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COUNTRY MEXICO

SUBJECT COMMUNIST PLAN TO PROTEST THE
PRESIDENT KENNEDY

DATE DISTR. 26 MAY 1962

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1. NATIONAL LEADERS OF THE PARTIDO COMUNISTA MEXICANO (PCM - MEXICAN COMMUNIST PARTY) DISCUSSED WITH LEADERS OF THE PARTIDO POPULAR SOCIALIST (PPS - POPULAR SOCIALIST PARTY), AND THE MOVIMIENTO DE LIBERACION NACIONAL (MLN - NATIONAL LIBERATION MOVEMENT), RABIDLY ANTI-UNITED STATES, PRO-CUBA COMMUNIST FRONT, ITS PLAN TO HOLD A JOINT MASS DEMONSTRATION ONE OR TWO DAYS PRECEDING THE ARRIVAL IN MEXICO OF JOHN F. KENNEDY, PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES. DIFFERENCES OF OPINION AROSE AMONG LEADERS OF THE THREE GROUPS RELATIVE TO THE PLAN

2. PPS LEADERS AGREED THAT EITHER A JOINT OR SEPARATE PROTEST RALLIES SHOULD BE HELD BY THE THREE GROUPS TO PROMOTE ANTI-U.S. FEELING AMONG THE MEXICAN MASSES. THE PPS OBJECTED TO A JOINT

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DEMONSTRATION BECAUSE ALTHOUGH THE PPS WOULD CONTROL THE GREATER MASS OF PERSONS PARTICIPATING IN IT, THE PCM, WITH FEWER PEOPLE UNDER ITS DIRECTION, WOULD TAKE THE CREDIT FOR THE ACTIVITY AND AS A RESULT, GAIN IN PRESTIGE. THE PPS ALSO SAID THAT IT CONTROLS GREATER NUMBERS OF STUDENTS IN THE UNIVERSIDAD NACIONAL AUTONOMA DE MEXICO (UNAM - NATIONAL AUTONOMOUS UNIVERSITY OF MEXICO), THE INSTITUTO POLITECNICO NACIONAL (IPN - NATIONAL POLYTECHNICAL INSTITUTE), AND THE ESCUELA NORMAL SUPERIOR (ENS - SUPERIOR NORMAL SCHOOL) THAN THE PCM. THE PPS AGREED THAT LIGHTNING PROTEST MEETINGS SHOULD BE HELD IN POORER RESIDENTIAL SECTIONS, IN MARKETS, AND OUTSIDE FACTORIES AS WORKERS ARE LEAVING FOR THE DAY, AND THAT PROTEST STICKERS SHOULD BE PASTED ON WALLS, AND WALL SIGNS BE PAINTED.

3. MLN NATIONAL LEADERS IN GENERAL ARE OPPOSED TO THE PROPOSED JOINT MONSTER RALLY. JORGE L. TAMAYO CASTILLEJOS, PROMINENT MARXIST INTELLECTUAL, WHO IS A LEADING MEMBER OF THE MLN IN THE FEDERAL DISTRICT, AND THE FOLLOWING MEMBERS OF THE MLN NATIONAL COMMITTEE WERE IN FAVOR OF HOLDING IT: JORGE CARRION VILLA, NARCISO BASSOLS BATALLA, AND ENRIQUE CABRERA COSTA (COMMENT: CARRION IS A MEMBER OF THE PPS NATIONAL EXECUTIVE DIRECTORATE.) MLN FEDERAL DISTRICT LEADERS HAD A DIFFERENCE OF OPINION CONCERNING THE RALLY. THE FACTION COMPOSED OF FOLLOWERS OF GENERAL LAZARO CARDENAS DEL RIO, PROMINENT PRO-COMMUNIST FORMER PRESIDENT OF MEXICO AND SECRET HEAD OF THE MLN, WAS OPPOSED TO PARTICIPATION IN THE RALLY, WHILE THE

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FACTION WHICH SUPPORTS BASSOLS BATALLA EXPRESSED READINESS TO PARTICIPATE. HOWEVER, THIS GROUP IS A VERY SMALL MINORITY OF THE MLN IN THE FEDERAL DISTRICT.

4. GUILLERMO ROUSET BANDA, JOSE REVUELTAS SANCHEZ, AND MARXIST, COMMUNIST, AND LEFTIST STUDENTS FROM THE UNAM, THE IPN, AND THE NORMAL SCHOOL, FAVOR THE JOINT PCM, PPS, AND MLN DEMONSTRATION.

IF PLANS FOR THE LATTER FALL THROUGH, THEY ARE DETERMINED TO HOLD THE RALLY BY THEMSELVES. ROUSET IS DETERMINED TO SHOW THAT REVOLUTIONARY ACTIVITIES ARE CARRIED OUT BY EXPELLED LEADERS OF THE PCM, AND NOT BY NATIONAL PARTY LEADERS. HE IS ALSO DETERMINED TO PROVE THAT THE REVOLUTIONARY STUDENT MASSES IN MEXICO ARE FOLLOWERS OF THE EXPELLED PCM LEADERS. ROUSET SAID THE PCM NATIONAL LEADERS ARE DETERMINED TO HOLD THE PROTEST RALLY, WHICH HE DESCRIBED AS A CLASSIC PROVOCATION, EITHER JOINTLY OR ALONE. HE SAID THE REASON WAS THAT PCM NATIONAL LEADERS ARE ANXIOUS TO CAPITALIZE ON THE RESULTING NATIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL PUBLICITY IN THE EVENT THE DEMONSTRATORS ARE ATTACKED BY POLICE, WHICH IS ALMOST A CERTAINTY. COMMENT:

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ROUSET IS ONE OF THE FORMER MEMBERS OF THE PCM FEDERAL DISTRICT COMMITTEE WHO WERE EXPELLED FROM THE PARTY IN LATE APRIL. REVUELTAS, A FORMER MEMBER OF THE PCM, AND LATER OF THE PARTIDO OBRERO CAMPESINO MEXICANO (POCM - WORKERS AND FARMERS' PARTY OF MEXICO), IS NOW LEADER OF THE ESPARTACO GROUP, AN INDEPENDENT COMMUNIST GROUP WHICH HE

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ORGANIZED.)

5. IN LINE WITH ITS CAMPAIGN OF PRECAUTION TO PREVENT PCM MEMBERS FROM BEING ARRESTED AND DETAINED BY POLICE PRIOR TO OR DURING THE VISIT OF PRESIDENT KENNEDY, POLITICAL COMMISSION MEMBERS HAVE ISSUED THE FOLLOWING INSTRUCTIONS TO PARTY MEMBERS:

A. LEADING MEMBERS OF THE PARTY, INCLUDING HEADS OF CELLS, MUST CHANGE THEIR PLACES OF RESIDENCE. IF UNABLE TO MOVE THEIR FAMILIES, THEY MUST DISAPPEAR FOR THE TIME BEING. THEY MUST ABSTAIN FROM ANY KIND OF CONTACT OR COMMUNICATION WITH FAMILIES. THEY WILL COMMUNICATE WITH FAMILIES ONLY IN CASES OF EXTREME EMERGENCY, AND IN SUCH CASES, ONLY THROUGH CONTACTS ASSIGNED BY THE PARTY.

B. LEADING PARTY MEMBERS WHOSE NAMES AND RECORDS ARE IN POLICE FILES SHOULD ADOPT ALIASES AND ADVISE THE POLITICAL COMMISSION OF THESE ALIASES.

C. AN IRON-CLAD DISCIPLINE MUST BE ADOPTED BY ALL PARTY MEMBERS, AND METICULOUS PUNCTUALITY MUST BE OBSERVED BY THEM IN ATTENDING MEETINGS AND PARTICIPATING IN ACTIVITIES ORDERED BY THE POLITICAL COMMISSION. ON THE DISCIPLINE NOW OBSERVED BY PCM MEMBERS WILL DEPEND FUTURE ASSIGNMENTS AND MISSIONS.

D. CELLS WILL HOLD MEETINGS AT NEW PLACES, AND WILL ADOPT ALL POSSIBLE SECURITY PRECAUTIONS TO EVADE POLICE SURVEILLANCE.

E. ALL DECISIONS REACHED AT CELL MEETINGS WILL BE BINDING UPON CELL MEMBERS.

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F. THE PARTY WILL HOLD PRACTICE DRILLS TO PREPARE MEMBERS IN THE
EVENT IT BECOMES NECESSARY FOR THE PCM TO GO UNDERGROUND.

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