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SUBJECT: 1. EFFORTS OF THE COMMUNIST PARTY OF EL SALVADOR  
TO OBTAIN CONTROL OF THE NATIONAL DEMOCRATIC  
UNION

2. CHRISTIAN DEMOCRATIC PARTY PLANS TO ASSIST THE  
PRESENT NATIONAL DEMOCRATIC UNION LEADERSHIP  
IN FOILING COMMUNIST PLANS TO TAKE OVER  
CONTROL OF THE LATTER PARTY

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1. AT A MEETING OF THE POLITICAL COMMITTEE OF THE CHRISTIAN DEMOCRATIC PARTY (PDC) ON 15 AUGUST 1971, IT WAS REPORTED THAT MIGUEL YANNELLI MARIN, SECRETARY FOR PUBLIC RELATIONS OF THE NATIONAL DEMOCRATIC UNION (UDN) TOLD JULIO ADOLFO YPRENDES, PDC SECRETARY FOR PROPAGANDA, THAT HE FEARED THAT THE COMMUNIST PARTY OF EL SALVADOR (PCES) MIGHT SUCCEED IN OBTAINING CONTROL OF THE UDN DURING THAT PARTY'S NATIONAL CONVENTION WHICH IS SCHEDULED TO BE HELD SOMETIME WITHIN THE NEXT THREE WEEKS. YANNELLI EXPLAINED THAT THE UDN WAS DEPARTMENTAL ORGANIZATIONS, WHICH WILL SEND DELEGATES TO THE NATIONAL CONVENTION, IN SEVEN DEPARTMENTS OF WHICH FOUR ORGANIZATIONS ARE CONTROLLED BY EITHER THE PCES OR THE REVOLUTIONARY PARTY (PR). UDN DEPARTMENTAL ORGANIZATIONS DOMINATED OR CONTROLLED BY THE COMMUNISTS ARE: USULUTAN, LA PAZ, SANTA ANA, AND SAN SALVADOR. UDN DEPARTMENTAL ORGANIZATIONS NOT DOMINATED OR CONTROLLED BY THE COMMUNISTS ARE: SAN MIGUEL, SONSONATE, AND LA UNION. YANNELLI STATED THAT HE HAD LITTLE DOUBT THAT BOTH HE AND MARIO RODRIGUEZ INCLAN

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WOULD BE RE-ELECTED TO THE UDN DIRECTORATE, BUT HE FEARED THAT SEVERAL OTHER PERSONS SUBJECT TO COMMUNIST CONTROL WOULD ALSO BE ELECTED TO THE PARTY DIRECTORATE.

2. [ ] COMMENT: [ ]

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[ ] THE PCES IS ATTEMPTING TO OBTAIN CONTROL OF THE UDN AND STATES THAT THE CHIEF INSTRUMENT OF PCES EFFORTS WITHIN THE UDN IS JULIO ERNESTO ~~C O N T R E R A S~~ ~~QUARTE~~.

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[ ] THE PCES ALREADY HAS STRONG INFLUENCE WITHIN AND NEAR CONTROL OF THE UDN DEPARTMENTAL ORGANIZATIONS IN USULUTAN AND SANTA ANA. [ ]

[ ] PCES IS ALSO ATTEMPTING, LARGELY THROUGH THE ACTIVITIES OF RENE ~~G L O W E R~~ ~~VALDIVIESO~~, TO GAIN INFLUENCE OVER THE NATIONAL REVOLUTIONARY MOVEMENT.)

3. THE PDC POLITICAL COMMITTEE TOOK THE VIEW THAT IT WOULD BE MOST UNDESIRABLE FOR THE COMMUNISTS TO OBTAIN CONTROL OF THE UDN, AND IT WAS DECIDED THAT AN EFFORT SHOULD BE MADE BY THE PDC TO ASSIST THE PRESENT UDN LEADERSHIP IN COMBATTING

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ANY COMMUNIST EFFORT TO SEIZE CONTROL OF THE LATTER PARTY. IT WAS DECIDED THAT, USING LOCAL PDC PERSONNEL, THE PDC WOULD SET UP SMALL PSEUDO-UDN DEPARTMENTAL ORGANIZATIONS OF ABOUT TEN PERSONS EACH IN THE FOLLOWING DEPARTMENTS: LA LIBERTAD, CHALATENANGO, CUZCATLAN, AND SAN VICENTE. EACH OF THESE LATTER DEPARTMENTAL ORGANIZATIONS WOULD SEND "SAFE" DELEGATES TO THE UDN NATIONAL CONVENTION AND THUS ASSURE THAT THE COMMUNISTS WOULD NOT CONTROL A MAJORITY OF THE DELEGATES AT THE CONVENTION.

4. [Redacted] COMMENT: THE PDC PLAN TO ORGANIZE PSEUDO-UDN DEPARTMENTAL ORGANIZATIONS HAD NOT YET BEEN PROPOSED TO EITHER YANNELLI OR RODRIGUEZ. THE PDC POLITICAL COMMITTEE HAS NO INTENTION OF ORGANIZING THESE DEPARTMENTALS UNITS WITHOUT THE AGREEMENT AND COOPERATION OF AT LEAST YANNELLI AND RODRIGUEZ. FOR LATEST DEVELOPMENTS IN EFFORTS TO FORM AN OPPOSITION COALITION OF THE PDC, MNR, SALVADORAN POPULAR PARTY (PPU), AND UDN FOR THE FEBRUARY 1972 NATIONAL ELECTIONS,

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