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INSTRUCTIONS SENT BY VICTOR PAZ ESTENSSORO TO THE PRO-PAZ SECTION OF THE NATIONAL REVOLUTIONARY MOVEMENT IN LA PAZ

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REF

1. VICTOR PAZ ESTENSSORO'S LATEST COMMUNICATION TO THE PRO-PAZ SECTOR OF THE NATIONAL REVOLUTIONARY MOVEMENT(MNR) IN LA PAZ, WHICH IS HEADED BY JUAN VALDIVIA ALTA-MIRANO, GUILLERMO JUAREGUI, MARIO DIEZ DE MEDINA, JR., AND GUILLERMO ALBORATA, INSTRUCTED THE MNR NOT TO SIGN ANY PACT YET WITH JUAN LECHIN OQUENDO, HEAD OF THE NATIONAL LEFTIST REVOLUTIONARY PARTY(PRIN), IN ORDER TO AVOID THE TOTAL DOMINATION OF THE MNR BY LECHIN. HOWEVER, PAZ RECOMMENDED THAT LECHIN BE WARNED OF POSSIBLE PHYSICAL DANGER FROM A THREAT TO HIS LIFE THAT THE JUNTA GOVERNMENT MAY BE PLANNING AND ALSO ADMITTED THAT THERE IS NO SUBSTITUTE IN HIS, PAZ' PARTY, FOR LECHIN. (C)

COMMENT: IT HAS BEEN REPORTED PREVIOUSLY THAT PAZ INSTRUCTED HIS SECTOR OF THE MNR IN LA PAZ TO FORM A LEFTIST FRONT COMPOSED OF THE MNR, THE PRIN, THE COMMUNIST PARTY

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OF BOLIVIA, AND OTHER LEFTIST GROUPS. NOW IT WOULD APPEAR THAT, ALTHOUGH PAZ WANTS TO REACH AN AGREEMENT WITH LECHIN, PAZ, HIMSELF, WANTS TO BE THE HEAD OF ANY SUCH FRONT AND IS FEARFUL OF LECHIN'S STRENGTH, PARTICULARLY IN THE LABOR SECTORS.) PAZ ALSO ORDERED A 'TURN TO THE LEFT' AND A SYSTEMATIC CAMPAIGN AGAINST YANKEE IMPERIALISM. HE INSTRUCTED THE MNR TO FIND "NEW BLOOD". PAZ IS CONVINCED THAT THE SITUATION IN BOLIVIA IS NOW FAVORABLE TO HIS CAUSE.

2. ACCORDING TO PAZ, THE FOLLOWING FORMER GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS DURING HIS REGIME, WHO ARE NOW IN EXILE, ARE STILL LOYAL TO HIM AND WILLING TO FIGHT FOR HIS CAUSE: GUILLERMO BEDREGAL AND FEDERICO FORTUN IN CARACAS; ANIBAL AGUILAR IN LIMA; CIRO HUMBOLDT IN RIO DE JANEIRO; RUBEN JULIO IN SAO PAULO; CLAUDIO SAN ROMAN AND ADHEMAN MENACHO IN ASUNCION; JUAN SANJINES AND LIDIA OBLITAS IN BUENOS AIRES; AND RENE ZAVALETA IN MONTEVIDEO. HE RECOMMENDED THAT HIS SUPPORTERS IN LA PAZ NOT CREATE PERSONAL PROBLEMS BUT FIGHT FOR THE PARTY. [REDACTED] THERE ARE TWO FACTIONS OF THE PRO-PAZ GROUP OF THE MNR IN LA PAZ. ONE IS HEADED BY JUAREGUI AND PUBLISHES THE MNR PERIODICAL REVOLUCION. THE OTHER, HEADED BY VALDIVIA AND ALBORATA, PUBLISHES VANGUARDIA, ANOTHER PRO-PAZ PUBLICATION.

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