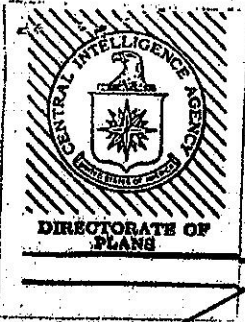


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SUBJECT ~~Efforts by the Communist Party of El Salvador (PCES) to Maintain in Existence the Leftist Coalition which Formed the National Opposition Union (UNO)~~

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1. On 4 June 1972 Jorge Shafick Handal, Secretary General of the Communist Party of El Salvador (PCES), Meliton Barba, a leader of the National Revolutionary Movement (MNR), and Mario Orlando Aguinada Carranza, a leader of the PCES and of the National Democratic Union (UDN), approached Juan Ricardo Ramirez Rauda, Secretary General of the Christian Democratic Party (PDC), about the possibility of maintaining the leftist coalition which was formerly known as the National Opposition Union (UNO). Shafick Handal proposed that a national political committee be formed to be made up of the following:

a. PDC: Two representatives and two alternative representatives to be named by that party.

b. MNR: Meliton Barba and Gerardo Godoy, a leader of the MNR. Alternative representatives would be Luis Alonso Rosada and Julio Cesar Oliva, both leaders of the MNR.

c. UDN: Octavio Velasco, Secretary General of the UDN and a PCES member, and Aguinada. Alternative representatives would be Shafick Handal and Jorge Arria Gomez, head of the Student Welfare Organization at the National University of El Salvador and a PCES member.

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2. As described by Shafick Handal, the purposes of the proposed national political committee would be:

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a. To prepare draft legislation consonant with the political program.

b. To function as a center for an interchange of political information and analysis.

c. To seek solutions to conflicts arising in municipalities where PDC members share local political office with the UDN and/or the MNR.

d. To carry out joint popular action.

3. Ramirez Rauda told his interlocutors that he would have to discuss their proposal with the PDC Executive Committee.

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