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1. The following Communists are among those employed by the Salvadoran Government:

- a. Cesar A. ZAMORA, director of the weekly newspaper, Trabajo, published by the Ministry of Labor, brother of Oscar de Jesus ZAMORA
- b. Ricardo MERAZO, a judge in San Vicente City
- c. Mario FLORES MacCall, a secretary in Criminal Court No. 3, in San Salvador
- d. Oscar de Jesus ZAMORA, employed in a Court of Justice in San Salvador
- e. Rodolfo JIMENEZ Barrios, a judge in the city of Chinameca.

2. Rodolfo JIMENEZ Barrios and Rafael CISNEROS, the latter having been a member of a legislative reform commission in 1952, were quite inactive in the Communist Party until the return of Julio Fausto FERNANDEZ from Chile, when they resumed participating in Communist Party activities.

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3. A new and important Communist, hitherto unknown, may be emerging in San Salvador. Raul VIDES, according to information supplied by [REDACTED] has been a Communist since 1932. Just prior to the anti-Communist uprising of 1932-33, he was a Communist Party candidate for the National Assembly. VIDES is described as deeply versed in Marxist theory, and as having acted as a deep-cover agent for the Communists.

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4. During the latter part of January 1953 Raul VIDES was in touch with Communist Party leaders in Guatemala and received the following instructions:

- a. The recommendation that the Communist Party of El Salvador should change its tactics, its strategy, and its outward appearance is to be given diligent study by the proper Guatemalan Communist authorities, and their conclusions will be communicated personally by an emissary who will visit El Salvador.
- b. The Communist Party of El Salvador should not, for the present, organize a new "popular" political party.
- c. The practical work of the Party should be the penetration of all groups in opposition to the incumbent government. Once these groups are infiltrated, a persistent opposition to the foreign policies of Foreign Minister Roberto CANESSA, especially in regard to the Organizacion de los Estados Centro Americanos (ODECA), should be maintained.
- d. All unions should be penetrated, but Party members should not get elected to official positions. Party work should be strictly clandestine in the unions, and Party workers should maintain a conciliatory attitude.
- e. The Party should attempt the establishment of a weekly newspaper, with a "democratic-popular" slant. This weekly should concentrate on defending the Guatemalan Revolution. It should also appeal to all independent liberals. Material for the weekly would be furnished by the Guatemalan Embassy in San Salvador.

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