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SUBJECT Organization of Operations of the Communist Party of El Salvador (PCES) Within the National University of El Salvador

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Summary. Operations of the Communist Party of El Salvador (PCES) within the National University of El Salvador (UES) are guided by policies laid down by the Political Committee of the PCES; execution is supervised and coordinated by the University Coordinating Committee (CCU). The PCES operates in the UES, under direct CCU supervision, four "base" units which represent labor, students, the Faculty of Economics, and the Faculty of Sciences. Through the Youth Coordinating Committee (CCJ) of the PCES Youth Movement (JCS), the CCU supervises and directs the operations of JCS clandestine "centers" ("circuitos") in most of the faculties of the UES. The "centers," in turn, have organized in most of their respective faculties overt "fronts" of the University Action Front (FAU) which function as PCES spokesmen in their respective areas. A central FAU organization, which was to be transformed, mainly for psychological reasons, into a "federation" during a scheduled 18 March 1972 convention, functions as the overt spokesman for the PCES on a UES-wide basis. End Summary.

1. The PCES has expanded and somewhat reorganized its operational structure and leadership within the UES in recent months. The following description of the PCES organization within the UES is shown in schematic form on page 6 of this report.

2. The PCES organization within the UES consists of the following main elements which will be described in greater detail in subsequent paragraphs of this report:

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- a. The University Coordinating Committee (CCU) - a covert unit.
- b. The Youth Coordinating Committee (CCY) of the PCES Youth Movement (JCS) - a covert unit.
- c. The covert "bases":
 - 1) The Trade Union "base"
 - 2) The Student "base"
 - 3) The Faculty of Economics "base"
 - 4) The Faculty of Sciences "base"
- d. The covert "centers" ("circulos") of the JCS in most of the faculties of the UES.
- e. The overt "fronts" of the University Action Front (FAU) in most of the faculties of the UES.
- f. The overt FAU central organization which is the student voice of the PCES on a UES-wide basis.

3. It should be noted that, normally, the various "fronts" in the UES faculties would have been organized by the JCS "centers" prior to the constitution of a central, overall FAU organization. However, because of unusual circumstances, the central FAU organization was founded first, and the various "fronts" later.

4. With the approach of elections to positions on the Directorate of the General Association of Salvadoran University Students (AGEUS), probably to take place sometime in April 1972, FAU planned to hold a convention on 18 March 1972 at which time it was to transform itself into a "federation" - and its name probably changed to the University Action Federation (FAU). This change was to be made primarily for psychological and prestige reasons.

5. All PCES policy with respect to activities within the UES is formulated by that Party's Political Commission. The executive and coordinating arm of the PCES with respect to UES activities is the University Coordinating Committee (CCU) which is composed of the following six persons, all of whom are members of the PCES:

- a. Miguel Angel S a e n V a r e l a, member of the PCES Central Committee and secretary general of UES.
- b. Porfirio M a r t i n e z, chauffeur for and apparently trusted representative of Jorge Shafick H a n d a l, PCES secretary general.
- c. Renan R o d a L a z o, Lawyer for the PCES-dominated Unifying Federation of Salvadoran Trade Unions (FUSS).
- d. Armando H e r r e r a, a member of the JCS Executive Committee.
- e. Manuel R a m i r e z F r a n c o, a member of the JCS Executive Committee.
- f. Rene R i v e r a A y a l a, a member of the JCS Executive Committee.

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- e. The "center" at the Western University Center at Santa Ana was organized by Salinas, but the names of those who direct it are not known. This "center" supervises the FAU Revolutionary Student Movement of the West (MERO).
- f. The "center" in the Faculty of Agronomy consists of Salinas, Neftalí R a u d a, and two other students whose names are not known. This "center" has yet to establish a corresponding FAU "front".
- g. The "center" in the Faculty of Economics has not really been established. Evelia R u a n o is charged with the organizational effort in this faculty.
8. As is evident from paragraph 7 above, there are overt FAU "fronts" in most of the UES faculties. These FAU units, or "fronts", function as the opposite numbers of the clandestine JCS "centers" listed in paragraph 7 above. It is the function of the FAU "fronts" to defend and propagate, within their respective faculties and on an overt basis, the policies of the PCES. FAU "fronts" within the UES faculties are as follows:
- a. Student University Action (AEU) - Faculty of Law
 - b. Revolutionary Front for Engineering and Architecture (FRIA) - Faculty of Engineering
 - c. Student Action in Medicine (AEM) - Faculty of Medicine
 - d. University Action of the East (AUO) - University Center of the East at San Miguel
 - e. Student Revolutionary Movement of the West (MERO) - University Center of the West at Santa Ana
9. Finally, there is the central FAU organization for the UES. This, as has already been stated earlier, will be transformed into a "federation" on 18 March 1972 and will alter its name accordingly. FAU is the overt student spokesman for the PCES throughout the UES. In December 1972, it was decided that several FAU leaders should be transferred to the JCS Executive Committee, and that a new leadership group should be established in FAU. Pending elections to be held at the FAU convention on 18 March 1972, the following students make up the FAU Directorate:
- a. Secretary for Organization - Rodolfo Salinas
 - b. Financial Secretary - Ricardo Diaz Canas
 - c. Cultural Secretary - Mario Morales Escalante
 - d. Propaganda Secretary - Antonio Granados

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Despite the rather impressive organizational structure of its operations within the UES, all evidence indicates that PCES strength and influence in the UES is a good deal less than overwhelming.)

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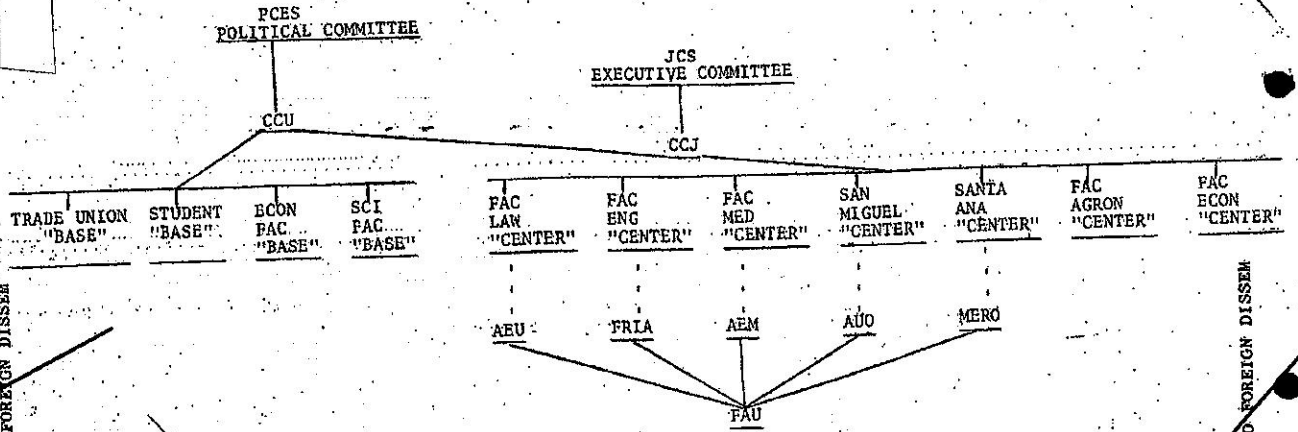
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