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SUBJECT: EX-PRES. RAFAEL BONNELLY MAY SEEK JOIN PRD

1. IN WRITTEN STATEMENT SEPT. 20, EX-PRESIDENT RAFAEL BONNELLY SAID THAT, AFTER CAREFUL STUDY OF PRD STATUTES, HE BELIEVES PARTY'S ASPIRATIONS COINCIDE WITH HIS "POLITICAL, SOCIAL AND DOMINICAN CONVICTIONS". THEREFORE DESIRE OF "DISTINGUISHED GROUP OF (PRD) FRIENDS... THAT I JOIN THEIR POLITICAL GROUP, DOES NOT CONFLICT WITH SUBSTANCE OF MY THINKING, AND I DO NOT SEE WHY ... THAT DESIRE... MAY NOT BE TRANSLATED INTO REALITY."

2. TELEPHONED IN PARIS SAME DAY BY EL NACIONAL, JUAN BOSCH REPORTEDLY EXPRESSED BELIEF PRD MASSES "PROBABLY" WOULD NOT OPPOSE BONNELLY'S ENTRY INTO PARTY " IF BONNELLY MADE SOME PUBLIC DECLARATIONS SUPPORTING "DICTATORSHIP WITH POPULAR SUPPORT."

3. BONNELLY THUS FAR HAS WITHHELD FURTHER COMMENT.
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