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SUBJ: UCN CONTRIBUTES TO HEATING POLITICAL ATMOSPHERE

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1. UCN ON APR 21 FOLLOWED UP ANNOUNCEMENT ITS RETURN TO POLITICAL ACTIVITY WITH STATEMENT BY ITS "REORGANIZING COMMISSION" SCHEDULING NATIONAL PARTY CONVENTION FOR MAY 30, WHICH IT POINTEDLY NOTES IS (SIXTH) ANNIVERSARY OF TRUJILLO ASSASSINATION. COMMISSION ALSO ADDED TO PARTY'S PREVIOUS STATEMENT BY ASSERTING PARTY "STRONGLY EMBRACES ALL PRINCIPLES OF CONSTITUTIONALITY, REPUDIATING ANY POLICY OF VIOLENCE," AND CALLING FOR END TO PERSECUTION OF LABOR LEADERS.

COMMENT: A. UCN AS POLITICAL ORGANIZATION HAS NOT HAD SIGNIFICANT STRENGTH SINCE IT BROKE WITH TRIUNVIRATE IN EARLY 1964. BUT WHILE IT HAS SUFFERED SERIOUS EROSION ITS EARLIER POPULAR BASE AND BEEN SUBJECT CONTINUAL SHARP AND

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DEBILITATING INTERNAL DIVISIONS, IT HAS IN LARGE MEASURE RETAINED ITS ABILITY ACT--EVEN IF DISJOINTEDLY --AS PRESSURE MECHANISM AND IN HIGHLY CONSPIRATORIAL FASHION. ITS KEY ELEMENTS REPRESENT POWERFUL ECONOMIC AND FINANCIAL INTERESTS, RETAIN AT LEAST SOME OF THEIR FORMERLY SIGNIFICANT INFLUENCE WITH MILITARY, AND --AS POLITICAL SYMBOLS OF RIGHT-WING "ANTI-TRUJILLISMO"-- RETAIN FAIR DEGREE THEIR FORMER MYSTIQUE WITH CONSERVATIVE SECTORS, NOTWITHSTANDING FACT THEY GENERALLY DISCREDITED WITH POPULATION AT LARGE.

B. UNDER MORE SETTLED CIRCUMSTANCES, UCN'S VOICE WOULD GO UNHEEDED--AS INDEED VOICE OF ITS ELDER STATESMAN, VIRIATO FIALLO, WAS IGNORED TWO MONTHS AGO. BUT THOUGH, AS SOME SOURCES TELL US, ITS RECENT COMMUNIQUES MAY HAVE MET WITH GENERAL APATHY AND EVEN SOME REVULSION, ITS VOICE CANNOT

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NOW BE IGNORED, -- IF ONLY BECAUSE IT PROVIDES PUBLIC CONFIRMATION OF FACT ITS MAJOR ELEMENTS HAVE DECIDED CAPITALIZE ON WHAT THEY INTERPRET AS GROWING DISCONTENT WITH ADMINISTRATION. THERE HAS BEEN SOME EVIDENCE, FOR INSTANCE, THAT UCN ELEMENTS HAVE FOR SOME MONTHS BEEN PLAYING ON REFORMISTA UNHAPPINESS IN CIBAO, AND ON DISSATISFACTION OF

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SOME BUSINESSMEN WITH BALAGUER'S ECONOMIC POLICIES.
C. WE HAD IN LATE FEBRUARY RECEIVED UNCONFIRMED REPORT THAT UCN OR ELEMENTS IDENTIFIED WITH IT WERE PLANNING RASH OF COMMUNIQUES CRITICAL OF ADMINISTRATION FOLLOWING UPON FIALLO'S FEB 22 STATEMENT (SANTO DOMINGO 2684). COMMUNIQUES WERE ALLEGEDLY TO HAVE REPRESENTED FRUITION OF UCN-LED EFFORT TO DRAW DIVERSE RIGHT-WING ELEMENTS INTO "ANTI-TRUJILLISTA" AND "ANTI-COMMUNIST" FRONT. PLAN WAS REPORTEDLY PUT OFF BECAUSE OF RECALCITRANCE OF OR BICKERING BY SOME OF ELEMENTS ALLEGEDLY APPROACHED. IMBERT ASSASSINATION ATTEMPT SEEMS HAVE GIVEN NEW LIFE TO THIS REPORTED EFFORT, WHICH STILL SEEMS NOT TO HAVE ACHIEVED SIGNIFICANT SUCCESS. PDC'S MARIO READ VITINI (A BALAGUER SUPPORTER) TOLD US LAST WEEK, FOR INSTANCE, THAT UCN ELEMENTS HAD APPROACHED HIM EARLY IN APR WITH INVITATION HE JOIN IN "ANTI-TRUJILLISTA LEAGUE" IN FORMATION. READ DEMURRED AND SAID HE DID NOT KNOW WHO ELSE MAY HAVE BEEN APPROACHED. IT QUITE POSSIBLE THAT UCN PROBABLY HAVING ACHIEVED ONLY LIMITED SUCCESS, DECIDED ITS BEST COURSE WAS TO BREAK INTO PRINT IN ORDER PRE-EMPT LEADERSHIP OF MOVEMENT AND INCREASE PRESSURE ON RECALCITRANT ELEMENTS TO JOIN IT. WE HAVE BEEN TOLD (BY

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NEY TEJEDA--SANTIAGO 91, AND BY GARCIA GODOY TO AMBASSADOR) THAT PARTY'S NEXT STATEMENT WILL CONTAIN DEMAND THAT BALAGUER REMOVE CERTAIN KEY OFFICIALS FROM HIS ADMINISTRATION.
C. IT CONCEIVABLE BUT NOT LIKELY THAT UCN ACTING ON ITS OWN. LUIS "NINO" ALVAREZ, PROMINENT UCN LEADER IN SAN FRANCISCO DE MACORIS, TOLD AMCONSUL SANTIAGO, FOR INSTANCE, THAT TO HIS KNOWLEDGE NEITHER IMBERT NOR AMIAMA WERE CONSULTED ON OR CONNECTED WITH PARTY'S RECENT MOVES. THIS RATHER DIFFICULT BELIEVE, AMONG OTHER THINGS, "NINO" IS BROTHER OF TABARE ALVAREZ, WHO IS VICE PRES OF AMIAMA'S PLE. UCN'S TARGETS FOR REPLACEMENT IN ITS NEXT STATEMENT

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WILL MOST LIKELY COINCIDE WITH AMIANA'S. WHILE THIS WOULD NOT PROVE COLLUSION, IT WOULD EVIDENCE AT LEAST PARALLEL THINKING AND COMMON PURPOSE. WHATEVER ITS ULTIMATE INTENTIONS, UCN HAS SUCCEEDED IN ROILING ATMOSPHERE WHICH CONTINUES GRADUALLY TO HEAT UP.

D. BALAGUER -ORIENTED LA HOJA AND REFORMISTA YOUTH ORGANIZATION FAJURE RESPONDED TO UCN WITH CALLS FOR SANITY. LA HOJA HELD EDITORIALY THAT UCN HAS EVERY RIGHT AS POLITICAL

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PARTY TO RETURN TO PUBLIC ARENA BUT THAT, PARTICULARLY IN LIGHT ITS MAJOR ROLE IN 1963 COUP, IT NOT ENTITLED "STIR SLEEPING PASSIONS OF MASSES FOR PARTISAN ENDS." SAID THAT IF UCN FEELS IT STILL STRONG POPULAR FORCE, IT HAS AT HAND "MAGNIFICENT OPPORTUNITY" TO PROVE ITSELF IN 1968 MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS, BUT THAT IT WILL REAP NO GLORY BY STIRRING GHOSTS.
E. FAJURE IN WELL-WRITTEN REBUTTAL TO UCN RECALLED NUMEROUS SPECIFIC INSTANCES OF PAST UCN BEHAVIOR AND ACTIVITY WHICH SCARCELY ENDOW IT WITH MORAL AUTHORITY TO CHALLENGE BALAGUER, HELD INITIATIVES SUCH AS UCN'S (AND PRD APR 20 STATEMENT--SANTO DOMINGO 3243) INDICATE NATION RETURNING TO POLITICS OF DESTRUCTION AND URGED NATIONS DEMOCRATIC FORCES SHOW AT LEAST MINIMUM OF UNDERSTANDING AND SENSE REQUIRED TO OVERCOME "CRITICAL STAGE IN WHICH DARK FORCES OF POLITICAL NEGATIVISM WISH SUBMERGE US."

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