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SUBJECT ~~Statement of Policy and Analysis of the Current Political Situation by the Central Committee of the Communist Party of El Salvador (PCES)~~

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Summary. In a document dated January 1973 which was prepared by the Central Committee of the Communist Party of El Salvador (PCES) and apparently distributed within the Party in April or May 1973, an analysis is made of the existing Salvadoran political situation and various policy guidelines are set forth. The document notes that, six months after having announced plans for various reforms, the Government of El Salvador (GOES) has still failed to take any significant action in the direction of reform and urges that various sectors of Salvadoran society be organized to help in bringing about the establishment of a democratic and progressive national government. The document lists goals with respect to minimum wage levels, rent controls, housing, taxation, commercial credit, and education. A number of requirements are set forth with respect to the National University of El Salvador (UES), particularly in the area of freedom of speech and association for University students. The PCES appears to feel that it is making progress in the trade union field, but it recognizes that agricultural workers have a natural tendency to fall under the control of the Catholic Church and the GOES. End Summary.

1. In a document dated January 1973 which was prepared for distribution within the PCES, the Central Committee of the PCES reports that the first meeting of the full Committee in 1973 analyzed the Salvadoran political situation and arrived at the following conclusions and recommendations:

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a. Although six months have passed since the GOES announced its plans for various reforms, no significant action has been taken in this area. The only important GOES project which has made any progress at all is the funding for the "Cerron Grande" power and irrigation project. Because of this lack of progress with regard to promised changes, the PCES is calling for help from workers, farmers, students, small businessmen and intellectuals to help in bringing about the establishment of a democratic and progressive national government.

b. The PCES believes that a popular movement should be organized to achieve the following:

- (1) An increase in salary levels for all workers making less than \$200 a month.
- (2) A minimum salary for farm workers of \$1.50 a day.
- (3) Prevention of dispossession of tenant farmers by landowners.
- (4) Implementation of a national rent control law for tenant farmers.
- (5) With regard to housing, revision of policies concerning construction with a view to achieving lower costs, and reduction of costs to purchasers of low price urban housing.
- (6) Revision of the tax system to place the heaviest burden on those most able to pay, i.e., the wealthy.
- (7) Free credit for small and medium sized businesses.
- (8) In the field of education, unemployed teachers must be offered available jobs before teachers already employed are given extra work; the GOES must comply with existing laws governing the teaching profession; textbooks for television instructional programs should be provided free or at a minimum cost; payments for baccalaureate fellowships should be eliminated; and the fellowship program for private schools should be revised.
- (9) Students admitted to the University prior to 19 July 1972 or having scholarships in effect before 19 July 1972 should be permitted to attend the UES and continue their scholarships; students should be permitted to participate in planning UES programs and regulations; the faculty should respect student associations; students' right to organize student political associations should be guaranteed; and the existence and functions of the University employees union should be guaranteed.
- (10) Respect for the constitutional rights of all individuals, associations, unions and political organizations; and recognition of the rights of association, freedom of movement and freedom of thought and expression.
- (11) Return to El Salvador of all persons currently in exile.
- (12) Implementation of agrarian reform, both urban and rural, for the benefit of all the people.

c. Problems resulting from the war with Honduras and continued rule by a military government remain unchanged. In order to cope with these problems, it will be necessary to institute

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many reforms and achieve social progress which must be the subject of constant demands on the part of the working masses.

d. Situation of the popular democratic movement at the present time:

(1) The strike of workers in the United Fabrics Industries (IUSA) was proceeding well until it was broken by GOES use of force.

(2) Anti-GOES feeling and rapprochement among elements in the trade-union movement have weakened the GOES position with respect to the General Confederation of Trade Unions (CGS).

(3) The Congress of the Unifying Federation of Salvadoran Trade Unions (FUSS) and of the Federation of Unions of Workers in the Food, Clothing, Textile and Similar Industries of El Salvador (FESTIAVTSCES) have shown the combative spirit among trade-union members which can be applied to future struggles. It is a weakness of the trade union movement, however, that no common objectives exist which permit the integration of these unions into the mainstream of political opposition within the country. Agricultural workers' organizations have been notably willing to cooperate with organizations controlled by the Catholic Church and the GOES.

2.  Comment: Although this document is dated January 1973, it is believed that it was not actually distributed within the PCES until April or May 1973.)

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