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SUBJ: BALAGUER DECREES CABINET, OTHER PERSONNEL CHANGES

1. IN DECREE 1949, BALAGUER MADE FOLLOWING CABINET AND OTHER PERSONNEL CHANGES AND ASSIGNMENTS JAN 1:

A. SECRETARY WITHOUT PORTFOLIO JUAN CASASNOVÁS GARRIDO REPLACED BY MARIO FERNÁNDEZ.

B. SECRETARY WITHOUT PORTFOLIO QUIRILIO VILORIO SANCHEZ REPLACED BY POLIBIO DÍAZ, WHO IN TAU CREPLACED AS
LEGAL ADVISOR TO EXECUTIVE (CONSULTOR JURIDICO) BY RICARDO RICOURT. VILORIO NAMED TO PREVIOUSLY VACANT POST F
GENERAL EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF DOMINICAN SUGAR INSTITUTE.

C. EDUCATION SUB-SECRETARY FRANCISCO BRUGAL MUNOZ REPLACED BY ALTAGRACIA PEREZ PENA. BRUGAL NAMED PERSONAL ASSISTANT TO PRESIDENT, IN PLACE OF JAIME GUERRERO AVILA WHO, IN TURN, REPLACED ENRIQUE TARAZONA AS GODR'S COMPTROLLER AND GENERAL AUDITOR.

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FZPRGZD. RAFAEL DAVID CASTILLO REPLACED AS AGRICULTURAL BANK'S GENERAL ADMINISTRATOR BY JOSE SIXTO GINEBRA. ANTONIO HERNANDEZ APPOINTED TO SIXTO'S PREVIOUS POST AS GENERAL ADMINISTRATOR OF NATIONAL PROPERTIES.

1. ELEODORO DE LOS SANTOS REPLACED AS LABOR SUB-SECRETARY BY FORMER CIVIL AIDE TO PRESIDENT, CARLOS ELIGIO LINARES.

2. BALAGUER, IN DECREE 1948, NAMED JOURNALIST RAFAEL BONILLA AYBAR CONSUL GENERAL IN SAN JUAN, PUERTO RICO.

3. COMMENT: WE DO NOT TAKE THESE MOSTLY SECOND-LEVEL CHANGES AS REPRESENTING TOTALITY OF LONG RUMORED AND EXPECTED HIGH LEVEL CHANGES IN GOVERNMENT. APPOINTMENTS HAVE MOSTLY SHUFFLED FAMILIAR FACES, RATHER THAN INFUSING NEW BLOOD AND HAVE PROBABLY DISAPPOINTED SOME WHO LOOKED TOWARDS WIDER CHANGES AT THIS POINT BALAGUER ADMINISTRATION. FERNANDEZ, PRD DEPUTY DURING BOSCH GOVT, IS ONE OF MODERATE FIGURES SINGLED OUT AS "GOOD PERREDEISTAS" IN BALAGUER'S OCT 2 SPEECH. HIS REPLACEMENT OF SEEMINGLY INACTIVE CASASNOVAS, A MIOLAN ASSOCIATE, MAINTAINS NATIONAL UNITY IMAGE OF CABINET, WITH THREE NOMINALLY PRD SECRETARIES.
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BECAUSE OF PERSONAL HEALTH PROBLEMS, BUT WILL UNDOUBTEDLY CONTINUE LOOK OVER SHOULDER OF HIS CLOSE ASSOCIATE RECOURT, WHO FILLED POST WHEN DIAZ RECENTLY UNDERWENT MEDICAL TREATMENT IN US. VILORIO SANCHEZ, RANKING REFORMISTA PARTY OFFICIAL, MOVED TO PRIMARILY TECHNICAL POST, BUT WHICH MAY ALLOW HIM MIX POLITICS IN SUGAR INDUSTRY. GUERRERO AVILEN
ONE OF PA ACE CRTVD'S LESS SAVORY CHARACTERS, ASSUMING WHAT IS ESSENTIALLY FINANCIAL BOOKKEEPING JOB. SIXTO GINEBRA HAS SERVED BALAGUER GOVT IN UNDISTINGUISHED MANNER AS SUB-SECRETARY FINANCE AND INTERIOR, AS WELL AS IN FONOFF POST.

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