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1. A. EL CARIBE TODAY CARRIED BALAGUER REPLY TO BOSCH CHARGE YESTERDAY THAT "POLICE AND SOLDIERS IN PAIRS ROAM COUNTRYSIDE THREATENING CITIZENS AND FORCING THEM SIGN UP WITH BALAGUER'S PARTY." BOSCH MADE CHARGE IN CONJUNCTION HIS LATEST COMMENTS ON ALVIM (EMBTel 1802) DEF 6 DR

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B. BALAGUER REPORTEDLY SAID BOSCH SEEMED BADLY INFORMED, BUT IF SUCH THINGS HAPPENING HE COULD "NOT DO LESS THAN IDENTIFY SELF WITH ANY MEASURES INTENDED PREVENTING MEMBERS ARMED INSTITUTIONS FROM PARTICIPATING POLITICAL ACTIVITIES

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2. LAST NIGHT PR RADIO PROGRAM CARRIED TAPED BALAGUER REMARKS HOLDING ONLY WAY BRING PRESENT "SHAMEFUL" EPISODE DOM HISTORY TO HONORABLE CONCLUSION IS THROUGH HONEST ELECTIONS AS SCHEDULED. CHARGED EXTREMES OF RIGHT AND LEFT WORKING AGAINST ELECTIONS ORDER "PRECIPITATE CHAOS," AND FORESAW "GRAVE PROBABILITY" RESUMPTION CIVIL WAR OR ESTABLISHMENT OAS OR OTHER INTERNATIONAL TRUSTEESHIP IF ELECTIONS POSTPONED. WARNED,

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HOWEVER, IF ELECTIONS "NOT CLEAN AND RESULTS STAINED BY VIOLENCE AND FRAUD... (THESE) RESULTS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED AS REPRESENTING GENUINE POPULAR WILL AND POLITICAL SITUATION WILL DETERIORATE." HELD "THAT IS REASON WE HAVE URGED PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION NOT BE CONTROLLED BY ONE PARTY, AND THAT KEY POSITIONS, LIKE MAYORS AND GOVERNORS, NOT BECOME CENTERS OF ACTIVITY BENEFITTING CERTAIN GROUPS. THIS ATTITUDE NOT PARTISAN, BUT INTENDED FORGE ELECTORAL PROCESS INTO INSTRUMENT FOR PEACE IN DOM POLITICAL LIFE... WE WANT COUNTRY ACHIEVE SOVEREIGNTY THROUGH ELECTIONS, WHICH COULD THEN OFFER NEW OPPORTUNITY FOR RETURN TO STATE OF LAW AND REOPEN HARD SCHOOL DEMOCRACY..."

3. AS MARCH 1 CAMPAIGN KICK-OFF APPROACHES, BALAGUER APPEARS INCREASINGLY CONCERNED OVER PROSPECTS CLEAN ELECTIONS. REFORMISTAS CONTINUALLY STRESS THEIR ANXIETY OVER IMPLICATIONS PRD/CONSTITUTIONALIST CONTROL INSTITUTIONS RANGING FROM CEDULA OFFICE TO SUGAR CORP., WHOSE MATERIAL RESOURCES (E.G. TRUCKS) BALAGUER CHARGED, EVEN NOW BEING USED FOR POLITICAL ACTIVITIES (CONTRASTING THEIR APPROACH TO TRANSPORTATION PROBLEM, REFORMISTAS CLAIM HAVE SPENT FAIR SUMS HIRING TRANSPORTATION FOR GROUPS BROUGHT INTO CITIES AND

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TOWNS FOR BALAGUER RALLIES). PRD AND CONSTITUTIONALISTS (LATTER LED BY PRSC), ON OTHER HAND, HAVE BEEN STEPPING UP CHARGES MILITARY PREVENTING DEVELOPMENT THEIR NORMAL POLITICAL ACTIVITIES WHILE FURTHERING PR INTERESTS AND "FORCING" LINE-UP WITH BALAGUER.

4. MEASURE OF TRUTH OBVIOUSLY LIES WITH BOTH SIDES, AT THIS POINT, HOWEVER, NET BALANCE ABILITY INFLUENCE ELECTORATE THROUGH "INSTITUTIONAL" MEANS DESCRIBED ABOVE IS HEAVILY AGAINST BALAGUER.
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