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SUBJECT: PROVISIONAL MUNICIPAL ELECTION RETURNS

REF: SD 2526, SD 2535

1. PROVISIONAL FIGURES FURNISHED BY JCE REPORTED IN MORNING PRESS MAY 20 TOTALLED 1,028,410 VOTES (316,994 SHORT OF 1966 PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION FIGURE). OF TOTAL REFORMISTAS GOT 649,765; PRSC, 124,719; INDEPENDENTS, 253,926. REFORMISTAS WON IN 66 OF 77 MUNICIPALITIES; PRSC IN 2; INDEPENDENTS IN 9. PRSC WON IN AZUA AND YAMASA AND INDEPENDENTS IN SAN FRANCISCO DE MACORIS, BANI, NEIBA, LAROMANA, TENARES, SAN PEDRO DE MACORIS, CEVICOS, HATO MAYOR AND HIGUEY. (PRSC RAN IN 34 MUNICIPALITIES AND INDEPENDENT GROUPS IN 40. REFORMISTAS WERE UNCONTESTED IN 26.)

2. IN NATIONAL DISTRICT VOTE WAS 237,952 (REFORMISTAS 155,772;

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PRSC 50,054; THREE INDEPENDENT GROUPS, 32,126). TOTAL 1966 VOTE IN DISTRICT WAS 262,256 WHEN PRD WON WITH 147,087 VOTES.

3. IN SANTIAGO TOTAL VOTE WAS 83,363 (95,303 IN 1966). REFORMISTAS WON WITH 39,881 (60,206 IN 1966).

4. ACCORDING JCE RESULTS BEING CHALLENGED IN 9 MUNICI-

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PALITIES (5 BY INDEPENDENTS, 3 BY REFORMISTAS, 1 BY PRSC)
AND ARE BEING INVESTIGATED. JCE SAYS MAJOR PROBLEM IS IN
SAN FRANCISCO DE MACORIS WHERE UCN-ORIENTED INDEPENDENT GROUP
DEFEATED REFORMISTAS BY ONLY THREE VOTES 14,238 TO 14,235.
PRSC HAS CHARGED FRAUD IN MOCA WHERE REFORMISTAS WON 18,487
TO 13,361.

5. REACTION BEING REPORTED SEPTELS.

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