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SUB: UCN AND PQF ACTIVITIES IN NORTH

1. ELENA CAMPAGNA DE READ, SANTIAGO PRESIDENT UNION CIVICA NACIONAL (UCN), INFORMED CONOFF TODAY THAT UCN HAD REACHED AGREEMENT OVER WEEKEND WITH MOVIMIENTO INDEPENDIENTE CONCILIA ORIO (MIC) TO SUPPORT MIC CANDIDATE OSCAR ESTRELLA SANDALA FOR MAYOR SANTIAGO IN 1968 ELECTION. ESTRELLA WILL RUN ON BOTH UCN AND MIC TICKETS. AGREEMENT WILL NOT BE MADE PUBLIC UNTIL LATER THIS MONTH WHEN BOTH UCN AND MIC SUBMIT MEMBERSHIP LISTS TO ELECTORAL BOARD TO QUALIFY AS ACTIVE POLITICAL PARTIES.

2. RE OTHER UCN PLANS, CAMPAGNA DE READ DECLARED THAT OVER

WEEKEND ABEL FERNANDEZ SIMO, UCN ACTING PRESIDENT, VISITED NORTHWEST REGION (LA LINEA) ON FIRST OF SERIES TRIPS TO DETERMINE WHERE UCN SHOULD CONCENTRATE IN 1968. REPORTEDLY FERNANDEZ "VERY PLEASED" WITH RECEPTION HE RECEIVED.

3. SENSITIVE TO FACT SHE WAS ORIGINALLY A WESSIN AND PARTIDO QUESQUEYANA DEMOCRATICO (POD) SUPPORTER, CAMPAGNA DE READ VOLUNTEERED THAT UCN HAS REQUESTED ELECTORAL BOARD TO REMOVE NAMES UCN MEMBERS FROM LIST POD RECENTLY SUBMITTED TO ELECTORAL

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BOARD. SHE CLAIMED THAT THESE NAMES WERE GIVEN ONLY FOR A PETITION SEEKING THE RETURN OF WESSIN AND THAT PQD IS ILLEGALLY USING THEM AS INDICATION OF MEMBERSHIP STRENGTH. SHE ADDED, HOWEVER, THAT EVEN WITHOUT THESE "CIVICO" NAMES PQD HAS ENOUGH NAMES TO JUSTIFY INSCRIPTION AS ACTIVE PARTY.

4. RE PQF STRENGTH, CAMPAGNA DE READ SAID IT WAS GROWING EVERYWHERE BUT ESPECIALLY WEST AND NORTH OF SANTIAGO. SHE SAID PQF STRENGTH NOW SUCH IN PUERTO PLATA THAT UCN PROBABLY WILL NOT BOTHER CAMPAIGN THERE. PERHAPS TO FURTHER PROVE HER RONA FIDES AS

A "CIVICO", CAMPAGNA DE READ CONCLUDED CONVERSATION BY SAYING UCN OPPOSED PQD BECAUSE "COMMUNISTS ARE INCLUDED IN ITS MEMBERSHIP" AND TRUILLISTAS JULIAN SUARDI AND PACO MARTINEZ ARE FINANCING IT.

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