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ARREST OF LEADERS OF THE NATIONAL SINARCHIST UNION

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(FIELD COMMENT: THE PRESS OF 14 NOVEMBER 1964 REPORTED THE ARREST ON 13 NOVEMBER OF FIVE LEADERS OF THE NATIONAL SINARCHIST UNION (UNION NATIONAL SINARQUISTA-CATHOLIC, DRIGHTIST, ANTI-COMMUNIST POLITICAL GROUP): JOSE TRINIDAD CERVANTES DAVALOS, NATIONAL DIRECTOR OF THE UNS; ANTONIO MARTINEZ AGUAYO, NATIONAL SUBSECRETARY OF THE UNS; MARIO GARCIA RAMOS, SECRETARY OF ORGANIZATION OF THE NATIONAL COMMITTEE; AND UNS DIRECTORS JOSE DAVALOS MORALES AND JUAN AGUILAR AZPEITIA BY THE FEDERAL JUDICIAL POLICE ON CHARGES OF LABOR AGITATION AND SUBVERSIVE ACTIVITY. THE PRESS OF 17 NOVEMBER REPORTED THAT SEVENTEEN MORE UNS MEMBERS WERE UNDER ARREST. THE OFFICE OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL

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WHICH HAS KEPT STRICT SILENCE ON THE CASE IS EXPECTED TO ANNOUNCE THE SPECIFIC CHARGES AGAINST THE PRISONERS AND WHAT ACTION THE GOVERNMENT WILL TAKE ON 18 NOVEMBER. THERE IS SPECULATION THAT THE CHARGES WILL FOCUS ON UNS SUBVERSION IN THE STATE OF GUANAJUATO, A PART OF THE BAJIO AREA IN WHICH THE UNS REPORTEDLY IS MOST ACTIVE.)

1. ACCORDING TO JOSE PUEBLITO ALEGRIA, OFFICER OF THE NATIONAL SINARCHIST UNION (UNS-UNION NATIONAL SINARQUISTA-CATHOLIC, RIGHTIST, ANTI-COMMUNIST POLITICAL ORGANIZATION) TWENTY MEMBERS OF THE UNS WERE UNDER ARREST AS OF 15 NOVEMBER. HOWEVER, FOUR UNS LEADERS WERE STILL FREE AND WERE MAKING EVERY EFFORT POSSIBLE ON BEHALF OF THE PRISONERS.

2. IN ADDITION TO CERVANTES, DAVALOS, MARTINEZ AGUAYO, GARCIA RAMOS, DAVALOS MORALES AND AGUILAR AZPEITIA, ALSO ARRESTED WERE FROYLAN LOPEZ, UNS OFFICER FROM CELAYA, GUANAJUATO; AND JESUS RUIZ, ALSO OF CELAYA; JUAN IGNACIO PADILLA, UNS OFFICER FROM ENSENADA, B.C.; AND MARIA MERCEDES CID MARTINEZ, NATIONAL UNS SECRETARY FOR FEMININE ACTIVITIES. (FIELD COMMENT: AN UNOFFICIAL LIST OF TWENTY-TWO UNS OFFICERS AND MEMBERS, INCLUDING THE FIVE LISTED ABOVE, BELIEVED TO BE UNDER ARREST WAS PUBLISHED IN THE NEWSPAPER NOVEDADES ON 17 NOVEMBER. THE LIST WHICH EXCLUDED LOPEZ AND RUIZ NAMED THE FOLLOWING: DAVID OROZCO ROMO, FORMER NATIONAL DIRECTOR OF THE UNS, NOW PRESS AND PROPAGANDA SECRETARY; DAVID LOMELI CONTRERAS OF SAN LUIS POTOSI, FOREIGN RELATIONS OFFICER OF THE UNS; GUILLERMO VELASCO, CLISERIO SAAVEDRA, (ALSO RCVD SASVEDRA) FRANCISCO SALAS RODRIGUEZ, FRANCISCO RAMIREZ VASQUEZ,

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ANTONIO REYES PAEZ, GABRIEL VILLANEUVA CRUZ, MIGUEL ANGEL PERERA, J. ENCARNACION CONTRERAS, FAUSTO MARQUEZ HERRERA, HERMINIO VAZQUEZ ROSAS, JUAN MANUEL ROSALES, GUMERSINDO MAGANA NEGRETE, DAMASO PEREZ VILLEGAS AND FAUSTO PERERA CASTRO.)

3. SOME OF THE STUDENTS ATTENDING THE ADRIAN SERVIN SCHOOL, TRAINING CENTER OF THE UNS, HOUSED AT UNS HEADQUARTERS IN THE FEDERAL DISTRICT, WERE DETAINED AND BRIEFLY QUESTIONED BY POLICE ON 13 NOVEMBER.

4. ON 16 NOVEMBER LIC, JORGE SIEGRIST CLAMONT, FORMER SECRETARY GENERAL OF THE MEXICAN NATIONALIST PARTY (PNM-PARTIDO NACIONALISTA MEXICANO-RIGHTIST POLITICAL GROUP) WHO IS NOW A MEMBER OF THE UNS, OFFERED HIS SERVICES ON BEHALF OF THE JAILED UNS LEADERS.

5. PUEBLITO ADVISED UNS OFFICERS FROM CUERNAVACA THAT ACTION TAKEN IN DEFENSE OF THE JAILED LEADERS MUST BE COMPLETELY LEGAL AND CONSTITUTIONAL. ACCEPTABLE WERE LETTERS OF PROTEST TO PRESIDENT LOPEZ MATEOS AND TO LEADING NEWSPAPERS.

6. THE WHEREABOUTS OF JESUS RUIZ WHO WAS ARRESTED IN CELAYA WITH FROYLAN LOPEZ, NOW IN MEXICO CITY, IS UNKNOWN.

7. (FIELD COMMENT: DESPITE DETERMINED AND PERSISTENT ACTIVITY ON THE PART OF THE UNS, PARTICULARLY IN THE PAST YEAR AND A HALF, THE ORGANIZATION IS NEITHER STRONG NOR WELL FINANCED AND THERE IS NO EVIDENCE TO INDICATE THAT IN ITS PRESENT STATE IT CONSTITUTES A GENUINE THREAT TO THE STABILITY OF THE GOVERNMENT OF MEXICO. (SEE [REDACTED] (b)(3)

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PUBLIC RESPONSE TO THE ARRESTS HAS BEEN NEGLIGIBLE AND THE POSTPONEMENT OF A DECISION BY THE ATTORNEY GENERAL FROM 16 NOVEMBER TO 18 NOVEMBER STIRRED NO PROTEST. WHILE THE PLIGHT OF THE PEASANTS IN THE EL BAJIO REGION, A POOR VALLEY AREA EXTENDING TO THE STATES OF GUANAJUATO, AGUASCALIENTES, SAN LUIS POTOSI, QUERETARO AND MICHOACAN PRESENTS AN INVITING TARGET TO BOTH RIGHTIST AND LEFTIST AGITATORS, THERE HAS BEEN NO INFORMATION TO SUPPORT THE CLAIM THAT UNS ORGANIZERS HAVE ENJOYED PARTICULAR SUCCESS IN THE AREA)

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