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SUBJECT

PLANS OF COMMUNIST PARTY OF URUGUAY (PCU) TO COMMIT SABOTAGE AGAINST UNITED STATES PROPERTY IN EVENT PROPAGANDA AGAINST SUMMIT MEETING DOES NOT RESULT IN POSTPONEMENT OR CANCELLATION OF MEETING

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1. [REDACTED] COMMENT.

THE COMMUNIST PARTY OF

URUGUAY (PCU) HAD DECIDED TO BEGIN A MASSIVE PROPAGANDA CAMPAIGN AGAINST THE PRESIDENTIAL MEETING SCHEDULED TO BE HELD IN PUNTA DEL ESTE, URUGUAY, IN MID-APRIL 1967. THE CAMPAIGN WAS INTENDED TO CREATE ENOUGH GENERAL AGITATION IN URUGUAY TO FORCE THE CANCELLATION OR THE INDEFINITE POSTPONEMENT OF THE MEETING.

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HAD AGREED TO FOSTER AND SUSTAIN LABOR AGITATION, THEREBY RISKING AN IMMEDIATE CONFRONTATION WITH THE INCOMING GOVERNMENT OF PRESIDENT OSCAR GESTIDO.)

2. PCU LEADERS HAVE AGREED THAT IF "POPULAR" AGITATION DOES NOT SUCCEED IN THE POSTPONEMENT OR CANCELLATION OF THE SUMMIT MEETING, ACTS OF SABOTAGE AGAINST THE UNITED STATES EMBASSY AND OTHER UNITED STATES PROPERTY - BOTH OFFICIAL AND COMMERCIAL - WILL BE CARRIED OUT. THEY SAID THAT THE PCU HAD A RESPONSIBILITY BEFORE THE "PEOPLES OF LATIN AMERICA" TO REPUDIATE THE MEETING, AS A "TOOL OF AMERICAN IMPERIALISM," AND JOHNSON, AS THE "ASSASSIN OF VIETNAM."

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3. [REDACTED] COMMENT. PCU LEADERS APPARENTLY FEEL THAT THE COMBINATION OF THE PROPAGANDA CAMPAIGN AND THE LABOR AGITATION WILL FORCE THE POSTPONEMENT OR CANCELLATION OF THE MEETING. PCU LEADERS BELIEVE THAT IF LABOR UNREST CAN BE SUSTAINED UNTIL APRIL, THE OBJECTIVE OF CREATING A TENSE POLITICAL CLIMATE IN URUGUAY WILL BE MUCH CLOSER TO REALIZATION.)

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4. [REDACTED] COMMENT. THE PCU PLAN TO LAUNCH A WIDESPREAD PROPAGANDA CAMPAIGN AGAINST THE PRESIDENTS' MEETING AND PRESIDENT JOHNSON'S PRESENCE IN URUGUAY IS ONE WHICH THE PCU HAS THE CAPABILITY OF

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CARRYING OUT. ALSO, AS A RESULT OF THE SIGNIFICANT DEGREE OF INFLUENCE OF THE PCU IN THE URUGUAYAN TRADE UNION MOVEMENT, THE PCU HAS THE CAPABILITY OF CHANNELING LABOR UNREST TOWARD A GENERAL, LEFTIST REPUDIATION OF THE PRESIDENTS' MEETING. WHILE THE PCU PROBABLY WILL NOT BECOME INVOLVED IN A PLOT INVOLVING THE USE OF VIOLENCE AGAINST PRESIDENT JOHNSON OR OTHER FOREIGN VISITORS, ITS PROPAGANDA CAMPAIGN MAY STIMULATE INDIVIDUAL MEMBERS OF THE PCU OR ITS YOUTH GROUP, THE UJC, TO UNDERTAKE SUCH ACTS WITHOUT REGARD FOR PARTY DISCIPLINE. SIMILARLY, THE PCU CAMPAIGN MAY SPUR OTHER EXTREMISTS TO ATTEMPT SUCH ACTS. PCU'S CAPABILITY FOR CONDUCTING AN EFFECTIVE, WIDESPREAD CAMPAIGN TO HALT OR EVEN TO INHIBIT SERIOUSLY THE PRESIDENTS' MEETING WILL DEPEND TO A CONSIDERABLE EXTENT ON THE REACTION OF THE NEW GESTIDO GOVERNMENT. IT IS STILL TOO EARLY TO PREDICT WHAT FORMS THAT REACTION WILL TAKE.)

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6. [REDACTED] COMMENT. THE PCU PROPAGANDA CAMPAIGN APPARENTLY BEGAN ON 23 FEBRUARY WHEN EL POPULAR, PCU NEWSPAPER, CARRIED A FRONT PAGE ANNOUNCEMENT. THE ANNOUNCEMENT, MADE IN THE NAME OF THE LEFTIST LIBERATION FRONT (FIDEL), PCU ELECTORAL FRONT, IN ITS CAPACITY AS

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NATIONAL COMMITTEE OF THE LATIN AMERICAN SOLIDARITY ORGANIZATION
(LASO), REPUDIATES THE SUMMIT MEETING, WHICH WOULD BE ATTENDED BY
PRESIDENT JOHNSON AND BE MADE UP IN ITS "OVERWHELMING MAJORITY BY
RIGHTIST DICTATORS.")

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