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1. Out of seven members of a communist printers' cell arrested by the P.I.D.E. in August and September 1947 in Coimbra, three are reported to have been also active members of the M.U.D. (Movimento de Unidade Democratica).
2. Manuel Augusto Rodrigues, who controlled the cell, was arrested on 9 September.
3. Adelino Borges, with cover-name "Viegas", a printer employed by the "Gazeta de Coimbra", was arrested on 12 September. Beside being assistant to Rodrigues in the communist cell, Borges was a member of the Workmen's Commission of the M.U.D. and a delegate from that commission to the Coimbra District Committee of the M.U.D. He is twenty-eight years old, unmarried, and a resident of Coimbra.
4. Joao Damasceno Albuquerque, who worked as a printer at the Casa Minerva, Estrada de Beira, Coimbra, was arrested on 16 September. He belonged to the same communist cell and, like Adelino Borges, was a delegate of the Workmen's Commission of the M.U.D. He is twenty-eight years of age, single, born in Coimbra and still resident there.
5. A fourth member of the cell was Vitorino Alves de Andrade, whose Communist and M.U.D. connections, as well as his earlier arrest, have already been reported [Redacted] 25X1A2g
Andrade is described as twenty-five years old, unmarried, living in Coimbra, by profession a bookbinder employed in the Livraria Atlantide, Rua Ferreira Borges, Coimbra. One of the present charges against Andrade is that he gave shelter to Atlantide dos Reis Ambrosio (former member of the Communist Party Local Committee for Lisbon) when the latter was being actively sought by the police. Andrade is also charged with having at one time held at his house, Rua das Flores 13, illegal meetings which were attended by Dr. Albano Rodrigues da Cunha and Joaquim Roque de Freitas (both mentioned in [Redacted] 25X1A2g; these meetings were allegedly held at the express orders of Agostinho de Conceicao Saboga, head of the Communist Party's Local Committee for Coimbra.
6. Also arrested in the police move against the printers' cell of Coimbra were

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the following:

Felisberto Pereira de Lemos, taken on 30 August

Carlos Augusto Duarte, taken on 3 September

Jose Maria de Azevedo Neto, taken on 4 September

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~~comment: None of the three above-mentioned individuals is specifically reported as a printer by trade; Neto was previously reported as a chauffeur, the other two as office clerks. All were members of the Communist Local Committee.)~~

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