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SUBJECT: Discussion of Costa Rican Communist Party Official and Soviet
Official on Problems of Nicaraguan and Salvadoran Communists
Traveling to Soviet Union

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1. While Mario Solis Porrás, a member of the Political Commission of the Costa Rican Communist Party (PVP), was in the Soviet Union during June and July 1974, he talked with an unspecified Soviet official in charge of travel documentation for Central America. They discussed the need to establish new clandestine travel arrangements for Nicaraguan and Salvadoran Communists going to the USSR. [redacted]

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Comment: The PVP handles most clandestine travel arrangements for Nicaraguan and Salvadoran Communists because there is a Soviet Embassy in San Jose.) The Soviet official told Solis that as a result of strict travel controls in Amsterdam and Brussels, the PVP must discontinue the practice of sending Nicaraguans and Salvadorans through those cities. According to the Soviet official, the police in Amsterdam and Brussels have had good success in spotting onward travelers to the USSR from Latin America and suspects have had their passports photographed. He recommended San Jose - Rome, San Jose - Zurich, or San Jose - Paris as possible alternate routes.

2. Solis said that one of the main problems in the past has been that Nicaraguans or Salvadorans usually travelled with insufficient funds. The Soviet official remarked that the PVP should provide the traveler with sufficient travel money to reach the Soviet Union. The Soviet Embassy in San Jose would subsequently reimburse the PVP for the expenses incurred.

3. Solis also mentioned that the PVP had encountered problems with Nicaraguans returning from the USSR by way of Panama. Contrary to standing instructions given to the Nicaraguans to travel from Panama, Nicaragua by bus some had traveled by air and were detained or returned to Panama when the plane transited Costa Rica. [redacted]

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