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1. Since C] who had kept us informed on C] movements while in PBPRIME has left on a prolonged trip, we do not know whether subject has returned to WSBURNT last week (as indicated in ref) or whether he is still somewhere in PBPRIME.

2. Will you please ascertain, if possible, whether C] is now back in WSBURNT and if so, find out whether he has activated C] which C] discussed with him (and which you, through C] had broached to him prior to his departure).

3. If nothing worth while has been undertaken yet to mobilize more active C] support for PBSUCCESS, it may be late, but perhaps not yet too late to do so right away - if necessary, even in SUPERIOR's absence. We realize the difficulties opposing such action, but we also realize that the WSBURNT government, confronted with mounting domestic and external difficulties, can ill afford to plunge into a conflict with the Church at the same time. Such simultaneous "warfare on many fronts" would also be quite contrary to well-established BOGYPY practices.

4. C] is particularly desirable in order to

- a. broaden the moral basis of the opposition,
- b. exert additional pressure to avoid as much bloodshed as possible,
- c. demonstrate to public opinion in WSBURNT as well as abroad that the issue at stake is by no means exclusively or predominantly

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one of economics (UPCO) or of power politics, but that the spiritual values of all Latin America, foremost the status, freedom and influence of Christianity, are in danger.

5. You will have to decide on the spot what specific, immediate steps along these lines may still be possible. We expect you to be aware of the far-reaching significance of obtaining all possible support []

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