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SUBJ: PQD RECOGNIZED BY ELECTORAL BOARD

1. RESOLUTION OF CENTRAL ELECTORAL BOARD (JCE) JAN 19
 GRANTED RECOGNITION TO PARTIDO QUISQUEYANO DEMOCRATA (PQD)
 MAKING IT ELIGIBLE PARTICIPATE IN MAY 16 MUNICIPAL ELECTION
 AS WELL AS 70 GENERAL ELECTION.

2. RESOLUTION STATED PQD HAD MET ALL REQUIREMENTS OF LAW FOR
 RECOGNITION AS POLITICAL PARTY (INCLUDING THAT PRINCIPLES
 AND PURPOSES NOT IN CONFLICT WITH CONSTITUTION) AND THAT
 DETAILED INVESTIGATION BY JCE CONFIRMED PQD HAD NUMBER MEMBERS
 CLAIMED IN APPLICATION (OVER 100,000) AND THIS IN EXCESS OF
 NUMBER REQUIRED BY LAW. (PRESS STATED UNDERSTOOD JCE HAD DONE
 RANDOM CHECK IN LOCALITIES WHERE MEMBERSHIP CLAIMED).

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3. ACCORDING INFORMATION RECEIVED BY LEGAL ATTACHE FROM
 NEW YORK SOURCE, WESSIN IN SPEECH SAME DAY TO PQD MEETING
 THERE SAID AMONG OTHER THINGS THAT HE (A) WILL BE CANDIDATE FOR
 PRESIDENCY IN 70, (B) PLANS RETURN TO DR AS SOON AS PQD

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RECOGNIZED BY JCE, (CGL DOES NOT SEE HOW BALAGUER CAN REFUSE LET HIM RETURN UNDER CIRCUMSTANCES. (WE ASSUME FULL FBI REPORT WILL BE PASSED DEPT IN WASHDC).

4. IN VIEW RECOGNITION OF PQD AND WESSIN'S REPORTED STATEMENTS IN NEW YORK, WE EXPECT IMMEDIATE STEP UP OF PRESSURE ON PRES TO PERMIT WESSIN'S EARLY RETURN. WHATEVER PRES'S DECISION WESSIN ISSUE SEEMS LIKELY ADD FURTHER TENSION TO POLITICAL SITUATION IN COMING WEEKS.

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