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MEMORANDUM OF CONVERSATION

PARTICIPANTS: Víctor Manuel BAEZ González, PRD Deputy (La Romana)
John J. Youle, Political Officer

DATE AND PLACE: December 20, 1967 Home of Reporting Officer
Santo Domingo

SUBJECT: "Repression" Against PRD in La Romana

REFERENCE: (A) SD-1313; (B) SD-1267

While visiting the National Congress, the reporting officer was approached by Báez, a frequent contact since prior to the Deputy's receipt of a State Department leader grant in June 1967. Báez smilingly mentioned his recent "problems" in La Romana and asked if he could stop by for a drink and present his side of the story. He visited the reporting officer's home the same evening and a lengthy conversation ensued, of which the most pertinent points were as follows:

1. PRD Reorganization in La Romana. According to Báez, the PRD began to organize its committees in the province of La Romana during September. In the succeeding months, organizational meetings were held to elect a new municipal committee in the city of La Romana, as well as six or seven sub-committees. In addition, meetings were being held twice weekly at the city headquarters, to discuss party business and explain party ideology. Although the "more respectable" traditional supporters of the PRD in the province (doctors, lawyers, etc.) declined to accept leadership positions for fear of reprisals (unstated) and the only municipal committee member employed by Central Romana was summarily dismissed, there had been no repression per se until December 1-2 (Reference A).

2. "Repression" Begins. Then, Báez declared, La Romana Police Commander Tadeo Guerrero -- having "finished off" the communists -- turned his attention to the PRD. While the party was holding its

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