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SUBJECT Internal Situation of the Communist Party of El Salvador (PCES) as of August 1970

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1. The membership of the Communist Party of El Salvador (PCES) has fallen off sharply since August 1969. From approximately 150 active members at that time, PCES membership has now dropped to about 75. Of these, 15 are students and workers at the National University of El Salvador (UES), 25 are workers belonging to the Unifying Federation of Salvadoran Unions (FUSS), 15 are peasants, and the remaining 20 have various other backgrounds. There are three major reasons responsible for this decrease in membership:

(a) The PCES has failed to recover from its loss of prestige during the July 1969 war with Honduras. The party took the unpopular position of being against the war. The results were that the PCES fell under strong public attack and was labeled as "disloyal." PCES leaders believe that this has hurt the party's recruitment campaign.

(b) The image of the PCES on the UES campus was badly damaged during the student strike in early 1970. Students challenged the sincerity of the PCES desire to bring about a real change in the country and labeled PCES leaders as "reactionary." The party found itself identified with the establishment and losing ground to the "New Left."

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(h) Demand the right for agrarian workers to form unions

UNIFYING FEDERATION OF SALVADORIAN UNIONS

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FUSS leaders also stressed a plan to concentrate on the education of the workers during the next year through seminars and the establishment of a labor school. A strong emphasis was placed on the need for internal unity within the federation. Furthermore, a warning was issued which stated that anyone trying to undermine this unity would be immediately expelled from the Federation. This warning was clearly in reference to Salvador Cavetano Carpio, former FUSS and Communist Party of El Salvador (PCES) member, who leads a newly emerged Communist extremist group. Carpio was expelled from FUSS during a special session of FUSS held on 30 August 1970.

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