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SUBJ: PRD REJECTS POLICE CHIEF STATEMENT ON KIDNAPPING PLAN

1. PRD SECGEN PENA GOMEZ CHARGED IN RADIO BROADCAST TODAY THAT POLICE CHIEF NEY TEJEDA'S ALLEGATIONS REGARDING A COMMUNIST KIDNAPPING PLAN WERE FALSE AND PART OF TRUJILLISTA PLOT TO DESTROY BOTH COMMUNISTS AND THE PRD. TEJEDA, WHOSE STATEMENT REPORTED IN FEB 22 PRESS, HAD CHARGED THAT EXTREME LEFTISTS WERE PLANNING TO KIDNAP PRD MEMBERS WHO HAVE HAD DIFFICULTIES WITH POLICE AND THEN BLAME POLICE FOR THEIR DISAPPEARANCE. THE OBJECT OF THIS PLAN, TEJEDA SAID, IS TO DISCREDIT POLICE, TO CREATE PUBLIC INTRANQUILITY AND TO BUILD UP POPULAR HATRED OF POLICE.

2. PENA GOMEZ' REACTION WAS THAT PRD HAD KNOWN FOR SOME TIME THAT PLAN TO KIDNAP AND ELIMINATE PRD LEADERS WAS BEING ELABORATED BY PERSONS IN CIRCLES RELATED TO GOVT BUT THIS WAS FIRST TIME IT HAD HEARD THAT COMMUNISTS WERE IN ON PLAN AS WELL. HE SAID THAT PRD REJECTED TEJEDA'S STATEMENTS AS FALSE, AND HE DESCRIBED IT AS TRUJILLISTA TACTIC DESIGNED TO FIRST PAVE WAY FOR ELIMINATION OF PRD LEADERS AND THEN FOR THE ARREST AND ELIMINATION OF COMMUNISTS. UNDER CIRCUMSTANCES, PENA GOMEZ SAID, PRD CAN ONLY HOLD GOVT RESPONSIBLE FOR ANY ATTEMPT MADE ON PHYSICAL SECURITY OF ANY PRD LEADER.

3. ALTHOUGH NEY TEJEDA REITERATED STATEMENT YESTERDAY, CLAIMING THAT HE HAS SOLID PROOF OF PLAN, LOCAL INTELLIGENCE SOURCES HAVE INFO THAT WOULD CONFIRM EXISTENCE OF COMMUNIST PLAN TO KIDNAP OR OTHERWISE HARM PRD LEADERS.

4. WHATEVER TEJEDA'S MOTIVES IN MAKING STATEMENT WERE, ITS NET EFFECT IS TO PLAY INTO HANDS OF PRD AND EXTREME LEFT BY GIVING THEM FURTHER PLAUSIBLE AMMUNITION FOR CREATING DOUBTS ABOUT GOVT'S INTENTIONS TOWARDS ITS OPPONENTS.

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