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SUBJECT Efforts of the Communist Party of El Salvador (PCES) to Penetrate Municipal Police Forces

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1. Jorge Shafiek Handal, secretary general of the Communist Party of El Salvador (PCES), has passed instructions to PCES members and sympathizers to seek positions on municipal police forces. The immediate objective of this penetration operation is to give the PCES greater access to and influence with the general populace. This increased access is intended to render PCES agitation and propaganda activities more effective, especially in times of crisis when movement of PCES members is difficult. Another immediate objective of this operation is to gain access to police files which might provide leads for recruitment of new Party members, and for possible action against PCES opponents.

2. Opportunities to infiltrate municipal police forces have the best chance for success in those localities where the National Opposition Union (UNO) won control of local governments in the recent elections. The following PCES members have obtained positions in local governments:

Jose Delfino Perez Martinez, president of the Revolutionary Party (PR) organization for the Department of San Salvador and an instructor within the PCES, has been appointed Deputy Police Chief of Mejicanos, a suburb of San Salvador.

Jose Blas Escamilla Navarete, a leader of the PCES and the Unifying Federation of Salvadoran Trade Unions (FUSS) who received guerrilla warfare training in Cuba, has been appointed Director of Police in the town of Zacatecaluca by the Mayor, Primo Gerardo Caceres, a PCES member.

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Raul S i l y a, a PCES member, was appointed Director of Police in Usulután.

4. Oscar B a r r e r a German, secretary general of the PR organization for the Department of San Salvador, was proposed by the PR for the post of Director of Police in Soyapango. A member of the Christian Democratic Party (PDC), however, was appointed to the post, since the PDC controls the town administration.

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