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SUBJECT Conference Held to Discuss Differences at the National University of El Salvador between the Communist Party of El Salvador (PCES) and Extreme Leftist Groups

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1. At the request of student supporters of Jacobo ~~Arce~~ <sup>B</sup> Weisselsohn, a professor at the National University of El Salvador (UES) and leader of extreme leftists within the UES, the Communist Party of El Salvador (PCES) agreed to attend a restricted meeting of UES student leaders to discuss differences which have arisen within the UES between the PCES and extreme leftist groups. The meeting took place on the evening of 6 June 1972 at the UES and was attended by the following persons:

a. Jorge ~~Shafick~~ <sup>ALL</sup> Handal, Secretary General of the PCES.

b. Roberto ~~Castellanos~~ <sup>El Salvador</sup> Salvo, a member of the PCES Central Committee.

c. Several unidentified representatives of the Student Society of Economic Sciences (SECE)

d. Several unidentified representatives of the Movement of the Revolutionary Left (MIR)

e. Dagoberto ~~Gutierrez~~ <sup>EX-104</sup> Gutierrez, Secretary for Political Affairs of the PCES-dominated Revolutionary Party (PR) and National Democratic Union (UDN) and recently nominated member of the Executive Committee of the PCES-controlled University Action Front (FAU).

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f. ~~Manuel Ramirez Franco~~, Secretary General of the FAU.

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g. ~~Manuel Ascencio Rivera Valdez~~, President of the General Association of Salvadoran University Students (AGEUS), and a second unidentified AGEUS representative.

h. ~~Jorge Alberto Blanco Gallo~~, President of the University Student Association of Salvadoran University Student Residents.

i. ~~Rafael Alfonso Menjiva Choto~~, Rector of the UES.

j. ~~Fabio Castillo Figueroa~~, Dean of the UES Faculty of Humanities and Sciences.

k. ~~Jacobo Weiselfisch~~.

2. At the outset of the meeting, Rivera, the MIR representatives, and other supporters of Weiselfisch urged that an agreement be reached whereby the position of Weiselfisch within the UES would be assured and efforts to oust him from the University would be brought to an end. Shafick Handal immediately objected and said that the purpose of the meeting was not to discuss the problems of Weiselfisch, but rather to discuss the ideological conflict within the UES between the PCES and the extreme left. Shafick Handal went on to say that it is generally known that the PCES does not control the UES, and thus the PCES is in no position to make any arrangements with respect to the employment of Weiselfisch by the UES. He said, however, if the PCES were in a position to make a decision with respect to Weiselfisch, it would take prompt steps to have the latter expelled both from the UES and from El Salvador.

3. There then followed a lengthy and inconclusive discussion of the ideological conflict between the PCES and the extreme left. The PCES stuck by its well-established policy of united leftist action along non-violent lines. The extreme leftists maintained that the PCES has become an essentially bourgeois Party with no truly revolutionary motivation. In essence, the discussion never got beyond these two positions.

4. At the end of the meeting, the extreme leftists indicated that they wished to hold another such meeting. Shafick Handal told the PCES members in attendance at the meeting that a second such meeting would serve no useful purpose and said that an effort should be made to carry on further discussions at open, public gatherings. PCES leaders, however, do not believe that the extreme leftists will agree to Shafick Handal's proposal of a public discussion of ideological conflicts.

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