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5. THE BAP HAS BECOME A STRICTLY PCES ORGANIZATION. ALTHOUGH THE BAP IS BASED AT THE NATIONAL UNIVERSITY OF EL SALVADOR (UES), THE GENERAL ASSOCIATION OF SALVADORAN UNIVERSITY STUDENTS (AGEUS) IS NOT ACTIVE IN THE BAP. PDC LEADERS, WHO REMAIN IN CONTACT WITH THE BAP, ARE AWARE OF NO SIGNIFICANT BAP ACTIVITIES IN SAN SALVADOR. THESE LEADERS BELIEVE THAT ~~JORGE SHAFICK H A N D A L~~ ^{EI, SAL} SECRETARY GENERAL OF THE PCES, IS ATTEMPTING TO USE THE BAP AS A VEHICLE FOR SEIZING CONTROL OF THE LEFTIST OPPOSITION WHICH WAS FORMERLY GROUPED IN THE NATIONAL OPPOSITION UNION (UNO). WHILE THE PDC DOES NOT INTEND TO ALLOW HANDAL TO SEIZE CONTROL OF THE LEFTIST OPPOSITION AND WOULD PREFER TO DISASSOCIATE ITSELF COMPLETELY FROM THE BAP, THE PDC IS NONETHELESS AWARE THAT UNO MAYORALTY VICTORIES IN SUCH MUNICIPALITIES AS SANTA ANA AND SOYAPANGO, WHICH HAVE RESULTED IN THE ELECTION OF PDC MAYORS, WOULD NOT HAVE BEEN POSSIBLE WITHOUT PCES ASSISTANCE. THUS, THE PDC CURRENTLY MAINTAINS A RATHER AMBIVALENT ATTITUDE TOWARDS THE PCES AND ITS INITIATIVES.

6. (HEADQUARTERS COMMENT: FOR PREVIOUS REPORTING ON THE FORMATION OF THE BAP.

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