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SUBJECT: PRD YOUTH LEADERS ARRESTED

1. FOUR JRD (PRD YOUTH WING) LEADERS ARRESTED AND ALLEGEDLY BEATEN BY NATIONAL POLICE EVENING AUGUST 2 IN SANTO DOMINGO. NACIONAL REPORTED HATUEY D'CAMPS, JOSE OVALLES, MIGUEL ANGEL ANDUJAR AND FRANCISCO RODRIGUEZ TRAVELLING IN SMALL TRUCK--REPORTEDLY BELONGING SANTO DOMINGO CITY GOVT--WHEN ARRESTED, AND WERE REPORTEDLY TRANSPORTING PROPAGANDA AND OTHER DOCUMENTS FOR USE JRD CONVENTION SCHEDULED AUGUST 4. PRD CLAIMED YOUTH LEADERS BEATEN, AT LEAST ONE SEVERELY. WHEN INFORMED OF BEATINGS, POLICE CHIEF BRAULIO ALVAREZ PROMISED INVESTIGATION AND PUNISHMENT ANY WRONGDOERS, BUT ADDED POLICE HAD REPORTEDLY SEIZED LARGE AMOUNT COMMUNIST LITERATURE IN TRUCK. THIS CHARGE EMPHATICALLY DENIED BY SEC GEN PENA GOMEZ AND OTHER PRD LEADERS, BUT ALVAREZ INSISTED NATIONAL PARTY LEADERS MUST HAVE BEEN DECEIVED, FOR LITERATURE CLEARLY INDICATED MARXIST-LENINIST ORIENTATION OF ARRESTED YOUTH LEADERS. JRD SEC GEN WINSTON ARNAUD SAID REPRESSION OBVIOUSLY DIRECTED AT HIM AS HAD JUST LEFT TRUCK TEN MINUTES BEFORE POLICE STRUCK. SAID HAD BEEN WARNED WOULD BE KILLED "WHEREEVER FOUND." JRD ANNOUNCED CANCELLATION PLANS FOR CONVENTION, ADDING GODR'S REPRESSIVE ACTIONS LEAVE AVAILABLE NO MEANS OTHER THAN "REVOLUTIONARY VIOLENCE." PRD POLIT. COMM PRESIDENT JOTTIN CURY CALLED ARRESTS "ONE MIGHTY ABUSE AGAINST PRD'S AND WARNED GODR THERE LIMITS TO PUBLIC PATIENCE AND "WE NOT IN 1930." MEAN-

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