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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 GOODR 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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