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H REF: SANTIAGO DE LOS CABALLEROS 78  
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P 1. AFTER MEETING IN SPECIAL ASSEMBLY THROUGHOUT DAY OF  
NSC FEB 26, EXPANDED NATIONAL COUNCIL OF PRD APPOINTED SPECIAL  
INR COMMITTEE ELABORATE DOCUMENT SETTING FORTH PARTY'S POSITION  
CIA RE: CURRENT NATIONAL POLITICAL SITUATION AND DIALOGUE WITH  
NSA BALAGUER GOVERNMENT. COMMITTEE WILL USE AS BASIS FOR ITS  
DOD DOCUMENT THREE POINT MOTION SUBMITTED TO COUNCIL FEB 26  
AID BR SANTIAGO DELEGATION, CALLING FOR COUNCIL TO ISSUE RESOLUTION  
A. RECONGNZING THAT THERE EXISTS IN COUNTRY VIRTUAL STATE  
RSR OF DICTATORSHIP, INTENSITY OF WHICH INCREASES DAILY;  
B. RECOGNIZING DUTY OF PRD TO JOIN TOGETHER PEOPLE IN  
VAST MOVEMENT OF RESISTANCE TO TYRANNY, TO PRESERVE PUBLIC  
LIBERTIES AND DEMOCRACY IN COUNTRY; C. STATING THAT AFTER  
PUBLIC LIBERTIES AND ABSOLUTE RESPECT OF RIGHTS OF CITIZENS

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FULLY RE-ESTABLISHED PRD WOULD BE OPEN TO ANY TYPE OF  
DIALOGUE OR TO TAKE ANY OTHER MEASURE THAT WOULD TEND TO  
ASSURE DEMOCRATIC CO-EXISTENCE.

2. PROLOGUE TO SANTIAGO MOTION STRESSED THAT BEFORE  
DIALOGUE CAN BE STARTED THERE MUST BE END OF GOVT'S  
DICTATORIAL THRUST, CESSATION OF PERSECUTIONS AND BEATINGS,  
PUNISHMENT OF GUILTY, AND REMOVAL OF CORRUPT AND ARBITRARY  
OFFICIALS. OVER SOME PROTESTS, SANTIAGO MOTION LATER AMENDED  
TO INCLUDE STATEMENT SPECIFYING THAT PURPOSE OF RESISTANCE  
MOVEMENT IS TO OBTAIN DEMOCRATIC BEHAVIOR ON PART OF GOVT  
AND THAT RESISTANCE WILL BE CARRIED OUT THROUGH PACIFIC AND  
CONSTITUTIONAL MEANS.

3. OTHER MOTIONS SUBMITTED TO COUNCIL WERE REFERRED TO  
COMMITTEE FOR FURTHER ASSISTANCE AND GUIDANCE IN ELABORATE  
FINAL DOCUMENT. THESE INCLUDED: A) MOTION SUBMITTED BY  
SENATOR CASIMIRO CASTRO CALLING FOR IMMEDIATE SEVERANCE OF

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RELATIONS WITH HAITI, FILING OF FORMAL ACCUSATIONS AGAINST BALAGUER GOVT WITH OAS HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION, AND DESPATCH OF COMMUNIQUE BY PRD PARLIAMENTARY BLOC TO "ALL

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OTHER FREE CONGRESSES OF WORLD" ADVISING THEM OF STATE OF DICTATORSHIP IN COUNTRY; AND B) MOTION SUBMITTED BY SEN SECUNDINO GIL MORALES CALLING FOR, INTER ALIA, DENUNCIATION AND CONDEMNATION OF YANKEE INTERVENTION IN DOMINICAN AFFAIRS. (READING OF THIS POINT OF MOTION PROVOKED ONE OF FEW ROUNDS OF APPLAUSE DURING ASSEMBLY).

4. IN APPOINTING SPECIAL COMMITTEE TO ELABORATE FINAL DOCUMENT NATIONAL COUNCIL IN EFFECT REJECTED SUGGESTION THAT THIS RESPONSIBILITY BE ENTRUSTED TO NATIONAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE. ON OTHER HAND, SPECIAL COMMITTEE HEAVILY WEIGHTED IN FAVOR OF PARTY'S RADICAL FACTION. MEMBERS ARE: SEC GEN PENA GOMEZ, JOTTIN CURY, SEN CASIMIRO CASTRO, SENATOR SECUNDINO GIL MORALES, SALVADOR JORGE BLANCO, ARMANDO GONZALEZ TAMAYO, ALMANZOR GONZALEZ, JULIO LEMBERTPEGUERO. ACCORDING TO PRESS PENA GOMEZ SAID COMMITTEE WILL ALSO ORGANIZE RESISTANCE MOVEMENT.

5. COMMENT: POSSIBLY BEST THAT CAN BE SAID FOR MEETING OF NATIONAL COUNCIL IS THAT IT DID NOT IMMEDIATELY OR ABRUPTLY BREAK OFF ALL CHANCE OF INITIATING DIALOGUE WITH GOVT. HOWEVER, GIVEN COMPOSITION OF COMMITTEE AND BASIS ON WHICH IT WILL WORK, THERE LITTLE REASON TO EXPECT PARTY'S FINAL POSITION TO BE CONCILIATORY OR EVEN LOOSELY-WORDED ENOUGH TO PERMIT BALAGUER TO PRESS FURTHER NOWNEOR CONSTRUCTIVE RELATIO ZPHIP ETH PRD. THUS, WHILE COUNCIL MEETING HAS RESULTED IN ADDITION OF SOME DAYS TO TIME TABLE IT EXPECTED THAT FINAL PRD POSITION WILL REMAIN NEGATIVE TO GOVT'S CALL FOR DIALOGUE UNTIL STIPULATED CONDITIONS MET AND WILL BE CONFIRMATION OF POSITION ADOPTED BY NATIONAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE. BY FORMALIZING "RESISTANCE MOVEMENT" PRD WOULD SEEM TO HAVE GONE ONE STEP FURTHER IN DEVELOPMENT OF ITS "VERTICAL" OPPOSITION.

6. LISTIN HAD NO COVERAGE OF PRD MEETING, WHILE CARIBE'S FRONT PAGE STORY WAS IN RELATIVELY LOW KEY.

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