BECOME A PRINCIPAL CENTER OF SUBVERSIVE ACTIVITY. ACCORDING TO BERRIOS, PRESIDENT SANCHEZ HAS PROMISED PRESIDENT-ELECT COLONEL ARTURO ARMANDO M O L I N A THAT THE SITUATION AT THE UES WILL BE CLEANED UP BEFORE MOLINA ASSUMES OFFICE ON 1 JULY 1972.

2. IN DISCUSSING POSSIBLE ACTION TO BE TAKEN WITH RESPECT TO THE UES, BERRIOS SAID THAT THE GOES DESIRES THAT FAPES SUPPORT A MOVE TO ACHIEVE NULLIFICATION BY THE SUPREME COURT OF UES ELECTIONS WHICH TOOK PLACE IN FEBRUARY 1971. THE FAPES

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REPRESENTATIVES AGREED TO PROVIDE THE REQUESTED SUPPORT AND WENT ON TO EXPRESS THE VIEW THAT, WHILE THE GOES COULD EASILY SEIZE CONTROL OF THE UES AT ANY TIME, IT SHOULD NOT TAKE SUCH ACTION UNTIL IT HAS A PROGRAM READY WHICH WOULD ALLOW THE UES TO CONTINUE TO FUNCTION WITHOUT INTERRUPTION. THE FAPES REPRESENTATIVES ALSO URGED THAT THE GOES TAKE NO ACTION AGAINST THE UES UNTIL IT HAS PREPARED A WELL-DOCUMENTED CASE SHOWING CLEAR VIOLATION OF THE LAWS AND OBJECTIVES WHICH GUIDE THAT INSTITUTION'S ACTIVITIES. MEANWHILE, FAPES STANDS READY, DURING THE INITIAL PERIOD OF GOES OCCUPATION, TO PROVIDE SUCH PERSONNEL TO STAFF THE UES AS IS REQUIRED.

3. FAPES REPRESENTATIVES RECOMMENDED THAT, HAVING SEIZED CONTROL OF THE UES AND IMPLEMENTED A TEMPORARY PROGRAM TO KEEP THE INSTITUTION FUNCTIONING, THE GOES SHOULD IMMEDIATELY SET ABOUT REVISING THE ORGANIC LAW WHICH GOVERNS THE UES WITH A VIEW TO PUTTING A NEW LAW IN EFFECT WITHIN ONE OR TWO YEARS. REVISION OF THE ORGANIC LAW SHOULD PROVIDE FOR A BROAD REPRESENTATION OF SALVADORAN SOCIETY ON THE UES BOARD OF DIRECTORS AND FOR RETENTION OF THE INSTITUTION'S AUTONOMY. IT WAS URGED THAT THE ORGANIC LAW CLEARLY STATE THAT THE UES SHALL BE AN INSTITUTION OF HIGHER LEARNING TO SERVE THE NEEDS OF ALL SALVADORANS, AND THAT U.S. UNIVERSITIES SUCH AS THE UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN AND THE UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS BE TAKEN AS MODELS. FAPES FURTHER URGED THAT PROVISION BE MADE FOR THE EXPULSION OF STUDENTS ENGAGING IN POLITICAL ACTIVITIES.

4. FAPES HAS ALSO RECOMMENDED TO THE GOES THAT LEGISLATION BE PASSED REQUIRING ALL THOSE PRACTICING THE PROFESSIONS TO JOIN FAPES. IT IS FELT THAT SUCH A REQUIREMENT WOULD ENSURE HIGH STANDARDS IN THE PROFESSIONAL FIELD AND WOULD FORCE UNIVERSITY STUDENTS TO DEVOTE MORE ATTENTION TO THEIR PROFESSIONAL CAREERS THAN TO POLITICAL ACTIVITY.

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JORGE SHAFICK

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H A N D A L, SECRETARY GENERAL OF THE COMMUNIST PARTY OF EL SALVADOR (PCES), [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] IT IS UNLIKELY THAT THE GOES WILL SEIZE CONTROL OF THE UES.)

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