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SUBJECT ~~Preparations of the Communist Party of El Salvador (PCES) to Reorganize Its Youth Organization~~

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SOURCE

1. The Communist Party of El Salvador (PCES) recently has produced two documents which indicate that another effort to improve the effectiveness of the Communist Youth (JC) organization is underway. The documents emphasize that the present JC organization is so ineffective that it can be considered that the PCES does not really have a youth auxiliary. The tone throughout the documents is unremittingly critical of past mistakes which date back to 1932. Lack of organization, drive, planning, ideological purity and understanding, devotion and discipline are listed as factors which have contributed to the failure of all efforts thus far to create an effective Communist youth movement.

2. The solution suggested in the two documents entails a complete reorganization of the JC. All levels of the PCES from the Central Committee down are called upon to lend a hand in reorganizing and invigorating the JC so that clear solutions to its many problems may be found in order to achieve a truly strong organization. The following five guiding concepts are proposed:

- a. Establish three distinct programs for young workers, peasants and students.
- b. Work to make the PCES and the JC a single whole.

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c. Encourage the JC to develop its own character, organization and methods which must not be a copy of those of the PCES since the target group is different.

d. Organize in such a way that the JC will gain a capability to influence the thinking and actions of a broad sector of young people. DEC 79

e. All levels of the party should make themselves aware of the problems facing the JC so that each PCES member can help the JC in every way possible. 215

3. A recurring theme throughout the two documents in question is the necessity for the JC to accept the Party line and decisions voluntarily. The JC is asked to accept the PCES as its director and counselor so that the two will share a common unity and direction. The JC is to be permitted autonomy in its internal functions and discipline, but it is repeatedly urged to follow the example of the PCES where ideology and methodology are concerned. Above all, the PCES is aware that many of its future leaders must come from the JC, and it is anxious to form these future leaders along "proper" lines.

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