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1. The Sociedad de Amigos de Guatemala was officially formed on 18 December 1953 at a meeting held at the Palacio de Bellas Artes. The person most active in promoting the formation of this group was the Guatemalan Ambassador, Roberto ALVARADO Fuentes, who enlisted the assistance of his contacts in the Partido Popular, Partido Comunista Mexicano, Consejo Nacional de Partidarios de la Paz and other leftist groups.

2. The purposes of the group are as follows:

- a) To defend the measures taken by President ARBENZ to promote the welfare of the Guatemalan people.
- b) To defend Guatemala against attacks from the United States and England.
- c) To hold conferences and public meetings which would demonstrate the progress of Guatemala under ARBENZ.
- d) To foster cultural interchange between Guatemala and Mexico.
- e) To attract to the group as many persons as possible from all classes of society.
- f) To accuse the United States of interfering with the revolutionary program of President ARBENZ, and thus gain the sympathy of anti-imperialistic elements within Mexico.
- g) The group intends to maintain relations with cultural and social groups within Guatemala and to publish a monthly propaganda bulletin within Mexico.

3. Although the group wishes to avoid the appearance of having connections with political parties, it is composed of the following persons:

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Partido Popular

Vicente LOMBARDO Toledano
Enrique RAMIREZ y Ramirez
Professor Isamel RODRIGUEZ
Samuel RUIZ Mora
Ambrosio RUBIO Candelas
Rocio SAGAON
Enrique YANEZ
Jorge L. TAMAYO
Felipe SANCHEZ Acevedo
Ignacio MILLAN
Marco Arturo MONTERO
Antonio PRIETO
Manuel O. PADRES
Carlos ROJAS Juanco
Gregorio ROSAS Herrera
Jose Refugio GONZALEZ
Jesus GUERRERO Galvan
Bernardo FISHLEDER
Rafael MENDEZ Aguirre
Jose MANCISIDOR

Leopoldo MENDEZ
Ana MAYES
Ramiro PUCH Poot
Ramon ALCORTA Guerrero
Eli de GORTARI
Alejandro CARRILLO
Federico CANESI
Ismael COSIO Villegas
Angel BRACGC
Alberto BELTRAN
Ernesto ALVAREZ Nolasco
Manuel ALVAREZ Bravo
Raul CACHO
Rodolfo DORANTES
Eulalia GUZMAN
Ignacio GONZALEZ Guzman
Jorge CARRION
Efrain HUERTA
Manuel MARCUE Pardinias

Partido Comunista Mexicano

Juan Pablo SAINZ
Xavier GUERRERO
Manuel TERRAZAS
Jesus LAZCANO
David Alfonso SIQUEIROS
Carlos NOBLE

Jose Luis CEGENA
Julio MOCTEZUMA
Esther CHAPA
Chavez MORADO
Maximo de LEON Garza

Federacion de Partidos del Pueblo Mexicano

Rafael F. MUNOZ
Juan Manuel ELIZONDO

Rafael LOPEZ Malo
Antonio MAYES Navarro

Consejo Nacional de Partidarios de la Paz

Efrain HUERTA
Ana MAYES

Rafael MENDEZ Aguirre
Heriberto JARA

Sindicato Nacional de Trabajadores de la Educacion

Juan Pablo SAINZ
Jorge A. VIVO
Ambrosio RUBIO Candelas
Enrique W. SANCHEZ
Jose REYES Ayala
David Prospero CARDONA

Felipe MENDEZ
Jose R. MUNIZ
Arturo LUNA Menchaca
Federico GONZALEZ Gallo
Jose BURGOA Garcia

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Confederacion Nacional Campesina

Herminia AGUILAR Vazquez

Jose F. BENITEZ

SITAG

Fernando FLORES

Taller de Grafica Popular

Leopoldo MENDEZ
Fany RAVEL

Angel BRACHO
Alberto BELTRAN

Federacion de Estudiantes Tecnicos

Jose Refugio GONZALEZ

Union Democratica de Mujeres

Mireya HUERTA

Paula GOMEZ Alonso

Frente de Pintores Revolucionarios

Oscar FRIAS

Chavez MORADO

Artists, Writers and professional people without party

Carlos PELLICER
Victor Manuel VILLASENOR
Dr. Samuel RAMOS
Senator Luis I. RODRIGUEZ
Miguel COVARRUBIAS
Guillermo HARO
Lic. Luis GARRIDO
Rina LAZO
Juan O'GORMAN
Tonatiuh GUTIERREZ

Ignacio GARCIA Tellez
Juan de la CABADA
Andres HENESTROJA
Ignacio ASUNSOLO
Enrique de la MORA
Fernando GAMBOA
Pablo GONZALEZ Casanova
Joaquin MACGREGOR

Grupo Bassolista

Alonso AGUILAR
Manuel MESA ANDRAGA

Jose ITURRIAGA

Camara de la Industria de Transformacion

Jose Domingo LAVIN

4. The Directing Committee of the group is as follows:

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President: Senator Pedro de ALBA (pro-LOMBARDO)
Vocales: Jorge L. TAMAYO (PP member)
Dr. Jorge CARRION (PP member)
Dr. Ignacio GONZALEZ Guzman (PP member)
General Heriberto JARA (PRI member but pro-Communist)
Carlos PELLICER (without party)

5. Vicente LOMBARDO Toledano, president of the PP, has encouraged the most prominent members of the PP to join the group in order to control it, but he told them to avoid any propaganda which would indicate that the group was associated with a leftist political party. The CTAL leaders expect the group to expand rapidly inasmuch as it is apparently being furnished with ample funds from the Guatemala Embassy.

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