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SUBJECT: BALAGUER HITS PRD HARD IN PRE-ELECTORAL SPEECH

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1. IN INITIAL REFERENCE PRD, PRESIDENT SAID PARTY'S ABSTENTION WAS ONE OF TWO SHADOWS CAST UPON INTENT HAVE 1968 ELECTIONS REFLECT MAJORITY WILL AS FAITHFULLY AS DID IN 1966 (OTHER SHADOW BEING WESSIN'S CONTINUED EXILE). SAID NO REASON FOR ABSTENTION, WHICH NOT ONLY DAMAGING FUTURE COURSE PRD--NOW SEEMINGLY TAKING SAME ROAD OF RADICALIZATION AS DID JUNE 14 MOVEMENT BUT ALSO HURTING DEMOCRATIC SYSTEM BASED ON TWO MAJOR POLITICAL FORCES. STATED GODR HAS ALWAYS TRIED ACCOMMODATE PRD COMPLAINTS DELIVERED IN CIVILIZED MANNER, E.G. TRANSFERS LA ROMANA'S COL. TADEO GUERRERO AND NEIBA'S MAJOR PERELLO SOTO; THEREFORE

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REAL REASON FOR PRD ABSTENTION MUST BE LOOKED FOR IN "POPULAR DICTATORSHIP" THESIS, A DOCTRINE "ESSENTIALLY COMMUNIST" AND NEGATION OF DEMOCRACY AND ITS MOST FUNDAMENTAL FUNCTION, POPULAR ELECTION OF GOVT. ADDED COMMUNISM DOES NOT ALLOW ELECTIONS BUT SEEKS POWER BY VIOLENT MEANS AND RADICAL SUBVERSION. EXPRESSED HOPE MODERATE PRD ELEMENTS WOULD RECONSIDER DECISION ABANDON DEMOCRATIC SYSTEM IN FAVOR "POPULAR DICTATORSHIP", WHICH DECISION "TOTALLY INCOMPATIBLE WITH PAST POLICY THIS MAJORITY GROUP."

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ING WHICH UNTIL RECENTLY REPRESENTED HOPE FOR PEACEFUL DEMOCRATIZATION OF DR". LATER, WHILE NOT REFERRING SPECIFICALLY TO PRD, INTENT CLEAR WHEN SAID WOULD BE DISASTER FOR DEMOCRACY IF PARTIES WITH BEST OF NEW GENERATION DEVIATE FROM PATH TO FOLLOW COURSE OF JUNE 14, WHICH BEGAN AS NATIONALIST, PATRIOTIC GROUPING AND BECAME CONVERTED INTO APPENDIX OF INTERNATIONAL COMMUNISM IN WORST AND MOST ANTI-DEMOCRATIC ASPECTS. IN FINAL REFERENCE, SAID OPPOSING ELECTIONS EQUALS SUPPORTING "POPULAR DICTATORSHIP" THESIS AND ACTING NOT AS DEMOCRAT BUT AS COMMUNIST.

2. INITIAL PRD REPLY PUBLISHED MAY 16 NACIONAL. SECGEN PENA GOMEZ DENIED "POPULAR DICTATORSHIP" IS COMMUNIST, AND CHALLENGED

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PRES PROVE PRD FOLLOWS COMMUNIST LINE OR RECEIVES ECONOMIC AID OR ORDERS FROM ANY COMMUNIST COUNTRY. CALLING BALAGUER SPEECH "OFFENSIVE," PENA SAID: (A) IT COULD TRIGGER NEW AGGRESSIONS AGAINST PRD; (B) BALAGUER, IMPOTENT PRACTICE SAME NATIONALISM AS PRD, HIDES HIS SELLOUT TO US BE CALLING PRD ANARAHISTS AND RADICALS; (C) PRD NEVER JUDGED FOREIGN CHIEF OF STATE AS "FOURTH FATHER OF COUNTRY", AS BAL ALLEGEDLY HAD DONE WITH PRES. JOHNSON IN TAVERA DAM LOAN SIGNING SPEECH; AND (D) PRD ABSTENTION DECIDED BECAUSE OF GODR REPRESSION, NOT "POPULAR DICTATORSHIP", (WHICH WAS NOT ADOPTED AS OFFICIAL PRD THESIS).

3. BALAGUER ADMITTED TO REPORTERS MAY 16 HAD NOT STUDIED "POPULAR DICTATORSHIP" THESIS THOROUGHLY, BUT REITERATED OPINION THAT, FOR HIM, IS "NECESSARILY COMMUNIST", FOR RULES OUT DEMOCRATIC PROCESS AND ADVOCATES DICTATORSHIP.

4. MEANWHILE, CASIMIRO CASTRO MADE STRONG PROTEST TO ELECTION BOARD PRESIDENT'S ALLEGED VIOLATION OF RULING AGAINST ELECTORAL PROPAGANDA ON ELECTION EVE AND SAID IF NO SATISFACTION PROPOSED TAKE UP IN SENATE. SACA VOLMAN TOLD EMBOFF PENA HAD DECIDED ON INITIAL SHARP REPLY TO PRESIDENT THEN LETTING MATTER DIE IN

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