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SUBJECT Second Political Discussion Between the Christian Democratic Party (PDC) and the Communist Party of El Salvador (PCES)

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SOURCE

1. Leaders of the Christian Democratic Party (PDC) and the Communist Party of El Salvador (PCES) met again on 1 July 1970. Prior to this meeting, leaders of both parties had met individually with the leaders of the National Revolutionary Movement Party (MNR).

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2. On 1 July 1970, Pablo Mauricio ~~Alvergue~~, Secretary General of the PDC, Juan Ricardo ~~Ramirez~~ Rauda, leader of the PDC faction in the National Assembly, and Mario Ramon ~~Ignacio~~ Zamora, PDC deputy and youth leader, met with PCES leaders Jorge ~~Shafick~~ Handal, Raul ~~Castellanos~~ Figueroa, and Roberto ~~Castellanos~~ Calvo. As happened in the first meeting, the discussion for the most part was wide ranging and Handal outlined what he thought should be the specific missions of each leftist opposition party. Handal said that the first and most important duty was that each party must fight against the "imperialism" of the United States since all political, economic, and social evils in the country stem from that "imperialism." The second mission according to Handal, was the "politicalization" of the peasants; that is, to inform the peasants of their rights, to organize them into labor unions, and to demand for them an agrarian reform program. Lastly, Handal said, all opposition parties of the left must coordinate their political activities to accomplish the first two objectives. In order to attain coordination, Handal suggested that the MNR, PDC, and PCES meet together at the end of the month to continue discussions.

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