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SUBJ: PENA GOMEZ' HOMECOMING REMARKS

REF: SD-1732; SD-1723

1. ON PRD RADIO PROGRAM FEB 9 NEWLY RETURNED SEC GEN PENA GOMEZ REPORTED TO PRD MEMBERSHIP CONCERNING HIS RECENTLY COMPLETED TWO WEEKS TRIP TO EUROPE (SEE SD-1732), MAIN PURPOSE WHICH WAS CONSULTATION JUAN BOSCH. IN MAKING REPORT, PENA RESTATED HAD GONE SPAIN NOT RECEIVE ORDERS (-AS ENEMIES SAYING") BUT CONSULT WITH BOSCH AS ADULT LEADER; SAID SYNTHESSES IDEAS WITH WHICH HE RETURNED DR REFLECT AGREEMENTS ARRIVED AT BETWEEN PRD EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE AND BOSCH IN THESE TALKS. FOLLOWING IS SUMMARY OF PENA'S REMARKS; UNLESS OTHERWISE NOTED, ALL STATEMENTS ARE HIS.

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2. PRD WILL NOT GO ELECTIONS BECAUSE NO FAVORABLE POLITICAL

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CLIMATE EXISTS FOR PARTY TO ORGANIZE FOR THEM. IN 66 PARTY HAD ALSO DECIDED NOT CONTEST ELECTIONS, BUT INFLUENCE OF SOME LESS FIRM PRD MEMBERS AND NEED FIND FORMULA FOR ENDING US OCCUPATION PREVAILED, AND PARTY ENTERED ELECTIONS, ALTHOUGH BOSCH STATED CONFIDENTIALLY TO (PENAI) ON SEVERAL OCCASIONS THAT PRD WOULD LOSE. NOW, IF PRD WENT ELECTIONS DESPITE REPRESSIONS AND ECONOMIC MEASURES ADOPTED AGAINST PRD-DOMINATED MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS WILL SOLVE NONE DR'S PROBLEM, AND CAN ONLY HELP LEADERS ELECTED CITY COUNCILS AND NOT LOCAL PEOPLE. BECAUSE OF NATIONAL GOVT'S REPRESSIVE MEASURES, ELECTED LEADERS COULD DO NOTHING FOR CONSTITUENTS. BOSCH AND MAJORITY NATIONAL EXEC COMM AND POL COMM HAVE DECIDED AGAINST ELECTORAL PARTICIPATION. THIS OPINION, HOWEVER, NOT GENREAL THROUGHOUT PARTY, AND WN WANT PRESERVE PARTY UNITY SO WILL TRY FIND FORMULA SATISFY EVERYONE IN FORTHCOMING NATIONAL CONVENTION.

3. SAID HE AND BOSCH CAME TO AGREEMENT ON FOLLOWING MATTERS:
 A. CONGRESSIONAL BLOC WOULD RETIRE DEFINITELY ONLY IF EVENTS TRANSPIRE WHICH WOULD FORCE PRD TAKE

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 EXTRAORDINARY MEASURES IN ITS OWN INTERESTS OR THOSE OF OTHER REVOLUTIONARIES IN OPPOSITION. SHORT OF THIS, BLOC SHOULD CONTINUE ITS LABORS IN CONGRESS.
 B. RE "POPULAR DICTATORSHIP", NATIONAL EXEC COMM AND BOSCH AGREE ON PROPOSING THAT NATIONAL CONVENTION RATIFY DECISION TAKEN BY LAST NATIONAL COUNCIL MEETING (OCT 15), THAT NO OFFICIAL PARTY ORGGANS DISCUSS OR PROPAGATE THESIS. CONDITIONS AT PRESENT DO NOT EXIST FOR PRD ADOPT POPULAR DICTATORSHIP THESIS, AND TO DO SO WOULD ONLY GIVE ENEMIES EXCUSE PERSECUTE PRD ON BASIS BALAGUER HAS CALLED THESIS SUBVERSIVE AND COMMUNIST. ENEMIES WOULD TAKE THIS AS TACIT AUTHORIZATION TO KILL PRDERS, FURTHER, TO ADOPT POPULAR DICTATORSHIP NOW WOULD GIVE "REFORMISTA" PERREDEISTAS NEW OPPORTUNITY CREATE ORGANISM OBEDIENT ORDERS NATIONAL GOVT.
 C. RE FUTURE PARTY POLICY, BOSCH AND (PENAI) AGREED MAINTAIN PRD SOLIDLY CHAINED TO CAUSE REVOLUTIONARY

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NATIONALISM, REJECTING ALL TYPES INTERVENTION, WHETHER US,

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SOVIET, PEOPLES REPUBLIC OF CHINA, OR ANY LA COUNTRY. IN
RECENT LETTER OF RESPONSE TO PRD, "US GOVT IRONICALLY,
CYNICALLY AND MALICIOUSLY" NOTED IT HAS BEEN STRUCK BY
FACT WE DID NOT MENTION CUBA AS INTERVENTIONIST COUNTRY. TO
THIS WE MUST SAY: WE DID NOT MENTION CUBA BY NAME BECAUSE
IT NOT GREAT POWER CAPABLE OF DISEMBARKING 42,000 MEN ON
OUR SHORES, AS US DID IN 65. CUBA DOES NOT HAVE PHYSICAL
CAPACITY TO INTERVENE MILITARILY OR ECONOMICALLY AS DO US,
RUSSIA OR CHINA. WE DID NOT REFER TO CUBAN REVOLUTION, FOR
ONLY HISTORY WILL DECIDE WHETHER CASTRO IS TRAITOR TO HIS
POPLE OR STANDARD-BEARER OF LA INDEPENDENCE. NO
ONE CAN GET US TO DETRACT FROM CUBAN REVOLUTION; OUR SILENCE
MORE JUSTIFIED THAN EVER NOW, WHEN PRO-SOVIET CUBAN COMMUNIST
PARTY LEADERS ARE IN PRISON, ACCUSED TREASON AGAINST
CUBAN REVOLUTION FOR SUPPLYING CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION
USSR, NATION OF WHICH ENEMIES OF THAT REVOLUTION HAVE SAID CUBA
IS UNCONDITIONAL SATELLITE. RE PRD'S POSITION
VIS-A-VIS POLITICAL THEORIES EMANATING FROM CUBA, WE MUST
PROUDLY RATIFY OUR REVOLUTIONARY NATIONALISM, CLEARLY SAYING
WE WILL NOT ACCEPT ANYONE WHOSOEVER TELLING US WHAT TO DO
AS PRD REVOLUTIONARIES, FOR ONLY WE KNOW WHAT IS BEST FOR
PRD AND DR".

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4. IN LENGTHY CONVERSATION RE CAAMANO DISAPPEARANCE, BOSCH
SAID HE KNOWS NOTHING OF CAAMANO'S WHEREABOUTS. (PENAI) SPOKE
IN FRANCE AND NETHERLANDS TO FIRENDS AND ASSOCIATES OF CAAMANO
WHO EXPRESSED SAME LACK OF KNOWLEDGE. CAAMANO DID NOT TELL
ANYONE IN EUROPE OR DR HIS PLANS OR DESTINATION. HIS ACTIONS
PURELY PERSONAL, AND WE ARE NOT LINKED TO THEM, BECAUSE WE
ARE IGNORANT OF THEM. WE CAN SAY, ACCORDING TO INFORMATION
OBTAINED FROM HIS FRIENDS, THAT HE NEITHER KIDNAPPED
NOR DEAD. WE HOPE CAAMANO, "A MAN OF EXTRADORDINARY MERIT",

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WILL ADVISE US OF HIS PLANS SO WE MAY DETERMINE COURSE OF OUR ORGANIZATION CONCERNING THEM.

5. RETURNING TO DR, NOTED REPRESSION WE LEFT W TWO WEEKS AGO CONTINUES. PRDERS SUCH AS ELISEO ANDUJAR (ALIAS BARAHONA) AND JAIME CABRERA WERE VICTIMS OF MURFER ATTEMPTS AND JOSE

OVALLE HAS BENXX BEEN DETAINED ONCE AGAIN; BUT THAT WHCH HAS MOST REAFFIRMED OUR ANTI-ELECTORAL CONVICTIONS WAS BRUTAL REPRESSION ULEASHED AGAINST FOUPSA-CESITRADO UNION LEADERS. ELEVEN YOUNG LEADERS OF THIS LABOR ORGANIZATION AND MEMBERS OF MPD HAVE BEEN ARRESTED, MALTREATED, AND ACCUSED OF CONSPIRING TO OVERTHROW BALAGUER GOVT. MOST THESE LABOR LEADERS ABUSIVELY ASSAULTED BY POLICE WHEN FOUND IN UNION HEADQUARTERS, AND

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TAKEN TO PRISON AFTER HAVING BEEN PHYSICALLY MISTREATED. ALTHOUGH GOVT ACCUSES THEM OF CONSPIRACY, WE KNOW THEY ARRESTED BECAUSE BELONG TO MPR, AND NOT BECAUSE WERE CONSPIRING. EVERYONE HERE KNOWS MPR NOT CAPABLE OVERTHROWING BALAGUER GOVT. ONLY ONES CAPABLE ACCOMPLISHING THIS ARE FOUND AT OTHER POLITICAL EXTREME FROM MPD. BUT THEY NOT MOLESTED, FOR IN THIS COUNTRY ILLUSTRIOUS NAME PROVIDES IMMUNITY. TO DAY ALSO HAVE BEEN ARRESTED NUMEROUS STUDENTS, REFUSED AUTHORIZATION BY GOVT TO HOLD DEMONSTRATION. GOVT'S DENIAL PERMIT HAS CREATED CONDITIONS FORCING STUDENTS REALIZE THEIR DEMANDS OUTSIDE LAW, APPLIED AT WHIM NATIONAL GOVT. ALL THESE ACTIONS RADICALIZING DOM YOUTH AND CREATING CONDITIONS SUCH THAT SERIOUS ORGANIZATIONS LIKE PRD WILL REFUSE PARTICIPATE ELECTIONS.

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6. HOUR ONE OF UNCERTAINTY, BUT NOT PESSIMISM, BECAUSE SMALL COUNTRY IN SOUTHEAST ASIA SHOWING MOST POWERFUL NATION IN HISTORY THAT RIGHT OF PEOPLES BE FREE STRONGER THAN FLEETS, B-52S AND NAPALM. DESTINY INDO-AMERICAN PEOPLE IS INDEPENDENCE AND LIBERTY, ALTHOUGH WE TEMPORARILY SUFFER DESPOTISM OUR GOVERNING CLASSES SUPPORTED BY FOREIGN ELEMENT. HAVE FAITH, DOMS, BECAUSE WITH US ARE TRUTH, CORRECTNESS, RIGHT AND HOPE, AND ENTIRE PEOPLES DISPOSED CONVERT THEM INTO REALITY.

7. COMMENT: EBA. PENA REMARKS WERE ALONG LINES IDEAS AND DEVELOPMENTS REPORTED IN SD-1732, HDC-3962 (SECRET/NOFORN) AND HDC-3963, (SECRET/NOFORN), ALTHOUGH NOT ATTACKING AMB BY NAME.

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B. PENA'S (1) IMPLICIT PRAISE FOR CUBAN REVOLUTION;
(2) DENUNCIATION OF FOUPSA RAID (SEE SD-1723) AND INDIRECT

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DEFENSE OF MPD IN ABOUT SAME WAY HE DEFENDED CUBA, I.E., THAT THREAT IS NOT FROM THAT QUARTER, BUT FROM OTHER (US OR RIGHTIST) EXTREME; AND (3) ENTIRELY GRATUITOUS SALUTE TO VIET NAM STRUGGLE AGAINST US, CONTINUE LINE NOTED IN EARLIER BROADCASTS OF DELIBERATELY ASSOCIATING PRD WITH VIOLENT REVOLUTIONARY CAUSES.

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