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SUBJ: PRD WARNS OF POPULAR UPRISING

1. PRD RADIO PROGRAM NINETEENTH CONTRIBUTED ITS BIT TO PRESENT UNHEALTHY CHRISTMAS SEASON ATMOSPHERE BY SPEAKING ONLY OF DEATH, TERROR AND POSSIBLE INSURRECTION. OPENED WITH EULOGY FOR LATE CONSTITUTIONALIST COL LORA FERNANDEZ, KILLED IN MATUM INCIDENT TWO YEARS AGO, AND ALSO FOR REGULAR SOLDIERS KILLED "WHO DIED WITHOUT KNOWING THEY OBEYING INDIRECT ORDERS OF INVADER" IN FIGHTING CONSTITUTIONALISTS. PROGRAM CONTINUED WITH EPIC POEM WRITTEN AND READ BY PRD SECGEN PENA GOMEZ, WHO INCLUDED IN POEM NAMES OF ALL NOTEWORTHY CONSTITUTIONALISTS KILLED IN REVOLUTION AND ITS AFTERMATH.

2. BUT IT WAS LEFT TO SENATOR CASIMIRO CASTRO, PARTY

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PRESS AND PROPAGANDA SECRETARY, TO DELIVER WHAT WAS PERHAPS PARTY'S MOST OMINOUS WARNING TO DATE OF DIRE FUTURE EVENTS.

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SPEAKING FOR "PRD AND DOMINICAN PEOPLE", CASIMIRO NOTED THAT LAST TIME HE HAD SPOKEN ON PROGRAM (ABOUT TWO WEEKS AGO) HE HAD REFERRED TO COUP RUMORS AND STATED PRD WOULD NOT JOIN COUP EFFORT. CRISIS HAS NOT REACHED "EXTREMELY GRAVE" PROPORTIONS, HE SAID, AND IT THEREFORE NECESSARY MAKE "DISPASSIONATE" ANALYSIS OF SITUATION SO THAT PRESIDENT MAY UNDERSTAND HE MUST MAKE RADICAL CHANGE IN HIS LINE OF CONDUCT TOWARDS OPPOSITION OR "WEIGHT OF HISTORY WILL FALL ON HIM". STATING DOMINICANS NOW IN "MOST GRAVE AND DECISIVE MOMENT" THEIR HISTORY, CASIMIRO BEGAN BY STATING "ALL MALAISE EXISTING IN HEMISPHERE IS FAULT OF USG AND SERVILE LOCAL GOVTS" WHO FAITHFULLY CARRY OUT ORDERS OF STATE DEPT AND PENTAGON. GODR IS ONE OF MOST SERVILE THESE GOVTS, WITH BALAGUER FAITHFULLY CARRYING OUT ORDERS PRESENTED TO HIM BY AMBASSADOR. "JOHNSON'S GOVERNMENT" AND THOSE IN US WHO SUPPORT IT ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR ALL PERSECUTION, INCIDENTS

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(ATROPELLOS) AND CRIMES IN HEMISPHERE, AS PROVEN BY 1965 INTERVENTION. BALAGUER, HOWEVER, IS ALSO WORST PRESIDENT IN DOMINICAN HISTORY AND ONE LEAST INTERESTED IN NATION'S WELFARE. HE HAD BEFORE 1966 ELECTIONS MADE COMMITMENTS TO STATE DEPT AND PENTAGON, AND EVERYTHING THAT HAPPENING NOW, ESPECIALLY CONCERNING PERSECUTION, FLOWS FROM SUCH COMMITMENTS. THIS IS WHY COL TADEO GUERRERO IS, AND WILL REMAIN, IN LA ROMANA, FOR INSTANCE. SITUATION IN POLICE NOT FAULT OF POLICE CHIEF ALVAREZ SANCHEZ, WHO INHERITED REPRESSIVE MACHINE. IT TRUE PERSECUTION BROUGHT ABOUT BY AGITATORS, BUT THESE ARE AGITATORS IN POLICE, AS NO AGITATORS EXIST IN PRD.

3. IT BEING WIDELY SAID THAT COUP IN WORKS, CASIMIRO CONTINUED. WE (PRD) BELIEVE RUMORS ARE RESULT MANEUVER BY BALAGUER TO FRIGHTEN PEOPLE INTO SUPPORTING HIM SO HE MAY ACHIEVE BOSCH'S 1963 STATURE AS POPULARLY SUPPORTED PRESIDENT. BUT ASIDE FROM THIS BEING IMPOSSIBLE, BALAGUER IF HE WISHED COULD CREATE CLIMATE OF RESPECT FOR RIGHTS, TOTAL LACK OF WHICH EXEMPLIFIED BY POLICE TERRORISM. WESSIN'S FORMER ARMED FORCES TRAINING CENTER (CEFA) USED TO BE RESPONSIBLE

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