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SUBJECT Expansion of the Communist Youth Organization within the University of El Salvador

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1. Before the re-opening of the National University of El Salvador (UES) on 25 September 1973, the Communist Party of El Salvador (PCES) instructed its Youth Movement (JC) to prepare to regenerate and expand its cell structure within the UES. The short-range objective was to form a JC cell in each of the UES faculties. Dagoberto Gutierrez, who is a member of the JC Central Committee, Secretary General of both the University Action Front (FAU), a front for Communist activity and recruitment on the UES campus, and the Provisional Student Council (CEP), was designated as the main PCES representative to implement this decision. Gutierrez formed the University Youth Committee (CJU) which assumed the day-to-day responsibility for supervising and directing the formation and operation of the JC cells. The CJU is composed of the following persons:

- Dagoberto Gutierrez - Head of the Committee
- Armando Herrera - A member of the JC Executive Committee and formerly in charge of JC student activities at the UES
- Ricardo Diaz Canas - A member of the JC cell in the School of Engineering and Secretary for Culture of FAU
- Manuel Franco - A member of the CEP, the JC cell in the School of Law, and the Directorate of FAU

2. Each covert five - or six-member JC cell in turn forms the core of a 10 - to 20-member overt FAU group. The JC cell members recruit

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these FAU group members from the student body or faculty within their respective schools. In addition to the JC and the normal FAU members, each FAU group also has from five to 10 associated persons called "sympathizers" who help the group with assignments such as the distribution of leaflets, and who lend their support to leftist causes at public meetings and demonstrations. FAU's main role, however, is to serve as the PCES student voice on the UES campus. The PCES believes that this function has caused a large percentage of students to look to FAU for guidance in their struggle against the "establishment." The central FAU committee at the UES is called the Directorate of FAU. It is the overt command structure for FAU. The Directorate of FAU is composed of JC members who only maintain the fiction of an independent command function for FAU while the actual instructions for the FAU organization are passed through the above-described PCES and JC organization to each FAU group.

3. There are JC cells in the following faculties.

- Faculty of Law
- Faculty of Humanities
- Faculty of Sciences
- Faculty of Engineering
- Faculty of Medicine
- Faculty of Economics

The JC and the FAU do not yet have a cell or group in the faculties of Pharmacy or Dentistry.

4. The present membership drive by the JC has as its objective the recruitment of some of the "sympathizers" into the FAU groups and the "promotion" of roughly an equal number of dependable FAU members into the JC. The PCES believes that this organization will serve as a base for the eventual domination of the UES which is important to the overall PCES long-range political goals.

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