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SUBJECT: BALAGUER DECREES ELECTORAL GUARANTEES; PRSC
DECIDES PARTICIPATE

REF: SD-2345; SD A-574 (ITEM 2)

1. WEEKEND ELECTORAL NEWS HIGHLIGHTED BY BALAGUER DECREE
PROHIBITING NUMBER OF ACTIVITIES POTENTIALLY PREJUDICIAL
TO OPPOSITION AND BY PRSC STATEMENT THAT WILL "DEFINITIVELY"
PARTICIPATE IN MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS.

2. BALAGUER DECREE (A) PROHIBITED ANY ELECTORAL CONTRI-
BUTION IN ANY FORM BY GODR AGENCIES OR ENTERPRISES; (B)
PROHIBITED USE PRESIDENT'S PHOTOGRAPH IN ANY FORM PROPAGAN-
DA; (C) PROHIBITED USE GODR VEHICLES, EQUIPMENT OR
MATERIALS IN CAMPAIGN; (D) ORDERED GOVT RADIO-TV NETWORK

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OFFER EQUAL OPPORTUNITY TO ALL CANDIDATES; AND (E) ORDERED
THAT VIOLATORS OF DECREE BE SANCTIONED ACCORDING TO LAW.
REFORMISTAS GIVEN THREE DAYS TO REMOVE ALL POSTERS BEAR-
ING PRESIDENT'S PHOTO; THEN, POLICE TO REMOVE THEM. ACCORD-
ING DECREE, IN SPITE BALAGUER'S PREVIOUS PRONOUNCEMENTS,
SUCH "ABUSES" CONTINUING, AND THUS "URGENT" THAT MEASURES
BE GIVEN TEETH. ACCORDING LISTIN SOURCES, DECREE RESULT
OF ELECTORAL GUARANTEE COMMISSION (CGE) RECOMMENDATIONS,

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MADE TO PRESIDENT AT APR. 26 MEETING.

3. FOLLOWING CONSULTATION WITH LEADERS IN INTERIOR, PRSC EXEC COMM ISSUED STATEMENT, APR. 28, ANNOUNCING PARTY WILL PARTICIPATE IN ELECTIONS BECAUSE OF "VITAL NECESSITY PRESENT ALTERNATIVES." DOCUMENT CRITICIZED MEMBERS OF GODR DESIRING DESTROY OPPOSITION, AND OPPOSITION WHO CROSS ARMS OR WITHDRAW IN FACE THESE "ANTI-DEMOCRATIC INTENTIONS." THIS NOT MOMENT FOR VACILLATIONS, PRSC ASSERTED, AND THUS PARTY -- "IN VANGUARD IN DEFENSE OF PEOPLE'S INTERESTS" -- MUST CONFRONT THOSE GUILTY OF CURRENT SITUATION, GIVE PEOPLE OPPORTUNITY TO REPUDIATE THEIR ENEMIES, AND PREVENT AT ANY RISK "COLLECTIVE CRUCIFIXION" OF NATION.

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4. POLICE CHIEF ALVAREZ REINFOGCE EARLIER ELECTORAL INSTRUCTIONS WITH UNACCUSTOMED APPEARANCE AT OFFICERS' MORNING MEETING, APR. 27, ANNOUNCING THAT ANY MEMBER OF INSTITUTION INTERFERING WITH ELECTORAL PROCESS WILL BE DISCHARGED "WITHOUT CONTEMPLATION." OTHER ELECTION-RELATED DEVELOPMENTS INCLUDED: (A) ANNOUNCEMENT BY PRD POLITICAL COMM. PRESIDENT CURY THAT PARTY PREPARING DOCUMENT SETTING FORTH ITS POSITION ON ELECTIONS (WHICH CURY TERMED "INOPERATIVE" OWING TO POLITICAL CONDITIONS); (B) TV INTERVIEW OF MUNICIPAL LEAGUE SECGEN GOMEZ, IN WHICH HZ DENIED IMPORTANCE TO ABSTENTIONISTS; (C) PRSC DEMAND THAT ELECTORAL BOARD (JCE) REVEAL WHAT PARTIES OR GROUPS INTEND TRANSPORT PARTISANS TO VOTE IN OTHER MUNICIPALITIES, AS INDICATED BY JCE COMMUNIQUE (REF AIRGRAM); (D) CHARGES BY CAPITAL INDEPENDENT CANDIDATE MERCEDES THAT GODR DOESN'T WANT ELECTIONS; AND (E) ACTION BY CORDE HEAD SUAREZ TO ORDER AUDITS OF ENTERPRISES SUPPOSEDLY AIDING LLUBERES' CAMPAIGN (REFTEL).
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