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SUBJ: PRD EXPLAINS APPROACH TO EMB TO PARTY CRITICS

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1. IN PRD RADIO BROADCAST JAN 5, PARTY SECGEN PENA GOMEZ, ADDRESSING HIMSELF SPECIFICALLY TO CRITICS--PRESUMABLY AMONG PARTY RADICALS AND OTHER ELEMENTS--OF PRD'S JAN3 APPROACH TO EMB, EXPLAINED AND DEFENDED PRD'S ACTION AND CATEGORICALLY DENIED PARTY HAD "SOLD OUT" TO USG. HE STATED PARTY'S "SUPPOSED TREASON" (TO REVOLUTIONARY CAUSE) WAS DENIED BY FACT PARTY MADE REVOLUTIONARY "HEADS HIGH" APPROACH TO DEMAND THAT USG, THROUGH EMB, CONFIRM OR DENY BLAGUER'S STATEMENT ON ALLEGED US POLICY IN CARIBBEAN. THUS, TRUE TO ITS NATIONALIST AND REVOLUTIONARY PRINCIPLES AND POSTURE, PARTY WAS RECLAIMING FOR DOMS THEIR RIGHT TO INDEPENDENCE AND LIBERTY.

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2. PENA GOMEZ OPENED BY OUTLINING REASONS FOR WHAT HE SAID WAS PRD'S NOW TOTAL DISILLUSIONMENT WITH BALAGUER AS PATRIOT. HE THEN CONTRASTED BALAGUER'S ALLEGED SERVILITY TO FOREIGN POWER WITH "TRUE" PATRIOTISM OF RAMON EMILI MEJIA (PICHIRILO), MURDERED BY UNKNOWN PERSON IN 66, AND LATE COL. FERNANDEZ DOMINGUEZ, KILLED IN REVOLUTION, (PENA'S CHOICE OF HEROES WAS INTERESTING. PICHIRILO WAS DOM WHO CAPTAINED YACHT "GRANMA" WHICH TOOK CASTRO'S EXPEDITIONARY FORCE TO CUBA IN 56. HE LATER APPARENTLY BROKE WITH CASTRO AND RETURNED TO SD, WHERE HE EVENTUALLY BECAME COMMANDO LEADER DURING REVOLUTION. FERNANDEZ DOMINGUEZ WAS OFFICER HIGHLY RESPECTED WHO HAD FATHER-SON RELATIONSHIP WITH BOSCH SIMILAR TO THAT WHICH SEEMS HAVE SUBSEQUENTLY DEVELOPED BETWEEN CAAMANO AND BOSCH. FERNANDEZ WAS SENT INTO DIPLOMATIC EXILE AS MILITARY ATTACHE TO MADRID AFTER 63 COUP, AND RETURNED SHORTLY BEFORE HE WAS KILLED).

3. IF PRES HAD JUST DEMONSTRATED HIS LACK OF PATRIOTISM, PENA GOMEZ CONTINUED, PRD WOULD SIMPLY HAVE REFUTED HIS STATEMENT AND LET IT GO AT THAT. BUT SINCE PRES'S WORDS, IF LET STAND (BY US), EXPOSE ALL OF LA TO GRAVE DANGER FROM A US WHICH, PRES IMPLIED, OPPOSES SOCIAL REVOLUTION, AND SINCE SUCH DANGER WOULD SPECIFICALLY THREATEN DR, PRD WAS OBLIGED TAKE STEP IT DID.

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 PENA EXPLAINED THAT LATE PRES KENNEDY KNEW HOW TO CHANNEL REVOLUTIONARY CURRENTS IN LA, BUT THAT ALLIANCE FOR PROGRESS HAD FAILED BECAUSE OF RESISTANCE TO SOCIAL CHANGE BY NATIVE OLIGARCHIES AS WELL AS BECAUSE OF FAILURE OF US EFFORT ITSELF. PENA GOMEZ THEN STATED THAT UNDER PRESENT CIRCUMSTANCES "IT NATURAL" THAT COMMUNISTS WILL BE INVOLVED IN ANY FUTURE REVOLUTIONARY EFFORT IN HEMISPHERE, AND QUOTED FROM SEN FULBRIGHT'S "ARROGANCE OF POWER" TO SUPPORT THIS THESIS. IT AS IMPOSSIBLE TO PREVENT THIS AS IT WAS TO PREVENT COMMUNISTS FROM FIGHTING NAZI'S DURING W W II, HE SAID.

4. IN HIS SPEECH, PENA SAID, PRES ESSENTIALLY REPEATED THESIS THAT WAS USED AS PRETEXT FOR 65 INTERVENTION, WHICH ABOVE ALL TOOK PLACE BECAUSE OF OPPOSITION OF LOCAL OLIGARCHY AND ITS

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US SUPPORTERS TO REINSTATEMENT OF 63 CONSTITUTION, AS PRD STILL HOLD TO TENETS THAT CONSTITUTION, "IT NATURAL" THAT IT WILL ENCOUNTER SAME OPPOSITION SHOULD THERE DEVELOP ANOTHER OPPORTUNITY TO SEEK ITS REINSTATEMENT, HE ASSERTED. IN EVENT SUCH OPPORTUNITY SHOULD ARISE, "IT NATURAL" THAT COMMUNISTS WILL GIVE PRD THEIR "TRANSITORY SUPPORT"

AND THIS FACT WILL SERVE AS PRETEXT FOR NEW INTERVENTION, PENA GOMEZ CONCLUDED. HE THEN STATED PRD "SOLEMNLY RATIFIES" PLEDGE CONTAINED

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 IN ITS LETTER TO EMB THAT PARTY WOULD NEVER PERMIT DR TO BECOME BASE OF AGGRESSION AGAINST US, ADDING THAT NEITHER WOULD IT PERMIT DR TO BE USED BY US, RUSSIA, CHINA " OR ANY OTHER NATION" AS BASE OF AGGRESSION AGAINST ANYONE. (AS IN PRD'S LETTER TO EMB, PENA GOMEZ OMITTED SPECIFIC REF TO CUBA BUT SEEMED HAVE EXPANDED HIS CONTEXT SOMEWHAT BY REF TO "ANY OTHER NATION"), PRD DOES NOT WISH MERELY CHANGE MASTERS, BUT TO BE FREE, HE SAID.

5. BALAGUER CANNOT SPEAK FOR US, PENA CONTINUED. IF PRES WISHES BE ANTI-COMMUNIST HE SHOULD OPPOSE COMMUNISM WITH HIS OWN RESOURCES AND NOT INVOKE AID OF FOREIGN POWER TO "TRANQUILIZE PEACE OF RICH WHILE IGNORING PLIGHT OF POOR",. PRD COULD NOT REMAIN SILENT IN SUCH SITUATION. THAT WHY IT SENT COMMISSION TO EMB TO ASK USG TO CONFIRM OR DENY WHAT BALAGUER SAID. ITS VISIT MARKED FIRST TIME IN DOM HISTORY THAT POLITICAL PARTY WALKED INTO EMB AND WALKED OUT AGAIN IN POSSESSION ITS TROUSERS; IT WAS FIRST TIME LION BEARDED IN HIS OWN DEN.

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6. PENA GOMEZ THEN DENIED WHAT HE CALLED ALLEGATIONS THAT PRD, BY FORCING USG TO DENY PRES'S STATEMENT, IS SEEKING ENCOURAGE RIGHTIST OVERTHROW OF BALAGUER. PRD WILL NEVER EXPSE ITS MEMBERS TO DANGERS THAT WOULD FLOW FROM RIGHTIST COUP NOR SERVE NEFARIOUS RIGHTIST INTERESTS, HE SAID, ADDING PRD WOULD REACT VIOLENTLY TO ANY SITUATION THT THREATENED IT ONLY WHEN THERE WAS "NO OTHER WAY OUT". IN THAT EVENT, " IT SWEET AND DECOROUS TO DIE

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FOR ONE'S COUNTRY" HE REMINDED AUDIENCE, STATING PRD WOULD COMPLY WITH THIS PRECEPT IN EVENT ANOTHER INTERVENTION.

EXEMP. CRIMMINS

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