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1. [Redacted] Comment: See Embassy A-107 and earlier reporting for details of the medical strike. The strike continues with few signs that either side intends to adopt a more flexible stance. President Fidel ~~S a n c h e z~~ Hernandez is being pressured to intercede in the dispute by some of the wealthiest families in El Salvador, some members of which are medical students. President Sanchez planned to meet a student delegation again in late June as both sides continued to press their demands.)

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2. The Communist Party of El Salvador (PCES) does not have a single member among the strike leaders in the Medical Faculty of the University of El Salvador (UES) and, for the moment, has been unable to influence the leaders of the strike. However, the PCES is watching the situation closely and is planning to exploit any weakness of the student leaders in order to impose PCES direction on the movement.

3. If talks with the President fail, student leaders plan to approach the National Teachers Association of El Salvador (ANDES) and the students of the various UES faculties to ask for their support in finding an acceptable solution to the deadlock. If this support materializes, strike leaders plan to take their cause to the people by staging public manifestations throughout the capital city. These will be aimed at the labor, church, and business sectors which, as yet, have not taken sides in the dispute. While no violence is planned, certain student groups are demanding harassment activities against medical faculties in various hospitals. If carried out, the harassment could result in a confrontation with governmental authorities.

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3. PDC leaders have tentatively agreed to participate in further discussions with the other two parties with the condition that for the time being, they only listen to what the others have to say. These same PDC leaders have ruled out for the moment any chance for the formation of a coalition party.

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