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SUBJECT: BALAGUER STEADFAST IN REFUSING WESSIN'S RETURN

1. LISTIN REPORTS BALAGUER SAID ON APRIL 21 HE WILL HOLD TO HIS DECISION NOT PERMIT EX-GENERAL WESSIN'S RETURN TO DR DESPITE PQD DEMANDS (WHICH CONDITIONED PQD PARTICIPATION IN MAY 16 MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS ON RETURN OF PARTY PRESIDENT WESSIN). BALAGUER ALSO REPORTED SAYING HE WOULD NOT CHANGE WESSIN'S PRESENT "DIPLOMATIC STATUS" (AS MIL ADVISER TO DR'S UN DEL).

2. IN RESPONSE, PQD SECGEN GUILLERMO N. JIMENEZ STATED CONSTITUTION PLACED IN "GRAVE DANGER" BECAUSE PROHIBITION WESSIN'S RETURN VIOLATES IT AND COULD PROVOKE "SOMETHING FATAL" FOR DOMINICAN DEMOCRACY, ESPECIALLY IF GOVT MAINTAINS SAME ATTITUDE UNTIL 1970 (NATIONAL ELECTIONS). BECAUSE OF BALAGUER'S DECISION,

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JIMENEZ SAID PQD OBLIGED DECLARE ITSELF IN PERMANENT SESSION TO STUDY ISSUE.

3. PQD CONTINUES RESET BY INTERNAL SQUABBLES AS CENTRAL EXEC COM ANNOUNCED EXPULSION TEN PARTY MEMBERS COMPRISING THREE OFFICERS AND SEVEN MILITANTS. SECY FOR ORGANIZATION REPORTEDLY THROWN OUT FOR NEGLIGENCE CARRYING OUT DUTIES, AND REMAINDER EXPELLED FOR ALLEGEDLY ATTEMPTING BETRAY PARTY AGREEMENTS AND REGULATIONS. THIS ACTION TAKEN AFTER RUMP GROUP ELECTED NEW PQD

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