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INSTRUCTIONS TO LATIN AMERICAN COMMUNIST PARTIES

- I. CIA has obtained valuable information on developments at 21st Congress of Soviet Communist Party (27 Jan - 5 Feb), and at special clandestine meetings of representatives of Latin American CP's held in Moscow and Peiping in February and March.
- A. Source, long-term CIA penetration agent and high official of his own party in Free World country, was [REDACTED]
- II. According to source, prior to Congress CPSU circulated a document among all foreign delegations pointing out need to eliminate from Communist literature "directing" role of USSR and CPSU in order to counter charges by USSR's "imperialist and revisionist" enemies that USSR was exploiting other Bloc countries and that CPSU was directing all other CP's.
- A. As result, Congress apparently adopted formula to effect that all CP's are independent and equal.
- III. In accordance with new formula LA CP's set forth new tactics and action program for LA in special meetings in Moscow, in presence of Soviet "observers."
- A. They decided to hold "People's Congress" prior to mid-1959 "in defense of Latin American resources."
1. Communist promotion of this congress is to be concealed in order to attract support of leading liberal figures such as Cuban Prime Minister Castro, former Costa Rican President Figueres, Venezuelan President Betancourt.

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2. Communists to avoid anti-imperialist language in organizing congress but final resolutions to be anti-imperialist.

B. LA "peace movement" to be strengthened and labor unity tactics emphasized.

1. Peace campaigns to be launched against US military missions and bases.

C. Soviet "observers" who attended meetings made following comments:

1. There was no need for LA CP's to defend USSR in their programs.

2. The course of the Cuban Revolution would depend on the work of the Cuban CP. A Soviet official cited Nasir as case of anti-imperialist who betrayed his revolution and reached agreement with imperialists.

IV. Representatives of 12 LA CP's later visited Peiping, held meetings with Mao Tse-tung, Liu Shao-chi, other Chinese officials.

A. Chinese stressed similarity of LA to Asia and Africa--and relevance of ChiCom experience and methods for LA.

1. They arranged to finance LA representatives to a 4-6 month course on "practical experiences" of Chinese revolution--as distinct from Marxist-Leninist theory which they noted could be "learned in any country."

2. They arranged to establish network of LA correspondents to service Peiping's official New China News Agency.

3. They recommended the establishment of clandestine parties in LA to function parallel to established parties--device Chinese had employed.

B. Mao and other Chinese stressed use of international tension and "need for more of it."

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1. They emphasized conflict in Taiwan area, attacks on Vice President Nixon in LA and Cuban and Venezuelan revolutions as beneficial developments.

2. Mao cited Cuban revolution as proof that "imperialists puppets are paper tigers," but recommended that LA CP's try peaceful methods before resorting to force.

V. LA CP's will probably attempt to carry out lines of action laid down in Moscow and Peiping within their generally limited capabilities.

A. However, stepped up Chinese propaganda and training program might leave them looking in two directions for guidance.

1. Example of Communist China has had increasing appeal for some of them in recent years.

VI. A representative of CIA briefed Fidel Castro in New York on this material.

A. Castro showed an interest but still unclear whether he will change his complacent attitude toward Communism.

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