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1. The regional relationships between the Communist Party of El Salvador (PCES) and the other Communist parties in Central America and Panama vary greatly. The closest and most continuing relationship is with the Communist Party of Costa Rica (PVP). There are several reasons for this: the family ties between Raul Castellanos Figueroa of the PCES and Eduardo Mora Valverde of the PVP (Mora is the husband of Ana Elena Castellanos Figueroa de Mora who is Castellanos' sister); the high regard by the PCES for the intellectual capacity of PVP leaders Manuel and Eduardo Mora Valverde; and the belief that the PVP has attained many of the goals which the PCES is seeking to attain. Like the PVP, the PCES hopes to attain overt political participation, legal status and open relations with the Communist countries. As a result of these close relations the PCES is usually in agreement with the PVP on tactical and strategic plans for the region. Coordination is often reached in informal discussions rather than formal meetings.

2. Contact with the Communist Party of Honduras (PCH) has deteriorated as a result of the war between the two countries. There have been recent discussions (approximately 15 - 20 March 1970) with Honduran Communist Jorge Arturo Reina Ydiaguez, who was in El Salvador at that time.

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([Redacted]) Comment: Reina lived in El Salvador for several years as an exile and taught at the National University of El Salvador (UES). He was forced to return to Honduras after the war because of strong student feeling against all Hondurans. Reina was seeking ways in which the PCES could assist in helping the PCH in a campaign to keep Oswaldo Lopez Arellano from being re-elected as President of Honduras. No agreement was reached and the matter is still under consideration.

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3. The relationship with the Guatemalan Communist Party (PGT) is not as close as the relatively frequent interchange of travellers and messengers would seem to indicate. This is because the PCES does not think that the guerrilla tactics employed in Guatemala will accomplish their purpose and will lead to increased repression for the Communist movement. Therefore, the two parties do not discuss the guerrilla phase of the PGT and limit their discussions to the general political situation in both countries. This is an unreal state of affairs given the importance of the guerrilla movement in Guatemala. The Guatemalan with whom the PCES deals most regularly is Julio Segura, a student and employee of the Economics Faculty of San Carlos University.

4. There is very little knowledge of or contact with the Nicaraguan Communist Party (PSN). The PCES is aware that there have been recent changes in the PSN and that a younger group of leaders has emerged. These are considered inexperienced by the PCES. When there is a need for contact with the PSN it is done through the PVP of Costa Rica.

5. There are no known contacts between the PCES and Communist Party of Panama (PDP).

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