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Communist Party - EL SALVADOR

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SUBJECT Activities of Jorge Shafick Handal, Secretary General
Of the Communist Party of El Salvador

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1. Jorge Shafick Handal, Secretary General of the Communist Party of El Salvador (PCES) and of the Revolutionary Party (PR), has decided to use the electoral campaign activities of the 1972 national elections as an instrument for PCES recruitment efforts. He has sent PCES members from the National University of El Salvador (UES) into the Departments of Santa Ana and Usulután to recruit new members for the PCES under the pretext of working in the election campaign for the National Opposition Union (UNO). During a UNO political rally on 30 October in Santa Ana the PCES failed to bring out supporters to the rally and concentrated on its recruitment activities much to the displeasure of the UNO leadership. [redacted] Comment: In a recent meeting of the PR Handal reportedly told the PR leaders that regardless of the fate of the UNO in the upcoming elections, the PCES should come out of the elections with a firmer grip on the masses of the country. In regard to the Santa Ana rally, a leader of the Christian Democratic Party accused the Communists of betraying the UNO; [redacted]

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2. The PCES foresees a potential problem developing later in the electoral campaign. Handal is very concerned over reports received that Salvador Cayetano Carpio, leader of the Nonualcos, a subversive group, plans acts of sabotage against the Government of El Salvador (GOES) and business installations prior to the elections. Handal feels that the PCES will receive

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...ame and become a target of repression by the GOES.

Comment: Salvador Cayetano Carpio was a PCES leader who broke away from the PCES over a year ago because he felt the PCES was too conservative. In return he organized a small group called "Nonualcos" which advocates violence. If this group carries out sabotage tactics it is almost certain that as a result the PCES will be subjected to repressive measures by the GOES. Moreover, since the National Democratic Union (UDN) is known to have PCES members within its ranks, the GOES and the National Conciliation Party will undoubtedly use this as a political maneuver to accuse the UNO of being Communist-dominated.

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